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Women's Fiction



The Matchmaker Catherine Walsh

Previous Translation Publishers

Soysal (Turkish), Piratforlaget (Sweden), Goldmann (German), Znanje (Croatian), Newton Compton (Italian), Latvijas (Latvian)

For fans of Emily Henry, Sophie Kinsella and Christina Lauren

The author's previous books have sold over 132,000 copies to date and reached top 10 in the Amazon Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

Catherine Walsh is fast turning into the queen of Irish rom-coms. Her hilarious, brilliantly paced and perfectly spicy stories have everything readers want from romantic comedies - a heroine to die for, in this case, Katie, a woman on a mission with nothing to lose and zero filter, great side-kick characters including a grumpy pub landlord and a caustic single mother, and a hero, Callum, who would do literally anything for his girl. It's gorgeous, heart-warming and perfect escapism.

Retail Description

Katie Collins has barely ever left her tiny Irish village of Ennisbawn. Why would she? With its tightknit community, friendly local pub, surrounded by glistening lakes and perfectly mysterious forests, it's a place of peaceful beauty.

Or it was peaceful. Until Callum Dempsey turned up. Part of a hot-shot (and, Katie has to admit, hot is annoyingly apt for him...) development team with zero eye for beauty or charm, he's not only building a hideous hotel just outside the village, he's also just announced a plan to knock down Ennisbawn's only remaining pub. To make way for a view from the golf course. It's the final blow to the village and the last straw for Katie. The pub is her life – her job, but also her last connection to her parents, who had met at Ennisbawn's once-famous matchmaking festival that was held in the grounds.

But, after being laughed off the building site in her best flannel pyjamas for demanding the builders leave, Katie decides enough is enough and hatches a plan. She's going to revive the matchmaking festival, save the pub, and single-handedly bring the town back to life again. She might even help her two best friends find love as well. Since, heck, what's another project when you're taking on the world's hottest, evilest man?

But what Ireland's newest matchmaker doesn't know is that even when someone's really not your type on paper, love might be a little bit more than just a formula...

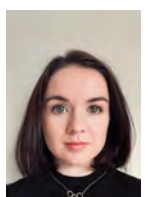
Reviews for Catherine Walsh

"Can I rate this more than 5 stars?... I haven't laughed out loud this much while reading... The build-up was *chef's kiss*. There was no way I could put this book down." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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



Chick Lit

344 pages | Pub Date 18/4/2023 | 9781803149158 | Unagented

Utterly hilarious romantic comedies by Catherine Walsh



Summer at the Cornish Beach Café Donna Ashcroft

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

For fans of Nicola May, Sarah Morgan and Cathy Bramley

Donna's titles have sold over 160,000 copies and her recent Christmas title, *Christmas in the Scottish Highlands*, was a Top 10 Kindle Bestseller

Editor's Note

Donna Ashcroft is a well-established favourite for fans of heartwarming, sizzling, summer romances – and readers are going to fall in love with this Cornish set story.

Full of friendship, warmth, humour and addictive romances, be prepared to be whisked away to the beautiful Cornish coast in this wonderfully escapist read.

Retail Description

Thirty-year-old Jessie is broken-hearted after being jilted at the altar. Humiliated and certain she will never trust anyone again; she runs away to the Cornish coast to bury her head in the sand. Except, on her first night in Indigo Cove, fate has other ideas and Jessie finds herself face to face with tall and brooding Ashton, the first guy she ever loved.

Determined to protect her fragile emotions, Jessie swears not to get distracted by Ashton's sea-glass eyes or the way being near him makes her heart hammer against her chest. Instead, she throws herself into the busy community around the little Cornish café by the sea that means so much to her.

As she helps her elderly grandfather George with a photography project, they piece together the missing pictures from his honeymoon in Indigo Cove with Jessie's beloved late grandmother. Each re-created photograph reminds Jessie of the true love and endearing partnership her grandparents had. As she snaps beautiful photos of seals playing in the waves, picnics on the beach and smiles at the Cornish beach café, each image slowly begins to restore Jessie back to her old self. And, with the summer at its peak, Jessie allows herself to grow closer to sexy and mysterious Ashton...

But when she discovers a secret from Ashton's past, Jessie is left shaken. How much does she really know about him and can she take a leap of faith and trust Ashton when he asks her to?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

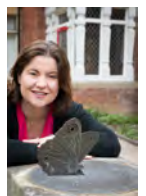
'What an absolutely stunning read!!! A perfectly gorgeous book!!!!... one of the best I've read in a long time. It made me laugh, cry, smile... everything you want in a heart-warming romance and I completely fell head over heels in love!!!' Bookworm 86,



'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 own romantic hero, two gorgeous teenagers and a couple of cantankerous cats.



Chick Lit

248 pages | Pub Date 12/5/2023 | 9781837902262 | Unagented



How to Keep a Husband for Ten Days Jessica Hatch

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

Over 500,000 KU pages read across both of Jessica's titles.

Editor's Note

Another gloriously funny, laugh-out-loud, uplifting romance from Jessica Hatch. In this novel, we follow Lina and her husband who pretend not to be getting divorced when their oldest friends unexpectedly come to stay. Cue orchestrated cuddles, matching pyjamas and - worst of all - sharing the same bed again, heartbreak soon turns to hilarity as Lina and Brown struggle to appear happily married in front of their friends. But as they are forced to spend more time with one another, Lina begins to wonder whether the spark has really fizzled out after all...

Retail Description

Faking a marriage... How hard can it be?!

When Lina's oldest friends unexpectedly announce they're coming to stay, she has to think fast. No one knows she and her husband Brown are breaking up and, if their friends find out, she knows they'll take sides, and they're just not ready for that. Surely they can pretend to be married for ten days?

Determined to only tell her friends when she's figured out how she's feeling, Lina comes up with a set of rules for her and Brown to follow:

1. Strike "couple" poses (try not to throw your back out)
2. Laugh at each other's jokes (not so loud it sounds fake)
3. Stare into each other's eyes (remember to blink)
4. Hold hands when walking (use a grip of steel)
5. Share a bed... (GULP)

But, despite her step-by-step guide, pretending to be married isn't as easy as she thought.

Reviews for Jessica Hatch

"Adored! It has everything you'd ever want in a romance novel." @meetcuteromancebooks ★★★★★

"Wow... I loved this!!!!" @thenarnianreader ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





New Beginnings in the Little Irish Village Michelle Vernal

For fans of Nicola May, Trisha Ashley and Debbie Macomber

**Best-selling author of historical fiction and the warm and witty
Guesthouse on the Green series. Christmas in the Little Irish Village
was a UK top 100 best-seller.**

Editor's Note

Michelle Vernal is a bestselling author of women's fiction. She is a natural storyteller, her characters feel like old friends and she is loved by reviewers and fans. Her social media engagement is incredible and she has such a loyal following.

CHRISTMAS IN THE LITTLE IRISH VILLAGE was Michelle's first novel with Bookouture and she was one of our bestselling women's fiction authors for Christmas 2022. Her first book launched to a fantastic start for the Little Irish Village series and we're really excited to be publishing the second story, following the Kelly sisters.

Retail Description

Thirty-year-old Imogen Kelly is living her best life in Dublin. But the bright lights and luxuries of the city aren't making her truly happy. So she leaps at the chance to take on a re-design job at the big country manor at the edge of her childhood village. The chance to go back to Benmore House, a place that's brimming with mystery and a secret connected to her own past, is too tempting to resist.

But Imogen's carefully prepared sleek and sophisticated look is completely ruined when she runs into Ryan O'Malley on the winding, muddy country road. At school, Ryan was the class prankster, forever ping-ponging her bra strap. Within seconds it's clear he's still the cheeky charmer she remembers, even if he's transformed into a gorgeous, hot guy who sets her pulse racing. She arrives late and flustered, only to discover that Ryan is the builder working with her on the refurbishment project at Benmore House. She's thrown into close proximity with relentlessly cheerful Ryan, who's forever (badly) singing rock ballads at the top of his voice. As they work together, Imogen begins to discover that behind his warm smile, Ryan is nursing heartache.

With St. Patrick's Day celebrations in full swing in Emerald Bay, Imogen has her work cut out to keep the job on track. As she spends more time with Ryan, she witnesses his big heart and generous ways. And she can't help but fall under his spell... But when her first love, Lachlan Leslie, the heir to Benmore House, returns to the village, Imogen finally has to face up to past hurts. Will she run from Emerald Bay without looking back? Or will Imogen realise that home really is where the heart is?

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Absolutely loved it, I couldn't put it down... made me laugh out loud.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I laughed and laughed and then I cried as well. Such a wonderful, heart-warming story. I absolutely love... the entertainment factor is there on every page. They are a hoot!' 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.



Chick Lit

302 pages | Pub Date 4/5/2023 | 9781837903924 | Unagented

The Little Irish Village



Not in a Million Years Sophie Ranald

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

For fans of Emily Henry and Sophie Kinsella

Sophie Ranald's Sorry Not Sorry has sold over 280,000 copies

Editor's Note

You've got a dream holiday booked? Great! The only trouble is, you're going with a man you absolutely cannot stand...Sophie Ranald is back with another laugh-out-loud, sassy page-turner! The queen of the romantic comedy returns with another unputdownable read following an enemies to lovers romance. Prepare to snort, giggle and swoon - this book has it all.

Retail Description

Cute bikini: tick
Icy cocktails: tick
Glossy magazines: tick
Person on the next sun lounger: *worst nightmare*

Chronically single Kate is winning at life. She's finally saved enough to live alone in her dream home, she has a great group of friends, and she has – at last – perfected the ultimate chocolate cake. So what if her love life is dead on arrival? Forget sex, she can make a sponge that would blow your socks off.

Aside from her romantic dry spell (is it still a 'spell' if it's been years...?!), everything is going according to plan. But when she finds out one of her oldest friends Andy is travelling abroad and needs her help, she knows she'll have to drop everything and fly out to him.

Only problem is, Daniel, the mutual friend she blames for Andy's wild lifestyle, is coming with her. It's the first holiday abroad she's been able to afford in years, and she has to spend it with him?!

Reviews for Sophie Ranald

'I genuinely couldn't put this book down... finished it in a day.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'I couldn't put it down. I found myself smiling, and laughing out loud several times... Fantastic!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Chick Lit

316 pages | Pub Date 22/2/2023 | 9781837901852 | Alice Saunders, The Soho Agency



There's Something about Greece Sue Roberts

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Kate Frost, Jenny Colgan and My Mamma Mia Summer.

Sue's titles have sold over 240,000 copies and have 8.3M KU pages read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

Editor's Note

Sue Roberts' glorious escapist fiction brings me soooo much joy! Her new novel, first in the Greek Island Escape series, makes you long to befriend her delightful larger-than-life characters, and escape on a gorgeous holiday bathed in the golden sun. But trouble is brewing in paradise for Tania, as she helps her sick aunt, deals with repairs that keep going wrong and tries to mend her broken heart...

Retail Description

When Tania hears that her wonderful aunt has fallen ill and is alone on Greek island of Crete, she jumps on the first flight she can. When she arrives in the tiny historical village of Sfakia, nestled among hills covered in olive groves, Tania can't image a better place to be. But, when Tania arrives at her aunt's villa, she finds in disrepair. And she can't fix it alone.

So when, on her way back from a refreshing dip in the crystal sea, she bumps into the local builder Nicos, she feels like her prayers have been answered. He's quiet and grumpy, but he quickly becomes a regular visitor. And as she watches him gently help her aunt and fix up the building Tania sees the kind heart underneath brooding demeanour and impressive muscles.

When the house is restored, and with her aunt on the mend, Tania's time in Greece is nearly over. Until, at her farewell meal at a taverna by the little port in town, Nicos begs her to stay. But with her bags packed, and tickets booked, the life Tania left behind is calling. Will she head back to England? Or will she make a new life in Greece with Nicos?

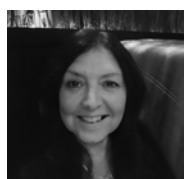
Reviews for Sue Roberts

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

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

Author Biography

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



Chick Lit

0 pages | Pub Date 15/6/2023 | 9781837905393 | Unagented

Greek Island Escape



The Irish House Ann O'Loughlin

For fans of Susanne O'Leary, Cathy Kelly and Kathleen McGurl

Editor's Note

Sometimes, when you're sent a manuscript, you know within minutes of starting it that you're MEANT to be its publisher. And for me, this novel was exactly like that. From the moment I began it, I was transported! It took me away from the everyday to rural Ireland, to the story of an unexpected inheritance, interspersed with a grandmother's letters to her granddaughter, and the memory of an unforgettable love story. The way Ann O'Loughlin weaves a story is just magical, and I know it's a perfect, escapist read for everyone who loves commercial fiction.

Retail Description

My dearest Marianne, by now you will be confused and a little mystified as to why I have made this great ask of you... But I promise the reasons will become apparent. There are secrets, you see...

When New York born Marianne's grandmother Collie passes away at home in rural Ireland, no one expects Marianne to be the one to inherit everything. Surely beautiful Killeelagh House, with its avenue of trees, its acres of wildflowers, and its mysteriously locked front door should have gone to Marianne's aunt – who'd nursed Collie in her dying days?

But Collie had a different plan. Her last wish was for Marianne to come to live in the house – for a year – raising her two headstrong young nieces at the same time. Marianne is overwhelmed by the challenge. As letters – written before her death – begin to arrive from Collie, Marianne soon realises that her grandmother has a lot to still teach her.

Her growing attraction to local handyman Jack and her new circle of friends means Marianne can't help but begin to fall in love with this place that is so full of memories, of secrets, and perhaps even a little bit of Irish magic.

That is, until a letter arrives that changes everything Marianne thought she knew...

Reviews for Ann O'Loughlin

'Just wow!!!! I was literally up all night reading this book. It should have ESCAPIST written in massive letters on its cover. I loved every moment!!!! I laughed and cried. And it felt like coming home. 10 out of 10!!!!' Blogger1

'I couldn't believe the amount of emotion I felt whilst reading this story... Ann O'Loughlin could not have written a better book... Just as heartwarming as it is heartbreaking.' Kelly's Book Corner

Author Biography

Ann is the Irish author of five novels and has been translated into eleven languages. Her first novel *The Ballroom Cafe* was also an ebook bestseller and in the top 20 bestselling books of 2015 on Amazon UK. Ann loves to write and often gets up at 5am to get the words down, before starting her other job of writing as a news reporter. A leading journalist in Ireland, Ann has covered all major news events in a long career with Independent Newspapers, Ireland. She is now a senior journalist with the Irish Examiner specialising in legal issues. Ann has also lived in India.



Women's Fiction

360 pages | Pub Date 14/4/2023 | 9781803148687 | Jenny Brown, Jenny Brown Associates



The Accidental Inheritance Cate Woods

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian), Prozorets Publishing House (Bulgarian)

For fans of Elin Hildebrand and Robyn Carr

Cate's previous novels have sold over 120,000 copies and are Amazon bestsellers.

Editor's Note

Very few authors' writing makes me laugh as much as Cate's does. Even when she's writing about serious things like relationships, heartbreak and grief, she does it with such warmth and authenticity that it's always beautifully bittersweet. THE ACCIDENTAL INHERITANCE is the heart-warming, hilarious story of a woman who plans for a fresh start in a picture-perfect English village, after learning that the village was once home to her ancestors. But as she gets underway restoring the village's beloved inn to its former glory, Cassidy and her daughter Nora discover that this fresh start won't be quite as simple as they hoped... And while she's delighted to find a sense of community, a beautiful home and an exciting - if complicated - romantic entanglement in Dithercott, Cassidy could never have planned for the bombshell discovery of a secret inheritance that changes

Retail Description

When Cassidy Beeswhistle loses her job and her boyfriend within seconds of each other, it's time for a change. Discovering her beloved late father's connection to a tiny English village, it seems like the perfect place to start again. Especially because there's a secret 'lost deed', which – if found – would return the village's gorgeous manor house to its rightful heir: Cassidy...

On arrival in Dithercott, Cassidy is blown away by the rolling hills and glittering lake, and the local villagers welcome her with open arms – all of them but one, that is... The current lord of the manor, Ned Bamford-Bligh, is tall and fiendishly attractive with his olive skin and jet-black hair, but he is also gruff and standoffish – and he has no interest in entertaining the new girl in the village; especially one who is potentially after his home, with its ivy-covered turrets and sprawling gardens.

Despite Ned's frosty welcome, Cassidy is drawn to his piercing, hazel-eyed glare and she's determined she is to uncover the demons that keep him locked away behind the manor's imposing stonework. Before she knows it, an undeniable spark builds between them...

Just as Cassidy is feeling at home in Dithercott – and in the arms of Ned – he shows up on her doorstep clutching an old roll of parchment. Is this the discovery she's been waiting for? And if it is, will its contents bring Ned and Cassidy closer together, or push them apart...?

Reviews for Cate Woods

'Kept me guessing right up until the final page and left me with a huge smile on my face and a lovely warm feeling.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'An incredible read! I was hooked from the first page... there's so much that I loved about this book... moments that had me laughing out loud, and others that well had me almost ugly crying!... I can't recommend this book enough!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

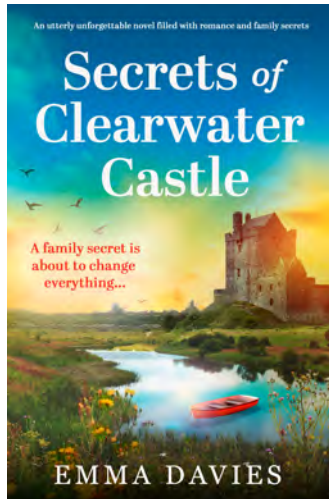
Author Biography

Cate Woods made the most of her university degree in Anglo-Saxon Literature by embarking on a career making tea on programmes including The Big Breakfast, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and French & Saunders. After narrowly missing out on the chance to become a Channel 5 weather girl, she moved into the world of magazine journalism. She has written two best-selling romantic comedies – Just Haven't Met You Yet and More Than a Feeling – and a festive novel. Cate lives in London with her husband and two children.



Women's Fiction

330 pages | Pub Date 27/3/2023 | 9781800190665 | Rowan Lawton, The Soho Agency



Secrets of Clearwater Castle Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

Fortuna Libri a.s. (Slovak), Newton Compton (Italian), Bastei Lübbe (German), Ersen (Estonian)

Perfect for fans of Susanne O’Leary, Liz Eeles and Tilly Tennant

This is the first in a new series. Emma's previous titles have sold over 260,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Emma is going back to her heartland - emotional and uplifting women's fiction, with a single mystery in each book, in a beautiful setting with a hefty dose of romance. This new series - the Clearwater Castle series - set in rural Wales, follows three women as they heal their hearts, find new love, come to self-acceptance, all while find a new home at Clearwater Castle, which they renovate - with the help of romantic builders - through the series. In this, the first of the series, Lowri has to uncover why her late husband failed to mention that he'd secretly inherited Clearwater Castle, and take it on for her young daughter's sake, falling in love in the process with the local - damaged but gorgeous - stonemason. There are mysteries for each woman to solve, about their pasts and what came before at Clearwater Castle. They're uplifting, enjoyable, heart-warming and romantic.

Retail Description

Heartbroken Lowri Morgan, a young Welsh widow, is finally packing up her beloved husband's belongings, her young daughter Wren asleep at her side. Then, hidden amongst the very last pile of papers, Lowri finds an official-looking letter – and her whole world shifts...

Her husband had a secret inheritance, one he'd never mentioned or done anything about. And now, it seemed, somewhere called Clearwater Castle was hers – and, in time, little Wren's. How could he have hidden this from her and why? And what on earth was she going to do?

Arriving in Clearwater village, Lowri doesn't find the fairy-tale home she'd pictured. The castle is near-derelict, a tiny cottage in the grounds barely liveable, and her responsibilities – as outlined by the ruggedly handsome but prickly local stonemason Huw – are overwhelming. But she's determined to make the best of it.

Lowri never asked for a new start, but it seems fate has decided she needed one. As she and Huw reluctantly begin to work together, sparks start to fly between them. Can they find a way to save Clearwater Castle and bring life back to the village? What will they find out about themselves – and the mystery of the hidden inheritance – in the process? And will Lowri, heartbroken once already, find the courage to give love one more chance?

Reviews for Emma Davies

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

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

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 Shropshire with her husband, three children, and two guinea pigs where she writes full time from a shed in the garden.



Women's Fiction

0 pages | Pub Date 10/5/2023 | 9781837904372 | Unagented

Clearwater Castle series 1



My Stepmother's Secret Emma Robinson

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

Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, Jojo Moyes and Kate Hewitt.

Author has sold over 265,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Emma is the most staggeringly powerful writer. She just gets to the heart of a story, giving you all the emotion you could hope for. The dilemma in this story is for a woman who has to ask the person she hates most in the world for a place to stay, with her two daughters. As we peel back layers of Gabbie and her stepmother's past, it becomes clear everything isn't exactly as Gabbie remembered. But everything comes to a head when Gabbie's daughter's life ends up in peril. Once you've read one page of this novel, I guarantee you won't be able to put it down!

Retail Description

It's in that moment, I realise – I have nowhere to turn. If my precious daughters and I are going to have a roof over our heads, we have to return to my childhood home. The one I've not felt welcome in since my father died. The one where the woman who destroyed our family still lives...

Today marks the end of my life as I know it. I have absolutely nowhere to go, no-one to turn to. My husband's lies have ruined our family and wrecked our marriage. And now he's disappeared, leaving just a promise to make it all right. My daughters, Olivia and Alice, need me like never before. I will do whatever it takes to stay strong, to keep them safe and loved. So I turn to the one place I hoped never to return to. When my dad died, he left me his house, with one proviso. His second wife, my stepmother, was to be allowed to live there for as long as she wanted. She hasn't welcomed me there, or shown a single sign of leaving, since.

But I have no choice. I need to ask for her help.

Little do I know that everything I thought I knew about the woman who destroyed my life when I was a child is about to come crashing down. Living together now, the secrets that have kept us apart for all these years are finally revealing themselves. Will our fragile bond break completely, or could it be the only thing that saves me and my daughters...?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

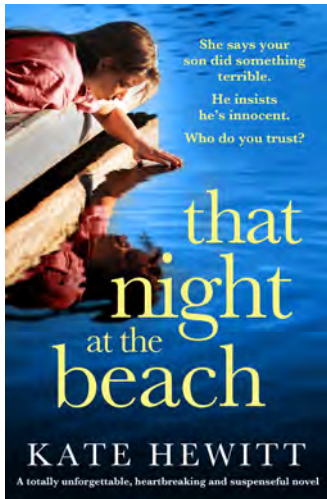
'O.M.G!... I. FELL. IN. LOVE. WITH. THIS. BOOK!!!!... A 5-star read that you must put on the top of your TBR list!!!!... Totally addictive, fast paced, nail biting, suspenseful, mind blowing, heart-wrenching, and had me wanting more!! I couldn't get enough... Will pull on your heart strings and shed a tear... I LOVED this book!!' Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews ★★★★★

'5 Stars!!!!... I'm hooked... Excellent!... Reminds me of the writings of Jodi Picoult... I experienced every emotion that exists.' 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 with a patient husband and two children who are an endless source of material.





That Night at the Beach Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain, Amanda Prowse

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

Editor's Note

From the jaw-dropping first page of this incredible, unputdownable story about motherhood and an impossible dilemma, I was gripped. I was, in fact, SO gripped, I had to remind myself I was there to edit the book!!! Kate is honestly the best writer I've ever read about getting to the core of a dilemma, and forcing readers to ask themselves what they'd do in her characters' shoes. This particular story also reads like a thriller, with the truth about what happened that night at the beach only coming out on the very final pages, with a twist that I don't think readers will ever see coming. It's staggeringly good!!!

Retail Description

As mothers we never dare to delve into our worst-nightmare scenarios. What if... we might murmur to each other, and then shake our heads, telling ourselves it'll never happen to us if we're just good enough mothers. Yet here we are. And the steady beep of the heart monitor is the only evidence the child in front of us is alive...

It's Labor Day weekend, so of course we went to the beach. Like we do every year. For a barbecue with my best friend Rose. Together with our husbands, my two teenage sons and her two daughters, we all arrived as the sun was still shimmering on the water, the whole evening ahead of us. But nothing goes to plan. Old secrets emerge, tempers flare. And so we parents decide to leave the beach, telling the teenagers to enjoy themselves, reassuring them we'll be back to collect them in an hour or two.

But when I return, I know something is really wrong. Our teens are slurring their words, stumbling to the car. It's clear they have been drinking and I'm shocked. I'm bracing myself to have firm words with them in the morning, but the next day my concerns fade to nothing, when seventeen-year-old Bella claims my son Finn assaulted her.

Finn insists he would never do that. And I so want to believe him. Because I brought my son up right. Because a mother would know, wouldn't she? What I don't know is that the answer to what happened that night on the beach may be a matter of life and death for one of our beloved children...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"Totally addictive... will keep you racing through the pages all night long." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Stunning and thought-provoking... I loved it... Outstanding." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

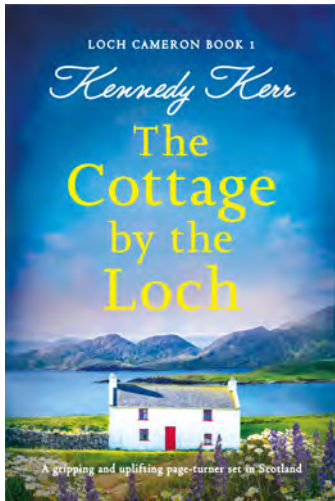
Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle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



Women's Fiction

312 pages | Pub Date 19/1/2023 | 9781803143835 | Unagented

Powerful emotional novels about impossible choices by Kate Hewitt



The Cottage by the Loch Kennedy Kerr

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

Kennedy Kerr's previous series The Magpie Cove has sold over 60,000 copies, and was in the top 10 on Amazon US and the top 40 on Amazon UK

Editor's Note

This is the first novel in a gorgeous new series from Kennedy Kerr, set by a loch in the beautiful, evocative Scottish Highlands. Emotional and uplifting, the book deals with grief and how to find yourself again when all seems lost. Our main character Zelda has just lost her mother, and then she loses her job, so we're really on a journey of self-discovery with her here. She discovers a new passion for interior design by renovating the tiny cottage she's renting, forms a friendship with an ornery older lady and of course falls in love – with a Scottish laird no less! Full of stunning descriptions of the Scottish countryside and a quirky, charming cast of small town characters. Feels very Virgin River in its warmth and heart, and proximity to handsome men!

Retail Description

The shimmering blue-green of the loch stretches out below the window of the whitewashed cottage. Zelda gazes out at the breath-taking view before looking down again at the tattered letter in her hands, her heart aching at the words she just read. This secret will change everything...

Zelda Hicks is utterly heartbroken after the loss of her mother. It was always the two of them against the world, and now Zelda feels totally adrift. Maybe an escape to the Scottish village of Loch Cameron, with its beautiful, rolling hills of heather, will help Zelda heal from her grief...

On a walk around the loch one bright morning, she comes across a tiny cottage nestled on the edge of the forest. The elderly owner, Gretchen Ross, invites her in for buttery shortbread, and soon the women are laughing like old friends. Zelda feels an instant connection to Gretchen, and the knot of loneliness in her chest begins to unravel for the first time in months. After learning that Gretchen might lose the cottage that has been in her family forever, Zelda vows to help her.

She didn't bargain on butting heads with handsome, blue-eyed Hal Cameron in the process. A stickler for tradition, Hal doesn't know what to make of Zelda's big city ideas. Yet Zelda can't seem to forget Hal's shy smile and she soon learns they might have more in common than she first thought.

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

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

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

Author Biography

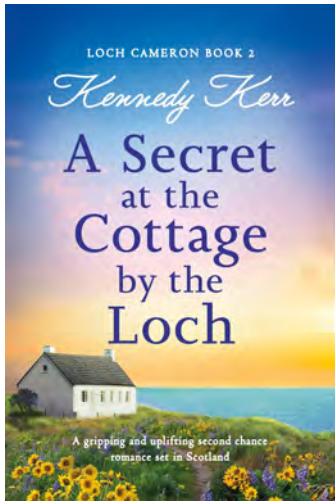
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children's and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called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



Women's Fiction

304 pages | Pub Date 24/1/2023 | 9781837900084 | Unagented

Loch Cameron 1



A Secret at the Cottage by the Loch Kennedy Kerr

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

Kennedy Kerr's previous series The Magpie Cove has sold over 60,000 copies, and was in the top 10 on Amazon US and the top 40 on Amazon UK

Editor's Note

This is the second title in a gorgeous new series from Kennedy Kerr, set by a loch in the beautiful, evocative Scottish Highlands. Emotional and uplifting, the book deals with miscarriage and fertility struggles. Our main character Liz must come to terms with another failed round of IVF, and the prospect that she may never be the mother she so desperately wants to be. Escaping her troubles and a terrible break-up, Liz takes a director role at the local whisky distillery and promptly falls for her new boss after a funny and very sweet meet-cute mix-up. She uncovers the intriguing history behind some of Loch Cameron's notable women, all the while learning find happiness and new excitement for the future. Full of stunning descriptions of the Scottish countryside and a quirky, charming cast of small town characters.

Retail Description

When thirty-seven-year-old Liz Parsons first sets eyes on the cosy, whitewashed cottage perched on the edge of the loch, she feels the knot in her chest begin to unwind. After a terrible tragedy and sudden break-up, she's looking forward to putting the past behind her and focusing on her new job running the tiny Loch Cameron Whisky Distillery, nestled between the highland hills.

With the villagers welcoming her with open arms, she meets ruggedly handsome distillery owner Ben Douglas and feels inspired by his passion for the history of the local area. Although Liz and Ben have very different ideas for the future of the business, their hectic days spill over into long walks exploring the wild landscape, and Liz feels lighter for the first time in months. When Ben confesses he is considering selling his family's legacy, Liz is desperate to change his mind. The small community relies on the distillery for jobs and tourism, and she can't let her newfound friends lose their livelihoods.

But just as she hears whispers in town that there's more to Ben's story, she receives a letter at the cottage that could change her future. The thick paper and faded postmark are a heart-wrenching reminder of the life she left behind. Can she trust Ben with the shocking truth about her past? Or will she be forced to pick up the pieces of her broken heart and run away from Loch Cameron forever?

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

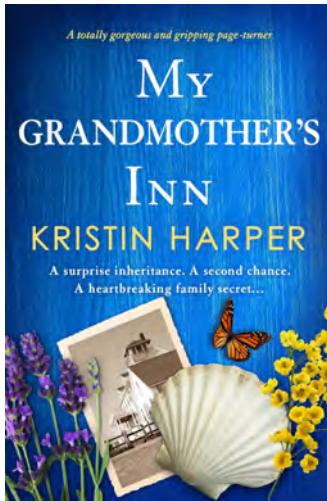
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My Grandmother's Inn Kristin Harper

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

Kristin's titles have sold over 130,000 copies and her previous title 'A Letter from Nana Rose' was a Top 40 Amazon bestseller and has sold over 30,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Kristin Harper can weave a gorgeous, escapist, romantic tale like nobody else! Dune Island, the fictional Cape Cod location of this stunning series, awaits everybody looking for sand between their feet and views of the ocean waves. This book is packed with the family secrets, delicious romance, and complex family dynamics that Kristin has made her trademark, and I can't wait to share it with the world.

Retail Description

Grieving and newly single Molly Anderson begs the wealthy Frost family, owners of Hydrangea House, to allow her to run the inn for one last summer before they shut it down. She vows to give the final guests a summer to remember by the sea. It's what Beverly—who worked uncomplainingly for the Frosts her whole life—would have wanted.

But when an elderly woman checks in claiming to know a secret about Beverly's true connection to the Frost family, everything Molly knows about her beloved grandmother is called into question. The woman says that a message in a bottle hidden somewhere at Hydrangea House, will not only reveal the truth, but could stop the Frosts' plan in its tracks.

Desperate to do whatever she can to save Hydrangea House, Molly combs the inn from attic to basement, helped by visiting oceanographer Matt. She could never get involved with a guest, but Matt's kindness as he listens to her worries, and the way his deep brown eyes keep locking with hers are hard to ignore...

But as they fill their summer with searching, rumors and bad reviews about Molly start to spread. By delving into the mystery of the past, has she shattered any chance of the inn's future? Can Matt be trusted, or is he more closely linked to the Frost family than she thought? And when she finally unlocks the secret about her grandmother, will it bring Molly peace—or tear her apart?

Reviews for Kristin Harper

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

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

Author Biography

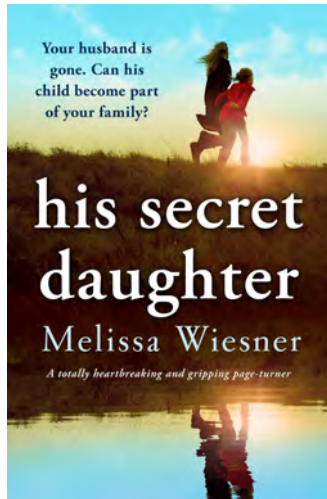
Ever since she was a young girl, there were few things Kristin liked more than creative writing and spending time on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with her family. Eventually (after a succession of jobs that bored her to tears), she found a way to combine those two passions by becoming a women's fiction author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



Women's Fiction

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Dune Island



His Secret Daughter Melissa Wiesner

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Kerry Fisher, Diane Chamberlain and Nicholas Sparks

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

Editor's Note

Melissa Wiesner's books make me sob my heart out every single time. Trying to edit this gorgeous, heartbreaking novel with tears flowing down my face was certainly a career challenge: and I can't stress enough how incredibly poignant and devastating this amazing book is. When Noah, a husband and father of a teenager, is in a terrible accident, his wife rushes to the hospital: and finds a little girl there too who looks just like her husband. Is this his secret child? Confronting the multitude of secrets in her husband's past, our protagonist questions everything she knows and must make some impossible decisions about her own family, and about an innocent little girl who has nowhere else to go. Melissa has such an incredible talent for exploring tragic themes with a light touch. I adore her writing and feel so immersed and invested in these wonderful characters.

Retail Description

Not Noah. Not my husband. But there he is, unconscious in the hospital bed. Our daughter sobs into my shoulder. What if he never wakes up? And who is the little girl beside him, gazing at us with big brown eyes? Eyes that look just like my husband's...

Our family of three is perfect. Just me, Noah and our teenage daughter Maya. The day the police knock at our door, telling us about the car accident, is the worst day of my life. My heart shatters, but what they say next almost makes it stop beating: Noah was in the car with another woman who died at the scene. Her two-year-old girl, Luna, miraculously survived.

With Noah fighting for his life, I'm desperate for the truth: and when I search his desk, I find checks made out to Luna's mother. Did my loving, loyal husband have a secret family all along?

Despite my own terrible pain, at the hospital I can't help but comfort this poor child as she cries for her mommy. With nowhere else for Luna to go, I find myself opening our home. Seeing Maya hold Luna's hand and giggle as they chase butterflies in the garden, it's almost like my daughter has a sister...

I have an impossible choice. Do I tell Maya the truth about her father? If Noah wakes up, will even more secrets come out about who he really is? And can I forgive him enough to give this sweet, innocent girl a home... or will my husband's betrayal tear us all

Reviews for Melissa Wiesner

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

Readers are completely hooked by Her Family Secret! See what the first reviewers are saying:

'I was absolutely captivated' ★★★★★

'Just fantastic' ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

260 pages | Pub Date 3/1/2023 | 9781803146928 | Unagented



The Guilty Mother Sam Vickery

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain and Kelly Rimmer

Sam Vickery's titles have sold over 44,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Lisa is the perfect housewife, a wonderful mother and wife, but she's just been arrested for her neighbour's murder. This is a new direction for Sam Vickery, but her ability to create likeable, relatable characters in her women's fiction, has made her first suspenseful page-turner an incredible character-driven ride. Readers will fall for Lisa's passion for her family, they might be certain she could never kill the man who lives next door, but once they meet his wife Victoria, and witness her watching Lisa from behind the curtains of her bedroom window, they'll begin to wonder... Taut with tension, twistier than a rollercoaster, and with emotional family dynamics at its heart, this is a book that's going to set the Amazon charts alight.

Retail Description

It was a day like any other. We'd just finished dinner. Grace was refusing to finish her plate and Tom was already on his phone. The last thing we all expected was for the police to arrive. When they arrested me I knew what I had to do. I was completely innocent, and yet, I had to let them put the handcuffs around my wrists. I had to plead guilty to protect my family.

It's just after 7pm one ordinary Tuesday evening when mother of two Amy Jenkins is led away from her family home. They say a man has been murdered and within minutes Amy takes the blame.

Amy is a wonderful wife and mother: kind, generous and patient, but her family can't do anything to stop her from being taken to the police station. Amy won't look at her husband, Tom, as her seventeen-year-old daughter Grace stands next to him frozen in disbelief. Beside them is Amy's best friend Helen, who watches as more and more neighbours open their front doors to peer out at the dreadful scene.

All three of them know that Amy didn't do this, but only one of them knows who did.

And the truth may have even more devastating consequences for them – losing Amy may be the only way to keep the rest of them safe.

Reviews for Sam Vickery

'Wow! This book blew me away... Will make you think and break your heart in equal measure and is a breathtakingly beautifully written story of a mother's love.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'This one pulls you in and tugs at your heart. Make sure you have plenty of tissues on hand. A tear-jerker for sure.' 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.





The Lost Mother of Ireland Susanne O'Leary

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

Susanne's titles have sold over 700,000 copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller

Editor's Note

This beautiful, romantic novel from Susanne O'Leary is packed with breathtaking romance and gorgeous scenes of the west coast of Ireland. Be prepared to be swept away to the stunning seaside town of Sandy Cove, in the latest novel in the Starlight Cottages series, as you find yourself immersed in another joyful and redemptive romance. When Laura inherits a beautiful cottage in a remote village on the west coast of Ireland, she has no idea that the beautiful seaside town will change her life forever, and perhaps even mend her broken heart... This novel can be enjoyed as a standalone, or as part of a series.

Retail Description

A completely gripping and unforgettable story of long-lost family secrets and forbidden romance that will whisk you away to the beautiful village of Sandy Cove on the west coast of Ireland.

When Laura inherits a small cottage from a friend who was like a mother to her, she wonders whether this could be the new beginning she's been searching for. Although she's never been to the village of Sandy Cove on the west coast of Ireland, her friend described it as on the edge of the sparkling blue sea, with sandy white beaches. Could this be the fresh start she needs to ease her heartache?

During her first walk on the beach, Laura meets Gino, a handsome local who instantly charms her with his sparkling eyes and gorgeous smile. Laura finds herself attracted to him as he tells her about his life and his love for Sandy Cove. And, as they spend more time together, the pair begin to grow closer.

But just as Laura begins to settle into village life, her friend's son disputes his mother's will. But what he doesn't know is that Laura hasn't just inherited the cottage from her, she's also been given a very valuable heirloom – one that tells the story of a forbidden love, a long-forgotten family secret and a bond between a mother and daughter that could not be broken...

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'Truly touched my heart. Impossible to put down, this moving story kept me tapping the screen of my Kindle deep into the night until I reached the heart-warming conclusion... a stellar read, one that will be with me for a long while.' Robin Loves Reading



'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 Kerry. When she is not scaling the mountains of said counties, or doing yoga, she keeps writing, producing a book every six months.

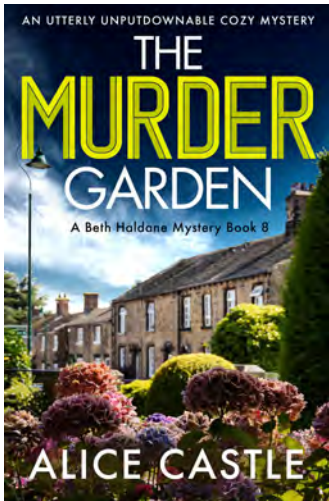


Women's Fiction

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Starlight Cottages 6

Crime Thriller



The Murder Garden Alice Castle

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

Editor's Note

In amateur sleuth Beth Haldane's eighth adventure, Alice Castle takes for a stroll down the cobbled streets of Dulwich Village, where nothing is as perfect as it seems! Beth has finally succumbed and agreed to an extension in her back garden: but when the builders find a bone, Beth's own home becomes a crime scene! With her romance with DI Harry York under pressure and her nearly-teenage son getting in all sorts of trouble, Beth's desperation to crack the case collides with her home life – and it's these relatable details that readers love. I can't wait to share this cozy, witty and twisty story with the world.

Retail Description

A winding path leads past the beautiful begonias to an overhanging oak tree. But underneath, a deadly secret is hiding...

Beth Haldane cradles a warm cup of tea and admires the view of crisp, red autumn leaves scattering the lawn of her little garden. But the peace and quiet is interrupted when her loyal pet pooch sniffs out something suspicious. At the bottom of a freshly-dug hole is a bone: and it looks worryingly human.

Even for a mystery-loving amateur sleuth like Beth, the discovery of a body beneath her own lawn is a little too close for comfort. But when the police insist that she must know something about the remains, digging up the truth herself is Beth's only option.

With gossip flying all around Dulwich Village, Beth has her work cut out to find the culprit. Could a local cat-sitter, with keys to every home on the street, have been involved? Is her ex-actress neighbour a little too good at acting innocent? And was a whispered secret at a dinner party meant to point Beth in the right direction?

Scouring her garden for missed clues, when Beth discovers a shining silver engraved coin she's certain it will lead to the victim's identity. But the arrival of a threatening anonymous message sends chills down her spine... can Beth find a killer hiding in plain

Reviews for Alice Castle

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

"I am hooked... Never underestimate a determined sleuth or a devious writer... kept me grinning... a Must Read..." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

Author Biography

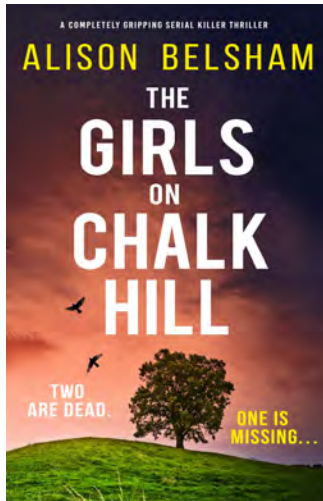
Before turning to crime, Alice Castle was a UK newspaper journalist for The Daily Express, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. Alice is an avid reader of crime fiction, her favourite stories are cozy crimes with a strong sense of place. When she couldn't find a series about her beloved south London, she decided to write her own – and single mum amateur sleuth Beth Haldane was born. Alice also writes psychological thrillers for HQ Digital as A.M. Castle. The Perfect Widow was a top selling audiobook in 2019 and The Invitation hit the top 50 on Amazon UK in 2021.



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 15/11/2022 | 9781803144979 | Justin Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

A Beth Haldane Mystery 8



The Girls on Chalk Hill Alison Belsham

Previous Translation Publishers
Jentas A/S (Danish), Albatros Media a.s. (Czech)

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Angela Marsons and J M Dalglish

Alison's debut The Tattoo Thief was translated into 15 languages and was a No 1 bestseller in Italy.

Editor's Note

I have been watching Alison's career since she first wowed the crowd at Bloody Scotland's Pitch Perfect panel with the brilliant *The Tattoo Thief*, which went on to be translated into fifteen languages. As her debut proved, Alison is an expert in crafting a fantastic hook, with the writing skills to back that up. Her novels are smart, pacy, and full of twists and turns. So when Alison first told me about her idea for the Detective Lexi Bennett series I was immediately excited. With a brilliantly personal case, *The Girls on Chalk Hill* is a completely gripping read: the perfect combination of kick-ass character and intriguing crime; plot deepened by emotion. It's been a joy seeing Alison's skills progress since her debut and her new series will be adored by her existing army of fans as well as bringing her to a whole new audience.

Retail Description

They lie on the hillside, wearing matching white dresses, tiaras in their blonde hair. Each of them clutches a red rose. They could be sleeping, but frost shines on the lashes of their wide blue eyes, frozen open forever...

Detective Lexi Bennett is devastated when she finds the two teenagers lying side by side on the quiet green hillside, their throats cut. Convinced this is no ordinary killer, she vows to draw on all her profiling experience to find justice for these beautiful girls who will never have the chance to grow up. But when the victims are identified as Lucy and Eden Carter, Lexi's blood turns cold. The sisters were triplets – and the third girl, Paige, is missing. The case suddenly feels frighteningly personal. Lexi was a triplet too, and she and her sisters were abducted as teens. Two of them escaped but Lexi's dreams are still haunted by memories of the faceless man who took them, and her sister Rose, who she never saw again.

Her boss thinks she's too close to the case, but Lexi is sure the monster who took her is back with a message. She throws herself into the investigation, hunting down every clue, certain that time is running out to save Paige. Then she returns home to find the back door open and Rose's diary on the kitchen table. As she traces her beloved sister's handwriting, her heart breaking, Lexi swears she will not rest until this brutal monster is caught. Will the diary help her find him before Paige is killed? Or is she walking into a trap designed just for her?

Reviews for Alison Belsham

'Absolutely fantastic... I couldn't put it down. One of the best psychological crime thrillers I've read in a while, a proper nail-biting page turner!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Wow... it had me gripped, so much so I devoured the entire thing in a day.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

In 2016, Alison Belsham pitched her first crime novel, *The Tattoo Thief*, at the Pitch Perfect event at the Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival and won. It was translated into 15 languages and was a No 1 bestseller in Italy. Now she is embarking on a new crime series set in Canterbury featuring DI Lexi Bennett. Alison divides her time between London and Edinburgh, where she is a co-founder of the Edinburgh Writers' Forum, providing professional development and networking for writers.



Crime Thriller

398 pages | Pub Date 26/6/2023 | 9781803146621 | Jenny Brown, Jenny Brown Associates

Detective Lexi Bennett 1



Hidden Scars Angela Marsons

Previous Translation Publishers

Eksmo, Euromedia, Jumeirah, General Press, Newton Compton, Ikar, Jotema, N29, Jentas, Kuzey, Autêntica, Meulenhoff, Mozaik, Pegasus, Cappelen Damm, Piper, Burda, Leya, Co Nguyet Books, Lind&Co, Klidarithmos, China South Booky, Ednorog, Belfond, Poomstory, Mozaik knjiga, Poomstory, Planeta, Hiyakawa, Amarin, GLM, Spring Intl

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Val McDermid and Robert Dugoni

**Angela Marsons has sold over 5 million Detective Kim Stone books
and has been translated in 28 languages.**

Editor's Note

Seventeen books in, and the series continues to be brilliantly addictive. As one reviewer put it 'I absolutely love Angela Marsons and have read all the Kim Stone books. I feel like I'm part of the team, working alongside them all to catch the killer. All other books are abandoned when AM has a new release.' Angela always explores dark and fascinating topics in every one of her books and Hidden Scars is no exception with Angela tackling the theme of conversion therapy and the prejudices that exist within families that can drive loved ones apart. This is an outstanding instalment in the series from an author who has now sold over 5 million copies worldwide and had her books translated into 28 languages.

Retail Description

When a nineteen-year-old boy, Jamie Mills, is found hanging from a tree in a local park, his death is ruled a suicide. Detective Kim Stone's instincts tell her something isn't right – but it's not her investigation. Why would a seemingly healthy boy choose to end his life? Why does his mother show no sign of emotional distress at the loss of her son?

Still mending her broken mind and body from her last harrowing case, Kim is supposed to be easing back into work gently. But then she finds a crucial, overlooked detail: Jamie had a recent injury that would have made it impossible for him to climb the tree. He must have been murdered. Quickly taking back charge of her team and the case, Kim visits Jamie's parents and is shocked to hear that they had sent him to a clinic to 'cure' him of his sexuality. The clues to smashing open this disturbing case lie behind the old Victorian walls of the clinic, run by the Gardner family. They claim that patients come of their own accord and are free to leave at any time. But why are those that attended the clinic so afraid to speak of what happens there? And where did the faded restraint marks identified on Jamie's wrists come from?

Then the body of a young woman is found dead by suffocation and Kim makes two chilling discoveries. The victim spent time at the clinic too, and her death was also staged to look like a suicide. Scarred from an ordeal that nearly took her life, is Kim strong enough to stop a terrifying killer from silencing the clinic's previous patients one by one?

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'WHY DO I DO IT TO MYSELF EVERYTIME????? 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???... I absolutely LOVED the originality of this plot...If you haven't read this series than just PICK UP THE FIRST DAMN BOOK, you will not regret it!' Bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

'Without exaggeration this is the best book I've read.' Nigel Adams Bookworm, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her long-term partner, Julie, two bouncy Golden Retrievers and a potty-mouthed African Grey parrot. It has taken many novels to find that one character who just refused to go away. And so D.I. Kim Stone was born. The Detective Kim Stone series has now sold over 5 million copies, repeatedly hitting the #1 spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into 28 languages.



Crime Thriller

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Deadly Fate Angela Marsons

Previous Translation Publishers

Eksmo, Euromedia, Jumeirah, General Press, Newton Compton, Ikar, Jotema, N29, Jentas, Kuzey, Autêntica, Meulenhoff, Mozaik, Pegasus, Cappelen Damm, Piper, Burda, Leya, Co Nguyet Books, Lind&Co, Klidarithmos, China South Booky, Ednorog, Belfond, Poomstory, Mozaik knjiga, Poomstory, Planeta, Hiyakawa, Amarin, GLM, Spring Intl

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Val McDermid and Robert Dugoni

Angela Marsons has sold 5 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 28 languages

Editor's Note

The latest instalment in the phenomenally successful Detective Kim Stone series takes the reader into the mysterious and fascinating world of psychics. The story opens with the murder of psychic, her body discovered in a local church. As ever with a Kim Stone novel, the plot is brilliantly unique with so many twist and turns that keep you turning the pages at breakneck speed.

Deadly Fate is the eighteen book in a series that has now sold 5 million copies sold worldwide, repeatedly hits the Number One spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into more than thirty languages. This series is showing no signs of slowing down!

Retail Description

Late one evening, as the final church bell rings out, the body of local psychic Sandra Deakin is found in the church's graveyard with multiple stab wounds. The first on the scene, Detective Kim Stone tries to picture who would carry out such a violent attack. She's sure of one thing: this murder was deeply personal.

The last people to see Sandra alive were a group of women who had a reading with her the night before she died. As Kim and her team pay them a visit, they soon learn that each of the women is lying about why they wanted Sandra's help... and that one of them is connected to an unsolved murder. Kim smashes open a case that has been closed for years, determined to chase down every lead and find justice for both victims. And as she delves into Sandra's life, she learns that Sandra was banned from the church grounds... and had been receiving death threats.

Then the broken body of a nineteen-year-old boy is found outside a call centre for a psychic hotline – a single slash across his mouth just like Sandra's. Kim and her team are now racing against time to understand what has triggered these frenzied attacks, and stop a twisted killer before they strike again.

But they might be too late... as the curtains go up at a local psychic show, Kim sits in the audience with a feeling of utter dread – certain the killer is among them.

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, ★★★★★

'OMG! OMG! OMG! Angela Marsons what on earth have you done to me?!... I'm completely out of words to describe this. Just OMG! Wow! Speechless!... Utterly amazing.' Rachel's Random Reads, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her long-term partner, Julie, two bouncy Golden Retrievers and a potty-mouthed African Grey parrot. It has taken many novels to find that one character who just refused to go away. And so D.I. Kim Stone was born. The Detective Kim Stone series has now sold over 5 million copies, repeatedly hitting the #1 spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into 28 languages.



Crime Thriller

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Their Resting Place B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Eighth in the Detective Casey White series (145,000), Where Lost Girls Go (55,000), reached the Top 15 on the Kindle US chart.

Editor's Note

The Detective Casey White series is going from strength to strength and this amazing, action-packed but deeply emotional read is the perfect next instalment. When a group of young women who were all on the same football team in high school are killed one-by-one, their bodies found in sunflower fields, it's up to Casey to find the killer in a race against time. My favourite thing about this series is the incredibly tight-knit team Casey has around her, and all the dynamics and complexities that come from this. And with her most trusted fellow detective related to one of the victims, this case is more personal than ever.

Retail Description

When a member of Detective Casey White's team turns up at her door begging for help, Casey races to find the broken body of twenty-year-old Charlie Robson abandoned in a sunflower field. Yellow petals and broken stalks scatter the ground—and Casey immediately recognizes the red markings all over Charlie's body as arrow wounds. Heartbroken, Casey vows to find the monster who would hunt Charlie down like this.

Interviewing Charlie's distraught mother, Casey's blood turns to ice when she learns about a tightknit group of Charlie's best friends who once called themselves The Sunflower Girls. They met in archery club and have drifted apart since high school. Casey knows the killer is sending a message with arrows... could the other girls be next?

But as Casey instructs her colleagues to track down the five remaining friends, another girl's body is found, shot with arrows in her own home. Clutched in her hand is a broken sunflower petal. Turning the house upside down Casey finds a bone-chilling, one-word note: Guilty.

Someone is picking off The Sunflower Girls one by one. But why? Interviewing the four remaining girls, Casey is certain they are hiding a dark secret that stretches back to their school days. Trusting no-one, Casey will have to risk everything to track down a deadly killer... but with her own team keeping secrets too, could the real danger be much closer to home?

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

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

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

Author Biography

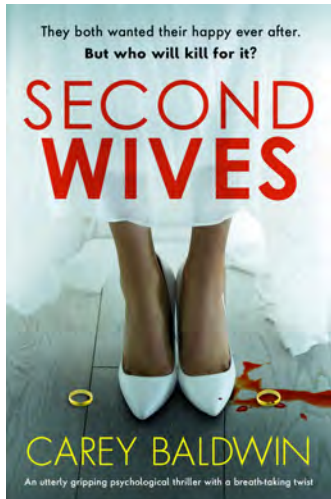
By day, B.R. Spangler pushes pixels, typing lines of code. When he's not developing software, or elbows deep in hardware, he is writing stories, plotting thrillers, or reading. B.R. Spangler lives in Virginia with his wife and kids, as well as five cats, a parrot, a finch, a lizard.



Crime Thriller

238 pages | Pub Date 21/2/2023 | 9781837901142 | Unagented

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Second Wives Carey Baldwin

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

Carey Baldwin is a USA Today bestselling author.

Editor's Note

What I love so much about Carey's psychological suspense is just how quickly you are in the world and minds of her characters and how well they remain with you long after you have finished the last page. Her writing always keeps you on the edge of your seat, glued to your Kindle and *SECOND WIVES* is no exception packed with twist after mind-blowing twist. *SECOND WIVES* is absolutely going to appeal to readers of pacy domestic suspense with complex female characters at the core - think *BIG LITTLE LIES* meets *THE MORNING SHOW* - this novel delivers toxic friendships, aspirational Californian homes, bitter rivalries and a shocking twist which readers just won't see coming!

Retail Description

She married your husband. You married hers. You'll either stay friends or die trying.

Brigid never imagined her husband Nash would betray her with another woman, not least her best friend, Charity. They've known each other for nearly twenty years, their children grew up together. They are the glue that holds their friendship group together and Brigid can't imagine her life without her.

So when Brigid marries Charity's ex-husband Jackson, she tells herself that everything is fine: they are even now, no bad blood. But when there's a near-fatal incident at a party, it becomes clear that things are very far from fine.

When Harper starts to receive anonymous threats, she points the finger at Sasha. But an attempt on her friend's life turns the spotlight back on her. But who is threatening whom? And how long until someone turns up dead?

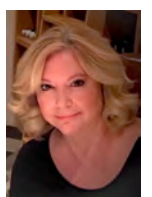
Reviews for Carey Baldwin

'WOW!! JUST WOW!!!!... WHAT A TWIST!!!!... Completely blown out of the water... I absolutely LOVED this one!!!!... Page-turning thriller with an absolutely EXPLOSIVE ending that I would never have seen coming!!!!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86 ★★★★★

'WOW... What A Ride!... blew me away... The narrative grabs the reader by the throat and doesn't let you breathe until the end... I read this book in one sitting. I stayed up until midnight devouring the action...IT WAS AMAZING!' Harmony Kent, ★★★★★

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

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Her Deadly Promise Carla Kovach

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Carla Kovach has sold over 550,000 copies sold in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the twelfth book in the Detective Gina Harte series. With over 550,000 copies sold across the series, readers love this dark and thrilling UK-set crime series. The first in the series, *The Next Girl*, has sold over 200k copies and spent five weeks at the top of the UK Apple charts on publication. Carla reviews consistently well, with crime readers engaging with Gina Harte and enjoying Carla's fast paced storytelling.

Retail Description

Four-year-old Kayden has been sitting alone outside his house for hours. His cheeks are wet with tears as he waits for his mother. But she'll never arrive to pick up her darling boy. She'll never be seen again...

Church Road is a quiet corner of suburbia, but behind the bright red door of number 8 lies the body of Billie Reeves, a young mum who just took her last breath.

Serena is Billie's sister. When she found out her boyfriend had been obsessively calling Billie, she cut her from her life. But not before vowing to make Billie pay for ruining her relationship. Shaun is Billie's ex-boyfriend. He left the moment she fell pregnant. When he turned up at Billie's door, demanding to see Kayden, she refused to take the risk of him hurting her precious son. He'll do whatever it takes to get his little boy back. Nadia is Billie's best friend. Their kids attended the same school and Billie opened up to Nadia about her struggles as a single mother. She knows Billie's deepest, darkest secret. She promised never to tell, but that was before the argument...

When police investigate the quiet little street, they discover everyone was whispering about Billie's late-night callers. What was going on behind the closed door of Billie's small home? And if someone was prepared to kill her, what do they know, and who will be next?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'OMG!!!!!!... Left me shocked and speechless from the very beginning all the way up to the very end... Fantastic... Totally blew my mind.' Blue Moon Blogger, ★★★★★

'Heart-racing... A MUST READ!!!!!!... Excellent... I was completely immersed... I devoured this book in one sitting and only came up for breath after I had turned the last page... Blew me away... Heart-stopping... Loved, loved it!!!!' 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 production company located in the heart of Redditch town centre.



Crime Thriller

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Their Cold Hearts Carla Kovach

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

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Editor's Note

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Retail Description

Sasha loves her job finding accommodation for homeless people, and she's proud of the small but cosy apartment she rents on the good side of town. She's worked hard to leave her dark past behind her and make amends for the accident that still haunts her memories. She knows she was innocent, but she's still careful about who and what she tells about her old life. But not all secrets stay hidden forever...

When her phone rings loudly in the middle of the night, Sasha fears what she'll hear when she picks up – a deathly silence. It's happened every night for weeks. Is it a childish prank, or a chilling warning that someone has uncovered her secret?

But the news of a body found at a local shelter means her worst nightmare has come true. It can't be a coincidence that evidence related to the victim has been found at the same location where the most devastating moment of Sasha's life took place.

Days later, a second body is found and Sasha's heart pounds wildly as she takes in the victim's unforgettable green eyes. She hasn't seen her in a long time, but she'd know her old friend anywhere. She was the only other person who knew Sasha's secret, so how can Sasha prove her innocence now?

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Crime Thriller

340 pages | Pub Date 19/4/2023 | 9781837902378 | Unagented

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Her Final Breath Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Carolyn Arnold is an international bestselling and award-winning author

Editor's Note

From page one, I realised that this story was going to be Detective Amanda Steele's most gripping and heart-wrenching case yet. Still coping with the loss of her own daughter, Amanda has to find a ruthless killer who is taking vulnerable women and their young daughters. There is as much emotion as fast-paced crime-solving in this next instalment of Carolyn Arnold's unputdownable series, and her fans are going to be absorbed from the first sentence!

Retail Description

Faint sunlight dapples the two figures lying on the ground. The mother cradles her daughter close to her side, a stuffed toy elephant next to them. Leaves from the tall trees fall onto their faces, but neither moves to brush them off.

When a dog walker in a local Virginia park finds the bodies of a mother and daughter, Detective Amanda Steele is first on the scene. Her own daughter has a toy just like the girl's elephant and seeing the child like this is her worst nightmare come true. Heartbroken, she vows to get justice.

They quickly get an ID—Jill Archer and six-year-old Charlotte were reported missing last week, but interviewing Jill's husband, Roy, Amanda's gut tells her he is hiding something. When the autopsy reveals a terrible pattern of bruises, she's certain that a domestic argument escalated out of control, and tiny Charlotte got caught in the crossfire. But just as Amanda is about to arrest Roy, another grave is found, containing another mother and daughter.

Desperate for a lead, she goes to every place the women could have been targeted, and learns from a concerned ER nurse about Leanne Reilly and her young daughter, Gracie, who haven't been heard from in a week. Amanda hopes that Leanne has simply left her deadbeat husband, but she's gripped by the fear that they are the killer's latest victims. Now every second counts for Amanda to find the family and stop a little girl's nightmare before it ends in tragedy...

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

312 pages | Pub Date 17/2/2023 | 9781803147857 | Unagented

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Taken Girls Carolyn Arnold

Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Carolyn is an international bestselling and award-winning author

Editor's Note

When Detective Amanda Steele's niece Ava begs for her help finding a missing schoolgirl, Amanda is pulled into an emotional and twisted case. The girl was taken just before her high school prom, will Amanda find her in time? You never see the next twist coming with Carolyn's electric novels! I cannot wait for readers to be hooked on TAKEN GIRLS!

Retail Description

Music from the busy dance floor echoes into the deserted room where the Prom Queen lies deadly still. A tiara rests on her soft blonde curls, but her face is frozen with fear, and her painted red lips are forever sealed shut in a silenced scream...

When Detective Amanda Steele's niece, Ava, begs her to look for a missing schoolfriend, she immediately agrees to take on the case. Eighteen-year-old Reece left home three nights ago after fighting with her mother and hasn't been seen since. But when the teenager's body is discovered brutally murdered, poised dramatically at the prom venue, Amanda is devastated she didn't save the girl in time.

Haunted by the scene, Amanda dives headfirst into the case. Chasing every lead, she is horrified when she discovers a potential key witness strangled in her own home. It soon becomes clear that the killer will stop at nothing to silence anyone who might reveal their identity. So when Ava mentions she saw someone acting strangely at the prom venue that night, Amanda's heart stops.

And when Amanda's worst nightmare comes true, and her beloved niece is taken, she knows that every second counts to uncover this twisted killer's identity and bring Ava home safely. But can she crack the secrets of this killer's deadly game before it's too late?

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

Readers love the Detective Amanda Steele series:

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

"I already can't wait for the next one! This one pulls you in from the very beginning... The mystery is full of action and twists. I absolutely did not see that ending coming." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

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The Babysitter's Secret Casey Kelleher

Previous Translation Publishers
Baronet Publishers (Czech), Orman Kitap (Turkish)

For fans of The Housemaid, The Widow and The Housewarming

Casey's previous books have sold over 320,000 copies and have reached the top 30 in Amazon UK. I'll Never Tell is a UK Kindle top 100 bestseller.

Editor's Note

This is Casey Kelleher's strongest psychological thriller yet! No one in this story are who they seem, from the new babysitter, to the mother of the family, to the unusual old woman who appears to be losing her wits, everyone has something to hide. But the question is, just how far will they go to hide it...? Casey's stories always have an extraordinary level of drama and tension in them, and this is another claustrophobic corker. It's a gripping, pacy and a twist-a-minute thriller that takes you to the edge of what's feasible for a psych thriller, and then totally delivers.

Retail Description

This family is hiding much more than the truth...

Everything I thought I knew about my life is a lie. My mother revealed a terrible, dangerous secret in her last letter to me. But, with her death, any chance of knowing the truth has disappeared. I'll have to do whatever it takes to find out for myself.

Going back to the house where I was born, I find a family living the life I'd always dreamed of. And when Cecelia, the mother, mistakes me for the new nanny, I seize the chance to move in. Maybe, being in the house every day and night, I will remember more, uncover more, about the secret that haunts me...

But this family is not the happy one it appears from the outside. Cecelia is angry, unpredictable, unstable. She is not the mother these children deserve. They are scared of her, and rightly so.

As my memories start to crystalize, I am ever more determined to shelter them from harm. Because history has a horrible way of repeating itself, and I'll do everything I can to protect these children. But how long can I stay here, undetected, pretending to be someone I'm not? And if the children end up in danger, what will I have to do to save them...?

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

'OMFG what have I just read!!!! I started and finished this book in one day, I couldn't put it down. I felt as if I was physically in each and every page watching everything unfold, my nerves jangling every step of the way. Amazing, amazing story.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Wow, wow, wow!!!! I was hooked from the very first page... There were so many twists and turns in this one. I couldn't keep up. I would definitely recommend it and happily give it 5 Hearts.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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

286 pages | Pub Date 24/5/2023 | 9781837900756 | Unagented

Totally compelling psychological thrillers by Casey Kelleher



The Birthday Reunion Claire Seeber

Previous Translation Publishers

Alfa Yayinlari, HarperCollins Italia S.p.A, W. F. Howes Ltd, S. Simson Ltd, Ediciones B Mexico, Family Leisure Club Hemiro Limited, Sefer Lakol, Libri Könyvkiadó Kft., Mladá fronta a.s

For fans of Big Little Lies, Lisa Jewell and T.M. Logan

Claire Seeber's books have sold over 200,000 copies

Editor's Note

I am so thrilled that we have acquired world all languages for THE BIRTHDAY REUNION, an absolutely twist-laden psychological suspense thriller from author Claire Seeber. What Claire does so brilliantly is take every day domestic situations (the street party and a Saturday sports club for her previous titles) and add a dark undercurrent, shining a light into the simmering resentments and past secrets that exist amongst seemingly ordinary lives. THE BIRTHDAY REUNION is just that - a group of old friends are invited to an opulent Mediterranean villa by a long-lost friend to celebrate her 40th birthday and it seems like an olive branch is being offered. All of the friends have their own reasons for saying yes to the invitation whether it be to make amends for the past or to settle long-held scores.

Retail Description

Four friends. One dream getaway. But who will make it out alive?

When the gold-rimmed invitation arrives through the doors of childhood best friends Simone, Carla and Vicky they're surprised. Their ex-friend Jodie is inviting them to a lavish Mediterranean villa to celebrate her 40th birthday. They haven't spoken to Jodie for years since she betrayed them in the worst way. Is this her way of making amends?

As they decide whether to go, they secretly realise they all have their own reasons for saying yes. Stay-at-home mum Simone had her dream job snatched away. Super private Carla lost the love of her life. Café owner Vicky wants the chance to help a wronged friend. Is the weekend away a chance to confront Jodie and the past once and for all?

Arriving at a villa that looks straight out of a movie set, the friends relax by the sumptuous pool as they wait for the other guests to arrive. But as the chilled wine is poured and the three friends reminisce, they see Jodie walking towards them with a look of shock on her face.

Because Jodie didn't invite them here.

Reviews for Claire Seeber

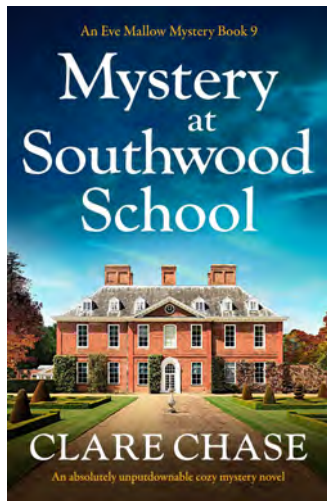
Author Biography

Claire Seeber is a Londoner who started her professional life as a (bad) actress and went on to become a documentary maker, lucky enough to travel the world meeting amazing people. Also writing features for newspapers such as the Guardian and Independent, in 2004 Claire started writing psychological thrillers. The Observer called her first novel, Lullaby, 'a disturbing debut' whilst the Guardian called it 'powerful'. Her third thriller Never Tell became a bestseller, and her six novels have been published in more than twelve different languages.



Crime Thriller

358 pages | Pub Date 18/4/2023 | 9781803149455 | Eli Keren, United Agents



Mystery at Southwood School Clare Chase

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), Luebbe (German)

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Agatha Christie and Betty Rowlands.

**Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 250,000 copies to date, top
15 Amazon US and CA author**

Editor's Note

The ninth novel in the charming Eve Mallow cozy series, which has now sold over 160,000 copies for £400k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. Cozy is having a resurgence as people seek to escape dark times, and Clare Chase delivers a brilliant read every time, with a high star review rating. The series features all the things that work in this genre: a determined, smart, female amateur detective, beautiful locations, cake to die for, and a delightful dachshund sidekick. Each book also features a fascinating setting: in this novel it's an elite girls' boarding school with a large cast of suspects who wanted to teach the murder victim a lesson. In any market where cozy crime is of interest, this series is worth taking seriously. It's one of our top, consistent sellers. German rights are now sold to Luebbe.

Retail Description

Eve Mallow is delighted when she and her best friend Viv are asked to cater Founders' Day at Southwood School. It has a reputation as the best – and most secretive – school for miles around, and Viv has shared many dramatic stories about her time there. Eve can't wait to see what it's really like.

But when they arrive, Eve realises that the atmosphere is far from scholarly. Natalie Somerson, ex-pupil and infamous talk-show host, is the guest of honour, but nobody seems to want her there... especially when her speech stirs up old gossip. So why was she invited?

To make matters worse, Natalie won't leave Eve's boyfriend Robin alone... and when she's found dead, he becomes the police's prime suspect. Determined to prove his innocence, Eve starts to investigate everyone with a stake in the school. Is it the prudish principal, worried about Natalie's influence? Her bitter former teacher, whose life Natalie made miserable? Or the head girl, who seemed to hate Natalie on sight?

With time running out to save Robin's good name, Eve had better study her suspects and unmask the real killer... before they give her a fatal mark!

Reviews for Clare Chase

"Stunning... Loved the story and the pacing and just everything about it... A great story that I couldn't put down.' Crossroad Reviews

'I loved this book... Everything an old-fashioned sleuthing ought to be... I flew through the pages' Shalini's Books & Reviews, ★★★★★ "

Author Biography

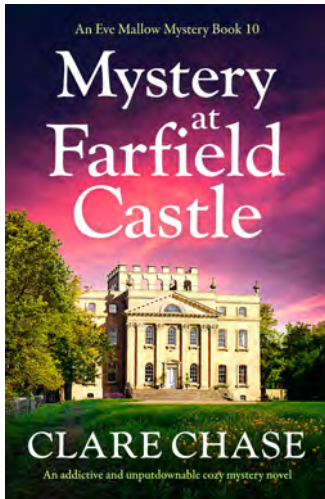
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As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



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 10/11/2022 | 9781803144085 | Unagented

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Mystery at Farfield Castle Clare Chase

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), Luebbe (German)

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and J.R. Ellis

**Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 250,000 copies to date, top
15 Amazon US and CA author**

Editor's Note

Eve Mallow is back in the tenth instalment in this cozy series, which has now sold over 180,000 copies for £475k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. She's one of our most consistent sellers in this genre, delivering everything readers love in this area: a brilliant and mysterious puzzle, a determined, down-to-earth amateur sleuth, gorgeous settings, lots of delightful food and drink, and a dachshund as a sidekick. Her plots combine intriguing locations with a twist: in this novel, the murder takes place on a writers' retreat so there is lots of bookish fun! In any market where cozy crime is of interest, this series is worth taking seriously. German rights are now sold to Luebbe.

Retail Description

Beautiful Farfield Castle is opening its grounds for a party, and everyone in Saxford's invited. But as the champagne flows, the owner takes a fatal fall. Fortunately, amateur sleuth Eve Mallow is on the case!

When novelist Julian Fisher buys Farfield Castle to turn the charming old building into a writers' retreat, he wants the neighbours onside. But he has his work cut out: Saxford St Peter locals tried to buy the castle for the village, and are furious that only the very rich will be able to enjoy it.

At the lavish launch party, Fisher treats the villagers like royalty, but Eve Mallow is distracted by the tension in the air. She watches as Fisher's wife Kitty argues with several guests, almost in tears, before she disappears altogether...

Later that evening, when Kitty is found dead in the castle's icehouse, it's quickly proved to be no accident. With dozy Detective Palmer on the wrong track, Eve can't resist getting involved. Convinced the answers lie inside Farfield Castle, Eve questions an overly inquisitive journalist, Kitty's less-than-loyal husband, and his prickly PA.

But when it emerges that a family heirloom and Julian's computer both went missing on the night of the party, Eve is sure that solving the theft will solve the murder. Who is behind this deadly tale... and can Eve find the killer before she gets written off?

Reviews for Clare Chase

'Plenty of plot twists, red herrings, and misdirection. Kept me in suspense. I loved it!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Utterly delightful!... The perfect cozy murder mystery... Keeps you on your toes!... I highly recommend this to the armchair detectives of the world!' The Two Quills

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Crime Thriller

290 pages | Pub Date 5/5/2023 | 9781803149387 | Unagented

An Eve Mallow Mystery 10



Chase Her Shadow D.K. Hood

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

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

It's Halloween in Black Rock Falls and Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy David Kane are called to a small lodge on the outskirts of town. Jenna is devastated to find the lifeless body of Willow Smith, a military widow whose husband went missing in action and has been presumed dead for years. Her breath catches in her throat when she notices the heart-shaped purple medal on Willow's pale chest. Was Willow clinging to it when she died, or was it placed there after she took her last breath?

Desperately chasing down every lead, Jenna hears that Willow had been receiving silent phone calls in the dead of night. Witnesses say Willow thought her missing husband was trying to make contact. Wishful thinking of a lonely wife consumed with grief, or a heartless killer hoping to terrify her?

Days later, another woman's body is found at the bottom of a perilous ravine. Jenna's worst fear is confirmed the moment she spots a purple medal: a dangerous serial killer is preying on the wives of soldiers from the same platoon, and if she doesn't act fast, more lives will be at risk.

The key lies in discovering what happened to the missing soldiers, and whether any of them made it back alive. But, separated from her team in a secluded forest, Jenna hears a branch snap behind her. She is not alone. Will she be the next victim of a twisted trained soldier on the loose? And how many more grieving widows will have their lives snatched before he's caught?

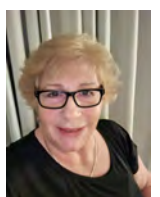
Reviews for D.K. Hood

'Loved it!... Kept me glued to my chair.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... Heart-racing... I loved it and was barely able to put it down... Cracking.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 9/12/2022 | 9781803148991 | Unagented

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Now You See Me D.K. Hood

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

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

When a car belonging to Black Rock Falls' much-loved bartender Maisy Jones is found abandoned on an ice-covered road outside of town, Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy David Kane are called in. The exhaust has been tampered with, which can only mean one thing: someone wanted Maisy stranded on that isolated road...

Finding a red backpack on the same perilous stretch of highway, Jenna hopes it will contain clues to Maisy's whereabouts. But the debit cards inside belong to local teaching assistant, Billy Stevens. He didn't show up for work that day. Billy too has vanished into thin air.

Jenna needs to find Maisy and Billy fast, but her frantic search only throws up another missing person. Canvassing the small town festooned with Christmas lights, Jenna has the impossible task of tracking down a twisted murderer plucking victims from their everyday lives and leaving no trace.

Almost giving up hope, she makes a sickening discovery in the church at the center of town, one that sends shockwaves through the tight-knit community. Everyone is afraid to let their loved ones out of sight. But how many more innocent lives must be lost before Jenna can catch the killer among them?

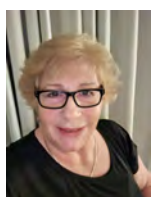
Reviews for D.K. Hood

'Oh wow, I can't say enough about this one!! So good!! Literally had me guessing until the reveal... Captivated.' Sip_andread, ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

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Their Wicked Games

D.K. Hood

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

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

On a secluded path near Black Rock Falls, three bodies lie bloodied and still—the arrows that killed them removed, and polished penny coins carefully placed on their frozen eyes. When Sheriff Jenna Alton and Deputy David Kane are called in, they are shocked to recognise the hallmarks of an infamous serial killer. But he's been in prison for ten years.

Jenna is convinced that the attacker knew the trio and lured them into the forest. But who would want to harm three innocent teenagers? And how does a convicted murderer fit in? Jenna knows she must question James Earl Stafford—one of America's most dangerous killers—if she's to save more innocent young lives.

With Stafford refusing to give answers, Jenna is convinced that a copycat killer is stalking her small town. And her worst fears are realised when a local fisherman discovers another teenager's lifeless body floating in the shallows of a local watering hole with the same penny coins covering her eyes.

As parents panic for their children's lives, Jenna works around the clock to track down the murderer, but little does she know that one of her own team is now being watched. Can Jenna play the killer's wicked game and prevent another life from being taken?

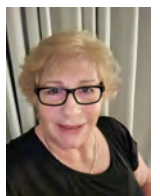
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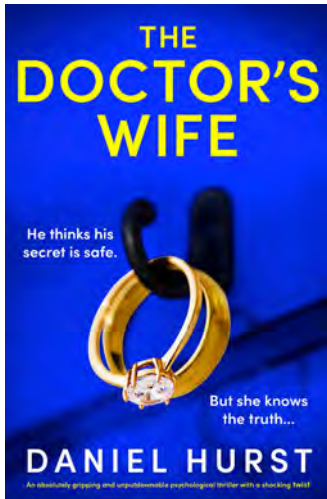
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Crime Thriller

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The Doctor's Wife Daniel Hurst

Previous Translation Publishers
Jentas (Danish), Ersen (Estonian), Spanish, Polish

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 author of a number of bestselling psychological thrillers, including the number 1 chart-topping title *The Doctor's Wife*. Daniel is a prolific self-publisher writer. *The Doctor's Wife* is his first publication with Bookouture and we're hugely excited to launch him on our list. We've grown his audience and taken his success to the next level, securing the number 1 spot in the UK Kindle chart and reaching 28 in the US Kindle chart as well as reaching new readers in audiobook format.

The Doctor's Wife is an addictive, fast-paced thriller exploring secrets and lies within a marriage, it has a series of shocking twists which readers absolutely LOVE!

Retail Description

He thinks his secret is safe. But she knows the truth...

My husband is a doctor. He's smart and charming and everybody trusts him. Except me.

On the surface, it looks like I have it all – the perfect marriage, the perfect husband, the perfect life. But it's far from the truth. Doctor Drew Devlin is not the respectable figure he makes out to be. The reason we moved to this beautiful, old property with a gorgeous view of the sea was because we needed to put our past behind us. It should've been a fresh start for us both.

Except I've discovered my husband has been lying to me again. He's using the power he has in his job to mess with people's lives, and to get what exactly he wants – no matter who it hurts.

But he's underestimated me. I've had plenty of time, in this big, isolated house, to think about all of his mistakes. And my husband has no idea what's about to happen next...

Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'GREAT BOOK!!!!... Truly amazing... I could not stop reading it and absolutely loved it!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... unexpected twists and turns... gripping from the beginning... Keep the lights burning, you will be up late to finish this one!' 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

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The Holiday Home Daniel Hurst

Previous Translation Publishers
Jentas (Danish), Ersen (Estonian), Spanish, Polish

For fans of T. M. Logan, Freida McFadden and Lisa Jewell

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Daniel is a prolific self-publisher writer. *The Holiday Home* is his second publication with Bookouture and we're hugely excited to continue to grow his audience and build upon his success, following the success of *The Doctor's Wife*.

The Holiday Home is an addictive, fast-paced thriller with a series of shocking twists.

Retail Description

The perfect holiday or the perfect nightmare...

I sit sipping champagne in the warm water, bubbles frothing around me as I admire the breathtaking view of gorgeous blue skies and mountains. I can't believe I'm here, at this stunning holiday home. It's to die for...

My best friend and her husband have invited me and my family to their lakeside property for the weekend, to experience their luxury lifestyle. I'm not envious of their wealth, although I know my husband Ryan is. All I want is to escape from our recent troubles and get my marriage back on track.

Then I overhear Ryan having a whispered conversation late one evening, and he says something that sends a shiver down my spine. In this beautiful paradise my whole world is turned upside down.

Just when I think things can't get any worse, I discover a second secret. The truth is even more shocking than I imagine, and now I have no idea who to trust.

This was meant to be the perfect holiday, but someone isn't going to survive it...

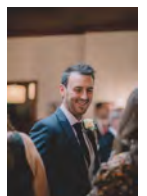
Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow, honestly just wow! Left breathless... I was literally on the edge of my bed... Daniel Hurst is the master of tension, intrigue... Loved every single word. 5 huge stars from me.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wow!... Amazing book... I was on pins and needles til the very end! What a plot twist!... You will not want to put this down. This is a must read!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

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The Marriage Counselor Dea Poirier

For fans of Gone Girl, The Perfect Marriage, The Wife Before Me and anything by Freida McFadden.

Author Dea (D.H) Poirier's previous novel NEXT GIRL TO DIE, hit #1 in the Amazon charts.

Editor's Note

As soon as I began reading The Marriage Counselor, I knew we had an instant hit on our hands. It has everything that I look for in an unputdownable psychological thriller - a fantastically relatable narrator who you just root for from the start, twist after twist and an absolute gut-punch of an ending. It is the kind of thriller that will have you asking "Have you read it" to everyone you meet. We already know that Dea creates incredible female characters - strong women who can hold their own in their male-dominated worlds and the main narrator in this thriller is no exception. Our central character Adele, has a successful job as a marriage counselor. She thought she had a secure marriage herself until she discovers that her husband has been unfaithful. The final twist will leave your jaw on the floor and I cannot wait for readers to discover this!

Retail Description

"Adele, we believe your husband is missing." As everything around me starts to blur, I go over the words once more: "your husband is missing." Four simple words with the power to shatter my whole world in an instant.

Working as a marriage counselor I'm used to the tragedies that come out of nowhere. People trust me to help them through life's big moments. The things that leave you questioning everything you thought you knew about the person you love the most.

But I never thought trouble would land on my own doorstep.

As I start to piece together our last conversation desperate for any clues I can find, the cop standing in front of me reveals that my husband never told his co-workers he was married. He was seemingly living a double life right in front of me.

Days later, as I search through our home, I discover a hidden box of baby clothes that suggest my husband was starting to build the perfect life without me.

My entire career has been built on separating the truth from the lies. My husband may think he has pulled off the greatest lie of all but he is not the only one keeping a secret in this marriage.

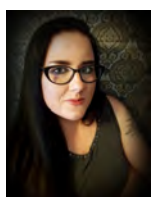
Reviews for Dea Poirier

"OMG the ending... I'm literally on the edge of my seat... Gives you goosebumps." Spookysmazeofbooks ★★★★★

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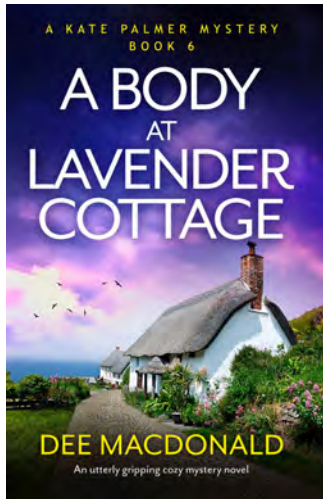
Author Biography

Author Dea (D.H) Poirier is the author of NEXT GIRL TO DIE, which hit #1 in the Amazon charts. She was raised in Edmond, Oklahoma, where she got her start writing in creative writing courses. She attended The University of Central Oklahoma for Computer Science and Political Science. Later, she spent time living on both coasts, and traveling the United States, before finally putting down roots in Central Florida. She now resides somewhere between Disney and the swamp. She spends her days at her day job as a President of Digital Marketing, and her



Crime Thriller

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A Body at Lavender Cottage Dee MacDonald

Previous Translation Publishers
Alpress (Czech)

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

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

Editor's Note

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

Atmospheric, twisty and character-led, this is the perfect series for readers to curl up with. Fans of Agatha Christie, Joy Ellis and Faith Martin will love this series, which is highly reviewed and has over 10 million KU pages read across this series!

Retail Description

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

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

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

But Kate needs to dig up the truth – and fast! – before poor Woody is thrown behind bars. Can she solve the case and save her husband before it's too late?

Reviews for Dee MacDonald

'Addictive... fabulous Cornish-set cosy mystery series... brilliantly plotted... full of clever twists and turns and surprises that keep readers guessing... a terrific British cosy mystery I read in a single sitting... top-notch British mystery!' Bookish Jottings,



'Delightful cosy mystery... I read it in one sitting when I went to bed... and didn't stop until I finished it just after 1am... perfect for fans of cosy reads and Agatha Christie.' Confessions of a Bookaholic, ★★★★★

Author Biography

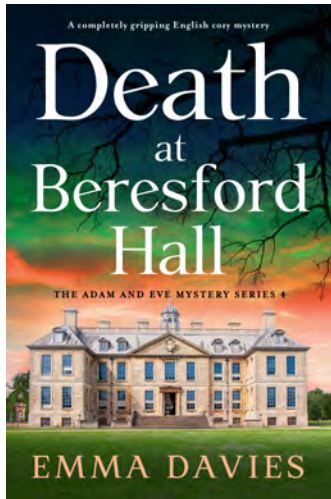
Aged 18, Dee arrived in London from Scotland and typed her way round the West End for a couple of years before joining BOAC (forerunner of British Airways) in Passenger Services for 2 years and then as a stewardess for 8 years. She has worked in Market Research, Sales and at the Thames TV Studios when they had the franchise. Dee has since relocated to Cornwall, where she spent 10 years running B&Bs, and only began writing when she was over 70! Married twice, she has one son and two grandsons.



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 7/11/2022 | 9781803148526 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates

A Kate Palmer Mystery 6



Death at Beresford Hall Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Emma Davies' books have sold over 259,000 copies with Bookouture

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Emma Davies

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

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

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 Shropshire with her husband, three children, and two guinea pigs where she writes full time from a shed in the garden.



Crime Thriller

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

The Adam and Eve Mystery Series 4



Her Fight Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers

The Drew Family series has sold over 45,000 copies, and is an Amazon Top 50 UK bestselling series.

Editor's Note

This is the fifth book in the bestselling new series from the Queen of Gangland crime, Emma Tallon. After one of their own almost brought the family firm down in the last book, there is a war brewing within the family, and whilst they're distracted, a new firm from Manchester threatens to take over everything the Drews have worked for. The first book in this series, Her Revenge, has sold over 12k copies and went straight into the UK top 100 on publication day. Readers are loyal within this genre and already love the cast in this new series, and Emma gets consistently high levels of five star reviews.

Retail Description

Scarlet Drew is hellbent on getting revenge on her cousin Ruby after she exposed Scarlet's illicit affair with a Met detective. Scarlet fears she'll never see her boyfriend again now he's in hiding, and she wants to make Ruby pay.

With all her focus on Ruby, Scarlet fails to notice an old enemy rearing its ugly head. Trapped in an abandoned warehouse on the outskirts of London with her aunt Lily, she realises too late the danger they're in, and that someone has been feeding their most dangerous rival information – someone from inside the family firm...

As the Drews face their most deadly fight yet, they know that with just one wrong move, their entire world could come crashing down. Can they catch the mole working alongside them? And when Scarlet finally gets her hands on Ruby, will she get the revenge she's been waiting for?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'I absolutely love this... Gripping and twisty... Once you start you won't want to stop.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'WOW, what a book... A rollercoaster of a ride... Had me hooked from start to finish.' 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 more books in the London Underworld series.



Crime Thriller

338 pages | Pub Date 13/12/2022 | 9781803143651 | Unagented

The Drew Family Series 5



Death by a Cornish Cove Fliss Chester

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

The Fen Church Mystery series has sold over 35,000 copies. Night Train to Paris, reached number 1 on the Amazon AU charts. Death Among the Diamonds has already sold over 3000 copies to date.

Editor's Note

If you're looking for pure escapism, full of laughter, glamour, mystery and murder, then look no further. In Death by a Cornish Cove, Fliss Chester brings the 1920s to life in a sparkling, playful, utterly captivating murder mystery by the sea. Think Agatha Christie meets Downton Abbey. This is one not to miss!

Retail Description

A seaside party at a Cornish mansion with plenty of fizz, what could be more perfect? But something fishy is afoot... a killer lurks among the guests, and only Cressida Fawcett can stop them.

When Cressida Fawcett is invited to stay at Penbeagle House on the Cornish coast for a fancy-dress ball, she is looking forward to sipping rum cocktails clad as a pirate, watching the red-sailed boats go by and relaxing in the sea air with her good friend Dotty. But before they can raise their glasses to toast Cressida's former flame Lord Canterbury's engagement, he drops dead in front of the horrified guests.

The local doctor determines that Lord Canterbury was poisoned, and soon Detective Chief Inspector Andrews is on his way from Scotland Yard. But Cressida is dismayed by the murder of the intrepid explorer who once asked for her hand in marriage, and she cannot simply leave the case to the police. Together with Dotty and her little pug Ruby, Cressida searches for clues only to discover that many of the guests have a motive for murder. Did an irate journalist or a bitter fellow explorer send Lord Canterbury on his untimely final journey?

And when a young maid is found dead, floating in the shimmering waters of the cove, Cressida knows time is running out to catch the killer. Could a clue hidden among some rather pungent crab sandwiches help her solve the case before there is

Reviews for Fliss Chester

'I absolutely loved it... Clever, funny, charming.' T E Kinsey, best-selling mystery writer of the Lady Hardcastle series

'What a rip-roaring adventure!... A classic whodunnit... kept me hooked from start to finish.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

274 pages | Pub Date 9/2/2023 | 9781837900336 | Emily Sweet, Emily Sweet Associates

A Cressida Fawcett Mystery 2



Death in the Highlands Fliss Chester

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

Third in the Cressida Fawcett Mystery series (5K copies and 1.1M KU pages read). From the author of The Fen Church Mystery series (35,000 copies sold).

Editor's Note

Agatha Christie meets Downton Abbey in the atmospheric Scottish Highlands in Fliss Chester's latest Golden Age adventure. Cressida Fawcett is among a glamorous hunting party, when news comes – the previous Laird of the castle they are staying in, has been found dead in a locked turret. It becomes clear the murder is still among them, and with the police days away, Cressida and Ruby the pug start investigating. Filled with wit and laughter, and as twisty as the strange passages underneath the castle that could hold the key to solving the mystery, this cozy crime will have you suspecting every one of the high society guests along with Cressida as she races to find the killer before any more of their group are picked off...

Retail Description

Socialite Cressida Fawcett has been invited to cast her interior design eye over the Derys family's new seat, Ayton Castle, in the Scottish Highlands. Thrilled to be spending the summer at the historic estate, Cressida fills her suitcase with this season's hunting jackets – and some tartan for her little pug Ruby of course!

But before the party are ready to tramp through the glens, shocking news puts paid to their plans. Hamish Glenkirk, former owner of Ayton, has been found dead inside a turret room of the castle. The door was bolted from the inside, and the room is three storeys up, surrounded by impenetrable stone walls... How did the murderer get in? And out?

With Detective Andrews of Scotland Yard at least a day's journey away, Cressida knows she needs to get to the bottom of this case – and fast. There's no end of suspects among the hunting party. Could it be the local doctor, whose wife left him for a fling with the now-dead laird? Or is the gamekeeper hiding secrets under his kilt?

Just as Cressida is closing in on the truth, a blood-curdling scream echoes through the mist. Another member of the party, and one of the suspects, has been shot. With a wee dram in hand, can Cressida find the killer before the bagpipes play for another victim?

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Crime Thriller

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A Cressida Fawcett Mystery 3



The Housemaid's Secret Freida McFadden

Previous Translation Publishers

N29 (Icelandic), Bookzone srl (Romanian), Dioptra (Greek), Heyne (German), Alma Dos Livros (Portuguese), PRH (Spanish), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Publish & More (Hungarian), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Arab Scientific (Arabic), City Editions (French), Poznanskie (Polish), Newton Compton (Italian), VBK (Dutch), Otava (Finnish), Balto

For fans of The Woman in the Window, The Wife Between Us and The Girl on the Train

The Housemaid has sold over 200,000 copies and has more than 170M pages read in KU. A UK Amazon #2, US Amazon #1 bestseller.

Editor's Note

The Housemaid's Secret is the absolutely explosive and unbelievably twisty sequel to global publishing phenomenon, The Housemaid. Five years after the events of The Housemaid, our protagonist Millie thinks she can build a 'normal' life for herself, training as a social worker and working for another wealthy family... but how wrong she is! Thrown into another dangerous, unpredictable and dark situation, Millie's unshakable sense of justice and willingness to take huge risks in order to protect herself and other vulnerable women is the key driver in this wild ride of a novel. In The Housemaid's Secret, Freida McFadden's fiendishly clever plotting; her dark wit; and ability to create shock on every single page is on full display. Pressing The Housemaid's Secret into the hands of everyone I know is my mission for 2023!

Retail Description

"Don't go in the guest bedroom." A shadow falls on Douglas Garrick's face as he touches the door with his fingertips. "My wife... she's very ill." As he continues showing me their incredible penthouse apartment, I have a terrible feeling about the woman behind closed doors. But I can't risk losing this job—not if I want to keep my darkest secret safe...

It's hard to find an employer who doesn't ask too many questions about my past. So I thank my lucky stars that the Garricks miraculously give me a job, cleaning their stunning penthouse with views across the city and preparing fancy meals in their shiny kitchen. I can work here for a while, stay quiet until I get what I want.

It's almost perfect. But I still haven't met Mrs Garrick, or seen inside the guest bedroom. I'm sure I hear her crying. I notice spots of blood around the neck of her white nightgowns when I'm doing laundry. And one day I can't help but knock on the door. When it gently swings open, what I see inside changes everything...

That's when I make a promise. After all, I've done this before. I can protect Mrs Garrick while keeping my own secrets locked up safe.

Douglas Garrick has done wrong. He is going to pay. It's simply a question of how far I'm willing to go...

Reviews for Freida McFadden

"I could NOT put it down!... An incredible roller-coaster ride... This book left me hungry for more and I could not believe the ending!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"One wild ride!... So many twists and turns... I was hooked right away – I even read my Kindle while waiting in my kid's school pick-up line so I wouldn't have to put this book down!... addictive... pure perfection!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

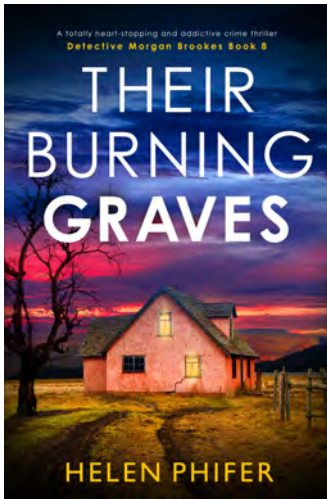
#1 Amazon bestselling author Freida McFadden is a practicing physician specialising in brain injury who has penned multiple Kindle bestselling psychological thrillers and medical humour novels. She lives with her family and black cat in a centuries-old three-story home overlooking the ocean, with staircases that creak and moan with each step, and nobody could hear you if you scream. Unless you scream really loudly, maybe.



Crime Thriller

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The Housemaid 2



Their Burning Graves Helen Phifer

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

87,000 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

WHAT an opening! The body count racks up to 6(!) in the first two chapters, and then it's up to Morgan to stop a completely twisted killer before it climbs any higher! An incredible new addition to Helen's bestselling series!

Retail Description

They are picture perfect. A young, happy family sat around the kitchen table. But no one moves as wisps of smoke filter into the room and the house becomes a burning grave around them...

When reports come in of a family trapped in a burning house, Detective Morgan Brookes rushes to the scene. But as soon as she enters the ruined home, she is devastated by what she finds. Tied to the kitchen table, Sally and David Lawson, and their young son, had no chance of escaping the flames and the smoke...

Neighbours all agree the Lawsons were the perfect family, and CCTV shows nothing suspicious. Morgan's only clue is the silver crucifix necklace around Sally's neck. Because according to friends, she wasn't religious. Was someone passing divine judgement on this mother and her family Focusing on Sally's last steps, Morgan gets the breakthrough she needs – just days ago Sally had confided in a friend that she felt someone was watching her. And when Morgan finds photos of Sally on her neighbour Luke's phone, all the pieces slot together.

Only then another local woman reports feeling watched. Nothing seems to link her to Luke, but Morgan can't ignore it. Could the killer still be out there? Going deeper into Sally's past and uncovering the killer's motivations is her only chance to save more innocent lives, but can she solve the twisted puzzle in time?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Impossible to put down. I could not stop reading this book! It hooked me immediately.' Tove Reads, ★★★★★

'Utterly brilliant... One of my absolute favourite detective series. As soon as I started reading this book I just knew I would be so engrossed that nothing else around me mattered until I got to the final chapter.' @Leona.oMahony, ★★★★★

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

282 pages | Pub Date 19/12/2022 | 9781803147284 | Unagented

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Murder at the Charity Ball Helena Dixon

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

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

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

Editor's Note

Kitty Underhay's latest mystery had me gripped to the page! Her wedding is just days away, but all is in turmoil when Kitty's father, the roguish Edgar Underhay, gets arrested for murder! Helena's characters are so vibrant, her settings enchanting and her murders devilishly twisted, this really is the perfect series, and now having sold over a quarter of a million copies, it's clear that readers everywhere agree!

Retail Description

Kitty Underhay is dancing... with death.

Winter 1934. Kitty Underhay is enjoying a night off from wedding planning as she attends a charity ball at the home of Lady Eliza Foxley. She's excited to see her father, roguish Edgar Underhay, who is a guest in the house. But the evening of cocktails and waltzing turns into a dance macabre when Edgar finds their lively, fun-loving hostess dead, strangled by her own silk stocking.

Who has made this uncharitable donation to the evening's entertainments? When suspicion falls on Edgar and he is arrested for murder, Kitty has to act fast if she doesn't want her father walking her down the aisle in shackles. Together with her fiancé Matthew, they vow to clear Edgar's name and discover who used hosiery to commit homicide.

Lady Eliza's widowed sister is the main beneficiary of her will, but before Kitty and Matt can question her, she is struck down by a severe case of poisoning. Time is running out for Kitty to solve this case and make it to the church on time. But with a devious killer on the loose, will she end up leaving as a newlywed, or newly dead...?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I could not put this down!! I read this in one sitting. I need more than 5 stars for this book! I absolutely loved it!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Nobody does tension and crime thriller writing quite like she does. Some books are guilty pleasures, she's guilty of being a superb writer (and an inspiration).' Rob Rinder

Author Biography

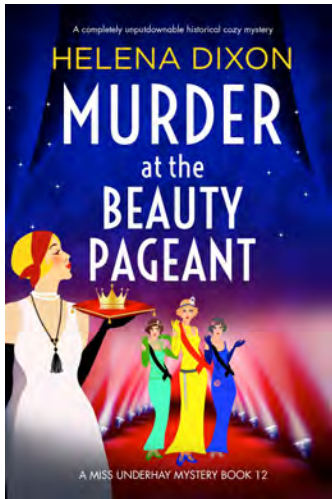
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

254 pages | Pub Date 20/1/2023 | 9781803143002 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

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Murder at the Beauty Pageant Helena Dixon

Previous Translation Publishers

Vintage Editore (Italian), Softpress (Bulgarian), Eesti Raamat (Estonian)

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

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Editor's Note

I adore cozy mysteries and arriving as a very lucky new editor to the Kitty Underhay series, I've had such a treat. Kitty and Matt's first case as a married couple is just as twisty as I'd hoped – there is a mysterious poison pen letter writer, a fabulous character named Preacher Bob and an exciting beauty pageant in the middle of it all. With over a quarter of a million copies sold, and stand-out reviews, readers agree. Murder at the Beauty Pageant is the perfect place to dive into the Miss Underhay series!

Retail Description

Kitty Underhay is awarding first place... to murder.

Spring, 1935. Kitty Underhay is delighted to be hosting the Miss Dartmouth Jubilee beauty pageant at the Dolphin Hotel. Excited to see gorgeous gowns and terrific talents, Kitty is horrified when contestant Peggy Blaine is discovered murdered in the bandstand of the local park, stabbed with an ornate paper knife. Was jealousy over a sash and diamante tiara a motive for murder?

The day before the event, a spate of spiteful anonymous letters arrived, warning of dire consequences for anyone involved with the show. The new police inspector had ignored them, but when Kitty's husband Matt discovers that Peggy received a similar missive the morning of the performance, they vow to track the letter writer down. With help from a local newspaper, they find religious scaremonger Preacher Bob. He is clearly their poison pen – but Bob has a beautiful alibi for the murder...

As Kitty questions the other entrants, she discovers Peggy wasn't as innocent as she'd seemed and several of the other girls wished her harm. Convinced they are getting closer to the truth, Kitty is shocked when another young competitor turns up dead after an apparently accidental overdose. Can newlyweds Kitty and Matt see this wicked murderer brought to justice before he claims another victim or is their number up at last...?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

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'I cannot put it down... I tore through this book!' Goodreads reviewer

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Crime Thriller

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Only Girl Alive Holly S. Roberts

For fans of Melinda Leigh, Kendra Elliott and Lisa Regan

A USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

Holly S. Roberts is a USA Today bestselling author and I'm thrilled to be publishing her first crime series. Set in Utah, this series delves into the world of Mormon communities and the secrets that happen behind closed doors. The series is headed by Eve Bennet, a detective who grew up within a Mormon family and was kidnapped by her own mother to break her free from the restrictions of her faith. Eve is still coming to terms with her own past in the first book and her nemesis, her non-biological brother Aaron, who is now a town elder, is her constant antagonist. As she investigates the murders of four members of one family, Eve is haunted by her own past but she must put all of that aside to find the killer before anyone else is murdered.

Retail Description

Detective Eve Bennet takes a steadying breath as she enters the main bedroom of the Tanners' modest home in the tight-knit town of Hildale. Mrs Tanner's high-collared nightgown and her long plaited blonde hair are soaked in blood. Next to her, Mr Tanner's hands are clasped together in a final prayer.

Filled with dread, Eve forces herself towards the children's rooms. But instead of two children, she only finds one. Where is the youngest daughter, Hannah? And why are there long scratches across the walls?

Eve tracks Hannah down to her uncle's house nearby. But he won't let her step foot in the house. Eve knows what it's like to be held captive by a family member, and fears for Hannah's safety. What is he terrified Hannah might reveal?

Back at the Tanner home, Eve makes a shocking discovery in the dust covered attic. Mr Tanner was hiding a dark secret from the rest of the community—the kind of secret someone would kill for.

Realizing another family could be in danger, Eve runs from the house and stumbles into the path of the one man she spent years trying to forget— and he won't let her get away this time. Can Eve escape the evil that has haunted her whole life? And will she catch the killer before another innocent family is murdered?

Reviews for Holly S. Roberts

'Had me hooked... Fantastic... Utterly compelling... The big reveal totally blindsided me. My jaw was on the floor.' Emma's Biblio Treasures, ★★★★★

'UNPUTDOWNABLE... ADDICTIVE... Wow!!!!... The hairs on my arms were standing on end and my heart was pounding... Omg, the twist!!! I DID NOT see that coming!!!!... I cannot remember the last time I was so hooked... I read this in one sitting... I could not put it down!!!!... Absolutely hooked!!!!... I LOVED IT.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

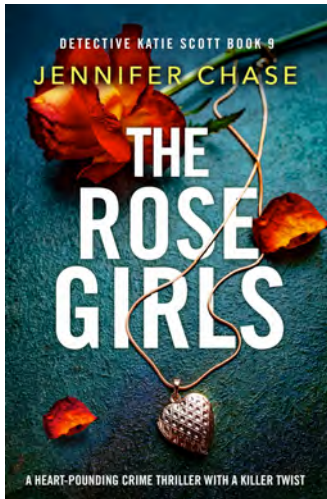
Holly Roberts began writing to alleviate stress in her day job, that of a homicide and sex crimes detective. Romance was her go to genre because she required a happy ending. She also touched on cozy mysteries. Now that she's retired and her mind at peace, she decided to delve into crime thrillers using her background and thirst for research to write the Eve Bennet series. Holly has two movie/television options under her belt for her amazing life story. Part of the reason is Holly became a police officer at age 45 and led two high profile cases, one involving a serial killer.



Crime Thriller

274 pages | Pub Date 13/1/2023 | 9781837901876 | Unagented

Detective Eve Bennet 1



The Rose Girls Jennifer Chase

For fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh

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

Editor's Note

Diving into the world of cults, this explosive crime thriller is Jennifer Chase's most daring and emotionally charged to date. Readers who love fast-paced action and a twist at every turn will be hooked. And don't even get me started on that ending.... WOW.

Retail Description

When Detective Katie Scott receives a plea from neighboring Coldwater Creek to help with a tragic murder, she doesn't hesitate. Fifteen-year-old Ivy Miller's body was found tied naked to a tree, a freshly inked pink rose tattoo on her arm. The word "MORE" carved into her back means sweet Ivy could be the first of many...

Katie's heart aches for the young girl whose life ended before it had even begun. But she has her work cut out with the inexperienced PD fumbling the case at every turn. There hasn't been a murder in this small town for as long as anyone can remember, but why will none of the locals cooperate? Katie's only clue is a blurry photograph of Ivy's long-missing mother found in Ivy's bedroom. If she can find out where it was taken, Katie knows she'll have the first clue in a mystery that has been haunting Coldwater Creek for years.

But Katie's world crashes down when Ivy's two best friends are found murdered in the same woods days later. Inked with the same pretty flower, the rose girls were keeping a deadly secret. Katie will never forgive herself for not making the connection in time. As mothers cling to their daughters, terrified to let them out of their sight, Katie's search leads her to an abandoned building deep in the forest where the last photo of Ivy's mother was taken. But will she survive long enough to stop more heart-shattering tragedies?

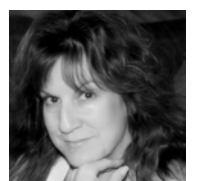
Reviews for Jennifer Chase

'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, ★★★★★

'Edge-of-your-seat suspense to the very end! ... Clear your schedule... you will not want to put it down!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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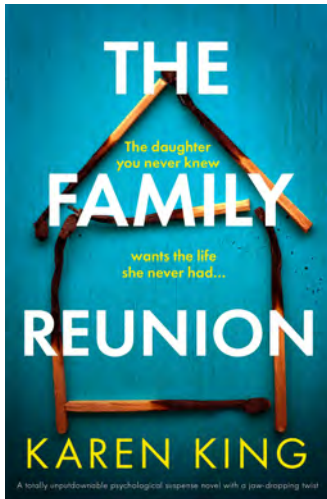
Jennifer Chase is a multi award-winning and best-selling crime fiction author, as well as a consulting criminologist. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in police forensics and a master's degree in criminology & criminal justice. These academic pursuits developed out of her curiosity about the criminal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



Crime Thriller

360 pages | Pub Date 6/2/2023 | 9781803149325 | Unagented

Detective Katie Scott 9



The Family Reunion Karen King

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Mark Edwards and KL Slater

Karen King has sold over 115,000 copies to date and reached the
Amazon UK Kindle top 50

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Karen King

'Wow!!!!!!... I want to say how shocked and speechless I was by that ending. No way I would've guessed that one. That last chapter really got me... Almost gave me a heart attack... Oh my. I couldn't put this down and raced through all the chapters... Time literally flew... I loved every minute of it.' Bluemoonblogger, ★★★★★

'Wowzers... Addicted... Didn't stop until I'd finished... Amazing twists... Blows everything out of the water!... Fast-paced, gripping, and filled with intrigue' @staceywh_17, ★★★★★

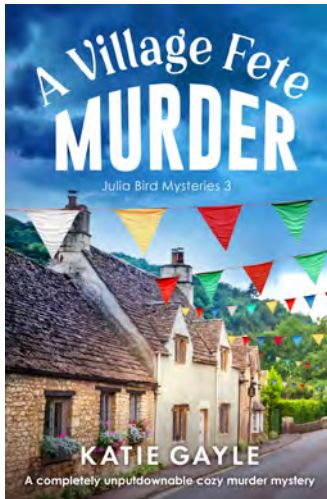
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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A Village Fete Murder Katie Gayle

Previous Translation Publishers
Lind & Co (Norwegian, Swedish & Danish)

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

Over 33,000 Katie Gayle novels sold

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

Reviews for Katie Gayle

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

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



Crime Thriller

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

Julia Bird Mysteries 3



The One Who Fell Kerry Wilkinson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Elly Griffiths, Ann Cleeves and LJ Ross.

Previous title The Child in the Photo has sold 50,000 copies and reached the Top 5 on the Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

I'm so excited to be publishing this very special mystery series from bestselling, award-winning crime author Kerry Wilkinson as he turns his hand to a brand-new project: a series of mysteries set in a small seaside town, where nothing is as 'normal' as it seems. Our main character, Millie, is the perfect amateur sleuth as she teams up with journalist Guy Rushden to get to the bottom of a strange event witnessed by an elderly woman in a home. There's such an incredible sense of warmth and humour in these books, from the quirky residents of the care home to Millie's dry wit, contrasting beautifully with the darker threads of this story – the crimes going on at the heart of this little community, and the rumours that Millie was responsible for her parents' deaths... a must-read for any mystery fan!

Retail Description

When an elderly woman claims to see a girl being pushed off a roof one winter night in Hollicombe Bay, no-one believes her. Ingrid sometimes thinks her husband is still alive. She must have been confused. Nothing like that ever happens here.

But Millie West, volunteer at the nursing home, knows how it feels not to be believed. Since her parents' deaths, she's been haunted by rumours she was involved. Investigating Ingrid's claim is a welcome distraction. And only one person can help...

Journalist Guy Rushden lives alone in a house full of old newspaper clippings, up on the wind-whipped cliffs. When Millie knocks on his door – the daughter of his former best friend, lost to suicide – he jumps at the chance to solve a new mystery.

With Guy's contacts, Millie starts asking questions. Who lives in the house the girl was pushed from? Why is there a broken roof tile found in the driveway? And why did a spate of break-ins in the safe Hollicombe Bay start the night the girl was seen?

It soon becomes clear Millie has uncovered something very dangerous. Coming home one night, a window is open she swears was closed. Footprints appear in the garden. Someone is watching her every move. How far will they go to keep her silent? Can she really trust Guy is on her side? And will she ever find the girl who fell: or is it far too late?

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

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Crime Thriller

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A Whitecliff Bay Mystery 1



The One Who Was Taken Kerry Wilkinson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Elly Griffiths, Ann Cleeves and LJ Ross.

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Editor's Note

In the second book of bestseller author Kerry Wilkinson's Whitecliff Bay series, our amateur sleuthing duo Millie and Guy confront a strange mystery from Millie's past. When she was just a teenager, Millie's best friend was kidnapped and tied to a tree in the local woods. Now, someone has returned the shoes she was wearing that night... what message is someone trying to send? This deliciously compelling mystery combined with the claustrophobic, small-town atmosphere of Whitecliff Bay, and the drama going on in Millie's life as she battles with her ex-husband and deals with local rumours she killed her parents, make this a must-read for all fans of mystery fiction!

Retail Description

The moonlight streams through the branches, falling on the girl's shining blonde hair as she slumps against the rough bark tree. Her eyes are closed, her wrists tied. As consciousness fades, her last thought is of her best friend, and how much she regrets what she did...

Seventeen year old Nicola Bridges is found by her frantic parents, traumatised but mercifully alive, tied to a tree with her hair cut and her shoes stolen. She has no memory of what happened.

Twenty years later, Millie West comes home to find an old pair of shoes strung up in her garden. She recognises the battered Converse as belonging to her old best friend Nicola. They haven't spoken since that terrible night out in the woods. But does this mean Nicola's kidnapper is back? And who will they take next?

To find the truth Millie must delve into painful memories and confront a betrayal that tore her friendship with Nicola apart – all the while fighting to keep her own son. But can she find Nicola's kidnapper before more young girls are taken? Or is Millie herself in terrible danger?

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Crime Thriller

276 pages | Pub Date 17/4/2023 | 9781837900848 | Unagented

A Whitecliff Bay Mystery 2



The Ones Who Are Buried Kerry Wilkinson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Elly Griffiths, Ann Cleeves and LJ Ross.

Previous title The Child in the Photo has sold 50,000 copies and reached the Top 5 on the Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

I absolutely raced through this atmospheric, totally compelling and unputdownable mystery from bestselling author Kerry Wilkinson. In the isolated moors above Whitecliff Bay, a dark secret is hiding... a man in prison is the only one with answers, and our amateur sleuths Millie and Guy are the only ones he'll talk to. Every book in this series blows me away with Kerry's endless invention and ability to craft clever, twisty plots, as well as weave an ongoing series arc about Millie and the mystery of her parents' deaths. Compulsory reading for all mystery fans!

Retail Description

Up on the desolate moor, she tightens her coat against the bitter wind. The man she followed here points to a rock embedded in the mossy earth. 'This is the place.' But when they dig, what will they find?

Everyone in the small seaside town of Whitecliff knows the name Kevin Ashworth. Two boys disappeared thirty years ago – and although local teacher Kevin never admitted to knowing where their bodies are, he's been in prison ever since.

Now, Kevin is finally ready to talk: but only to amateur sleuth Millie Westlake and journalist Guy Rushden. With the families of the boys desperate for answers, Guy and Millie are led to a lonely spot on the moors above Whitecliff. They're on the moors expecting to find bodies... but what if they find something even more terrifying?

Reeling from their discovery, as Millie scours the local countryside and speaks to heartbroken families what she discovers changes everything she believes about Whitecliff and the people who live here. With rumours about her own dark past still haunting Millie, can she ever get justice for a decades-old wrong? Or as she gets closer to finding out who else Kevin has hurt, will she learn that some secrets are destined to stay buried?

An absolutely addictive mystery read that fans of LJ Ross, Mary Burton and Faith Martin won't be able to put down.

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

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Crime Thriller

314 pages | Pub Date 17/4/2023 | 9781837901371 | Unagented

A Whitecliff Bay Mystery 3

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The Ones Who Are Hidden Kerry Wilkinson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Elly Griffiths, Ann Cleeves and LJ Ross.

Previous title **The Child in the Photo** has sold 50,000 copies and reached the Top 5 on the Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

The fourth instalment in this delicious mystery series brings us back to Whitecliff Bay, a small seaside town where nothing is as it seems – and where our protagonist Millie is drawn in to yet another baffling mystery. This time, two apparent strangers notice their bodies are adorned with a tiny, daisy-shaped tattoo... but they have no memory of ever being tattooed. Have they had these markings for life? As Millie unravels a dark secret at the heart of this the woods next to this sleepy town, we also see her personal life collide with the dark secrets in her past. Kerry is the master of a witty, fast-paced mystery novel and this series is a total delight!

Retail Description

Millie is picking up her son when his teacher asks if she's ever seen anything like the marking he's noticed that looks like a small tattoo of a flower – except Oliver has no tattoos and definitely didn't get it himself.

He has no idea how long it's been there...

The only clue is an online post from six months before, where a woman has the same marking and is asking what it might be.

If anyone can help, it's Millie – because it's true that weird things follow her around. Except she has her own problems — when a chance visit to the corner shop explodes in a way that might change life forever.

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

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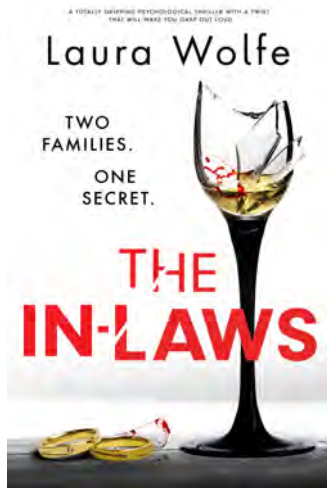
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Crime Thriller

284 pages | Pub Date 15/5/2023 | 9781837903498 | Unagented

A Whitecliff Bay Mystery 4



The In-Laws Laura Wolfe

For fans of Gone Girl, The Marriage, and The Silent Patient.

Two Widows sold over 10,000 copies within a month of being published

Editor's Note

I can't stress this enough: this book has a twist you REALLY won't see coming. And then another. And then ANOTHER. By the end, if readers' jaws aren't all on the floor, I'll be astounded. One of our strongest thriller writers, with plots that blow your mind, and characters who leap off the page, this is one not to miss!

Retail Description

It was supposed to be the perfect family weekend away. How could I have known that not all of us would get out of it alive...

As soon as I met Pete, I knew he was the one. Sure, our backgrounds are wildly different, but from our first date underneath the stars I've known we were destined for each other.

Now we're finally planning our dream wedding. But there's one big problem standing between us and "I do": our parents, who hate each other. So I thought a weekend away hiking would be just the thing. Surely if we all spend some quality time together we can be the big perfect family I've always dreamed of?

But then everything starts to go wrong, and as tensions rise we receive a terrible threat...

By then it's far too late, as I realize we should never have come here in the first place. Because there's more than just our wedding on the line... by the end of the weekend one of us won't make it out alive.

And I have to face the truth: is the killer closer to home than I ever could have imagined? Are they actually one of us?

Reviews for Laura Wolfe

"WOW!! Just wow!!... Mind-blowing, jaw-dropping, gripping... Once you pick up the book you just can't put it down... My jaw was locked open... Never did I imagine that ending." Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews ★★★★★

"OH. MY. GOD... Excellent... Increased my heart rate... Kept me on my toes from the very beginning... The reveal at the end is a true bomb-drop." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

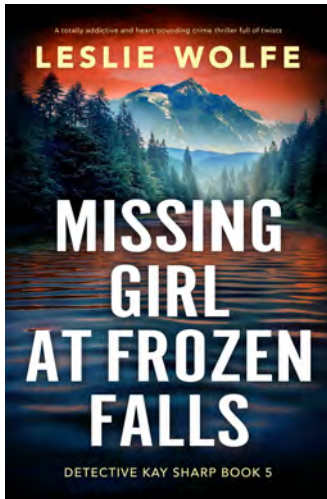
Author Biography

Laura Wolfe's fascination with things that go bump in the night probably stems from having watched too many scary movies when she was younger. She is an active member of multiple writing groups, including Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, and International Thriller Writers. Laura enjoys living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband, son, and daughter. She can often be found hiking through local nature trails, eating vegetarian food, or doting on her rescue dog.



Crime Thriller

280 pages | Pub Date 26/1/2023 | 9781803149172 | Unagented



Missing Girl at Frozen Falls Leslie Wolfe

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Leslie Wolfe

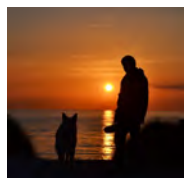
'Woah! The pace is relentless... Pretty dang amazing. Another brilliant read in the series... Fantastic... The twists and turns were so gripping I was glued to my Kindle. This book starts with a bang and kept me hooked until the very end... Definitely gave me goosebumps... It really is a nail-biting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

'I stayed up literally all night reading this and I was hooked into the book! Can't wait to read the next one soon!'

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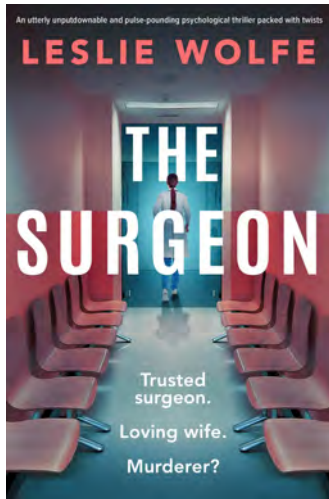
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Crime Thriller

328 pages | Pub Date 29/11/2022 | 9781803149691 | Unagented

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The Surgeon Leslie Wolfe

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Freida McFadden, Shari Lapena and The Girl on the Train

**From the author of the best-selling Detective Kay Sharp series
(130,000 copies sold and 81M KU pages read).**

Editor's Note

Leslie Wolfe returns with her most ambitious, most accomplished and most high-concept novel yet. In this first psychological thriller published by Bookouture, Leslie has created a truly addictive story and an unforgettable cast of characters. Filmic in its execution, packed with jaw-dropping twists, this breathless page-turner challenges the reader to question when justice should be taken into one's own hands, and the fine line between love and revenge. Bringing to life the medical world – with the lead character who is a surgeon – as well as the worlds of law and politics, this is an intelligent, razor-sharp and slick psychological thriller that just has to make it onto our TVs!

Retail Description

Trusted surgeon. Loving wife. Murderer?

Before my world came crashing down, I had it all. The successful career I dreamed of. The beautiful red-brick home where I could relax in front of the fire. The handsome, devoted husband whose blue eyes and charming smile always made me feel safe.

As I call time of death, my voice is steady. My colleagues stand hushed around me, their eyes on me, confused, concerned.

I have never lost a patient until today.

My hands tremble inside their gloves. I slide down the cold tiled walls, my heart racing in my chest.

I have never hated a patient until today.

But what choice did I have, once I recognized him?

And what will I do to protect myself, if someone learns the truth?

Reviews for Leslie Wolfe

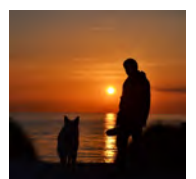
"Wow!!!!... absolutely page-turning psychological thriller!!!!... will shock you over and over again!!!!... absolutely addictive."

Bookworm86, ★★★★★

"I was clinging to it word for word!... suspense, intrigue, action, murder, mystery, betrayal, and some crazy twists and turns!... kept me glued to my Kindle!... Definitely don't miss out on this one!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

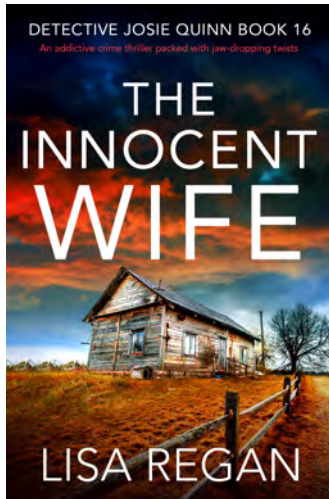
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Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 8/3/2023 | 9781837902705 | Unagented



The Innocent Wife Lisa Regan

Previous Translation Publishers

Weltbild (German), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Grada (Czech), Kariera Press (Russian), Publicat S.A. (Polish), Sofoklis Publishers (Bulgarian), Meulenhoff Boekerij BV (Dutch)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

The Detective Josie Quinn series has sold over 2.8 million copies. Lisa Regan is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

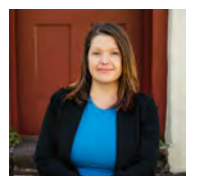
Reviews for Lisa Regan

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

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

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Crime Thriller

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Close Her Eyes Lisa Regan

Previous Translation Publishers

Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Grada (Czech), Kariera Press (Russian), Publicat S.A. (Polish), Sofoklis Publishers (Bulgarian), Meulenhoff Boekerij BV (Dutch), Olimpos (Turkish)

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Editor's Note

In this instalment of Lisa Regan's multi-million copy bestselling series, we dive into the past of the series' much-loved pathologist, Dr Anya Feist, in a dark and twisty rollercoaster ride into the mind of a killer vying for her attention.

Retail Description

A body lies beside Kettlewell Creek, the waters rushing and churning next to her broken form. When Detective Josie Quinn and her team arrive at the scene, they find few clues and a victim with no enemies. Nineteen-year-old Sharon Eddy was cherished by her beloved grandmother, who raised her, and her death shocks the Denton community where she worked at the local animal hospital.

When Josie is called to the morgue to hear the results of Sharon's autopsy, the case takes a sinister turn. A mark has been burned on to Sharon's left hip with a cattle brand: a horseshoe shot through with an arrow. Shaken and terrified, the usually cool and collected Medical Examiner Anya Feist lifts her own top to reveal an identical mark. Ten years ago, she fled her hometown after her marriage to her high school sweetheart ended in terror.

But Josie and her team can find nothing to connect Anya's ex-husband Vance Hadlee to the murder. Their search of his family farm leads to more questions than answers.

Then another body is found. A young woman in a red coat, dumped like garbage in her final resting place, her hip bearing the same tell-tale horseshoe mark. As Josie gets closer to finding the truth, the killer creeps ever closer to home, threatening the lives of those Josie loves the most. Can she put together the pieces of this terrifying puzzle before it's too late?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

'WOWZER!... Best to clear the day and binge this amazing book. At one point I thought I figured it out but I was completely wrong!... Wow!' @fieldstone_lfi, ★★★★★

'Mind-blowingly twisted... I rushed breathless to the end, and I got knocked out by that 2 by 4 I never saw coming... Kept me glued until the end... Brilliant.' @biatchcanwriteabook, ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

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The Scottish Ladies' Detective Agency Lydia Travers

For fans of the mysteries of Helena Dixon, Verity Bright, T.E. Kinsey and Catherine Coles.

Editor's Note

When Maud McIntyre and her lady's maid set up a private detective agency in Edinburgh, they never dreamed that their first investigation would involve a notorious jewellery thief and a... murder. But when Maud and Daisy go undercover at the glamorous house party of Lady Duddingston, Maud as a guest and Daisy as a housemaid, they soon realise that all is not as it seems. And when a dead body is discovered, and diamonds are found missing, Maud and Daisy have a real killer on their hands. Speeding through the Scottish highlands in pursuit of the criminal, will Maud and Daisy apprehend the culprit before it's too late, or will another murder take place?

Retail Description

When Maud McIntyre sets up her own private detective agency, she never imagines her first case will involve murder... A mystery in the Highlands? The Scottish Ladies' Detective Agency is on the case!

Edinburgh, 1911: When Maud McIntyre and her lady's maid, Daisy, form a detective agency, they never dream their first case will take place at a glamorous house in the Scottish Highlands. But when the Duchess of Duddingston, concerned that a notorious jewellery thief will target her lavish weekend party, employs Maud to go undercover as a guest to find the culprit, the agency has its first case to solve...

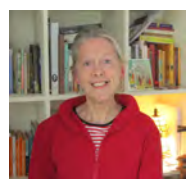
Undercover with Daisy as her maid, Maud follows a trail of clues across the Duddingston House estate. And as she meets the weekend guests, she hopes one of them will reveal themselves as the jewellery thief. But when one of the house guests is discovered dead, Maud and Daisy realise they're not only hunting precious gems, but a murderer...

As Maud and Daisy investigate, they realise that a connection in Edinburgh might hold a vital clue that will help them solve the case. Travelling back to the city, Maud hopes that what she and Daisy uncover will help them piece together the murder mystery at Duddingston House...

Reviews for Lydia Travers

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 by the family dog.



Crime Thriller

304 pages | Pub Date 27/4/2023 | 9781803148663 | Unagented

The Scottish Ladies' Detective Agency 1



Murder in the Scottish Hills Lydia Travers

For fans of the mysteries of Helena Dixon, Verity Bright, T.E. Kinsey and Catherine Coles.

Editor's Note

In the second book in the Scottish Ladies' Detective Agency series, Maud McIntyre and her lady's maid have another case to solve! This time, when travelling into the highlands, a body falls from a train and it's up to Maud and Daisy to solve the mystery. But will they be able to catch the murderer before they strike again?

Retail Description

When Maud McIntyre and her lady's maid Daisy travel into the Scottish Highlands, the last thing they expect to find is a body on the train... Will these keen amateur sleuths stop a murderer in his tracks?

Edinburgh, 1911: When Maud McIntyre receives a letter from a maid called Rose, sharing her suspicions that something strange is happening in the house where she works, she and her assistant Daisy immediately travel to the Highlands to investigate.

But as they are changing trains, the body of a man falls from the carriage right in front of them, a bullet in his head. Maud and Daisy can't believe it – they've waited ages for a new case, and now one has literally landed in front of them! And when the local police rule the death as a tragic accident, the pair have no choice but to investigate what they believe is a murder...

Arriving in the Scottish village, Maud and Daisy go undercover to begin their hunt for the murderer, while also investigating the strange behaviour of Rose's employer, a local art dealer. As they begin to piece together the chain of events, Maud and Daisy wonder whether the cases might be linked. Is it possible the man on the train was killed to cover up something in the village? And, if so, who would do such a thing?

Reviews for Lydia Travers

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 by the family dog.



Crime Thriller

282 pages | Pub Date 26/5/2023 | 9781837901838 | Unagented

The Scottish Ladies' Detective Agency 2



What They Saw M.M. Chouinard

Previous Translation Publishers
Golden Time (Korean), AST (Russian)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Gregg Olsen

M.M. Chouinard has sold over 400,000 copies to date, has hit #15 on Amazon Canada and was a US top 100 bestseller

Editor's Note

This gripping crime novel is one I will never forget. It goes to the very heart of complex issues in the criminal justice system in a nail-biting case that is painfully close to home for the lead Detective. With a ticking clock as the team work to prevent the next morning's murder, this will have readers staying up until the wee hours.

Retail Description

Next to the lake's dappled water, a woman lies on her yoga mat, her limbs twisted as if she is trying to crawl away. Her mug of tea steams into the cool air and her lips, still warm, are parted mid-sentence. But she will never speak or see again...

When Sandra Ashville is found murdered in a sleepy town near Oakhurst, Detective Jo Fournier is first at the scene. Jo is shaken by the similarities between herself and the dead assistant District Attorney, a dedicated woman with a heart for justice. And as she examines Sandra's body, Jo discovers something that chills her to the bone: the bullet hole is covered by an intact blindfold. Why was Sandra only blindfolded after her death?

The very next morning Jo receives a shocking call. A judge has been brutally killed, before she too was blindfolded. Soon it becomes clear that the twisted serial killer is working with a deadly countdown: every morning, another body will be found. Working around the clock, Jo makes an important break-through: all the victims are connected to the same murder trial. And Jo's dear friend and partner Bob Arnett could be next...

With the next morning rapidly approaching, Jo and her team pull out all the stops to catch the killer. But when she uncovers a stain of corruption that includes Bob, Jo faces an impossible choice. Can she trust her partner, when the evidence suggests he turned a blind eye to a grave miscarriage of justice?

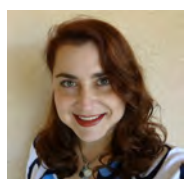
Reviews for M.M. Chouinard

'WHAT did I just read!!!! WOW!!! I mean seriously Wow!!!!... MASSIVE WELL DONE... had me hook line and sinker!!!!... Clear your schedules as you will not be able to put it down!!!!... an absolutely page turning must read that will leave you wanting more!!!' Bookworm86 ★★★★★

'MY HEART IS RACING ... beyond brilliant... simply astounding.' KKEC Reads ★★★★★

Author Biography

M.M. Chouinard's first fiction story was published in her local paper when she was eight, and she fell in love with Agatha Christie novels not long after. While pursuing a Ph.D in psychology and helping to found the first U.S. research university of the new millenium, the stories kept rattling around inside her skull, demanding to come out. For sanity's sake, she released them. She's currently at work on her seventh novel.



Crime Thriller

354 pages | Pub Date 16/11/2022 | 9781803147185 | Lynnette Novak, The Seymour Agency

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Little Lost Dolls M.M. Chouinard

Previous Translation Publishers
Golden Time (Korean), AST (Russian)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Gregg Olsen

M.M. Chouinard has sold over 400,000 copies to date, has hit #15 on Amazon Canada and was a US top 100 bestseller

Editor's Note

In M.M. Chouinard's new, thrilling novel, fan favourite Detective Jo Fournier faces a twisted serial killer targeting pregnant women in an utterly pulse-pounding race against time. Jo finds herself helping her brother-in-law's former mistress, a friend of the first girl to go missing. This makes things as complex as you'd imagine in Jo's personal life! Once you start reading Chouinard's gripping page-turner, you really won't be able to stop and the twists just keep coming!

Retail Description

The young woman lying on the forest floor looks like she's dreaming; her brown hair fanning out into a crown around her head, her hands clasped over her breast. She could be sleeping—if it weren't for the brutal slash across her neck...

It's autumn in Oakhurst when Detective Jo Fournier rushes to local beauty spot, Crone Ridge Woods, desperately hoping to find a missing pregnant woman alive. Instead, she discovers Madison Coelho dead, killed in the spot where she loved to read books. Madison looked after her sick mother and studied at community college, who would have wished her harm?

Madison's mother is utterly broken by her brutal murder, but she cannot give Jo any insight into the tiny doll pushed into her daughter's hand. Supposed to bring luck to whoever finds it, is it a coincidence or a warning from the killer? The body of another pregnant woman is found soon after, holding an identical plastic baby. Jo is devastated that she was too late and is determined to catch this cruel monster before he can steal more innocent lives.

As the local community begins to panic, Jo and her team work round the clock to keep other pregnant women safe. The call logs of the murdered expectant mothers give Jo the clue she desperately needs, but her heart splits in two when another woman goes missing. Can Jo find her first, or is the killer pulling them both into a deadly trap?

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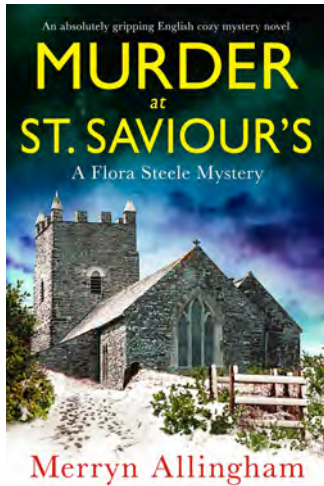
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Crime Thriller

322 pages | Pub Date 4/5/2023 | 9781837900695 | Lynnette Novak, The Seymour Agency

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Murder at St Saviour's Merryn Allingham

Previous Translation Publishers
WYDAWNICTWO WAM (Polish), City Editions (French)

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

Merryn has sold over 80,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

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

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

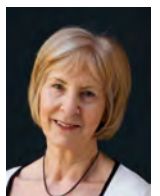
Reviews for Merryn Allingham

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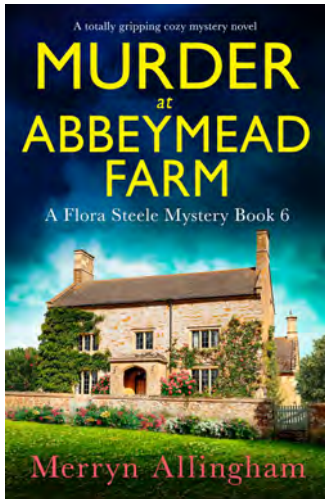
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Crime Thriller

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Murder at Abbeymead Farm Merryn Allingham

Previous Translation Publishers
WYDAWNICTWO WAM (Polish), City Editions (French)

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

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Editor's Note

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And Flora and Jack have become firm favourites with readers of this genre!

Retail Description

Sussex, 1957: When Flora and Jack hear that Percy Milburn – a newcomer to the area who has ruffled more than a few feathers with his grand plans for modernising Abbeymead – is missing, they're determined to find him. But after scouring the village, Flora is shocked to discover the body of the poor man in the cellar of a crumbling farmhouse.

Percy's murder is tragic but not unexpected, as his ambition had made him many enemies within the small, rural community. Flora and Jack get stuck into the case, but they're sent on a wild goose chase around the village. Whoever is behind the death has taken careful steps to cover their tracks...

Was it Miss Minnie Howden, the nervous housekeeper who loved Percy? Sir Frederick Neville, the owner of the farm Percy was trying to buy? Or Colin Palmer, made rich by Percy's death? Did any of the suspects dislike Percy enough to end his life? The amateur detective duo finds themselves outfoxed at every turn, unable to find any concrete clues. When their prime suspect is murdered, Flora and Jack have their work cut out to find the culprit. But the clever killer has pulled the wool over their eyes and is reeling them ever nearer to danger.

Will this case finally bring Flora and Jack closer together? And can they unravel the mystery before they're led like lambs to the slaughter?

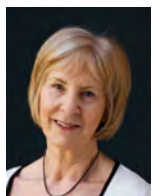
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Crime Thriller

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A Flora Steele Mystery 6



The School Trip Miranda Smith

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Ruth Ware, Lisa Jewell and Shari LaPena

Miranda sold over 157,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Miranda Smith returns with another brilliantly tense psychological thriller. When her daughter goes missing on a school trip, recently widowed Emma is desperate to get her child back, but increasingly worried that she's been targeted for a reason... Miranda delivers both an incredibly gripping read, and a clever and nuanced exploration of modern life and family dynamics. Has Emma, struggling to keep her head above water, failed to give her daughter enough time and attention? Is she right to feel guilty about her husband's death? What drives people to desperate actions, and are we all more capable of them than we think? There are no easy answers, but there is excellent emotion and compelling suspense in this upmarket thriller from an author who's now brought in over £250k in revenue.

Retail Description

I race across the fields in the gathering dusk. "Claire!" I cry, hearing my voice echo. "Claire!"

Every October, the school where I work takes a trip to a local farm, to pet the animals and search for the perfect Halloween pumpkin. This year is even more special, as my daughter Claire is coming. She's so excited, and we really need some fun time together after what we've been through.

But the day turns dark when one of the children goes missing. I leave Claire safe with another teacher to join the search, desperately scouring the fields and playgrounds. When at last we find little Katy, lost in the corn maze, I am light-headed with relief.

I return to the rest of the group to hug my daughter tight. But Claire is nowhere to be seen. Whoever took her waited till I was distracted. Whoever took her must be someone I know.

But who could want to punish me this badly? Is it linked to the night I refuse to think about, the night my husband died?

I'll do anything to get my daughter back. But if the truth comes out, I might already have lost her...

Reviews for Miranda Smith

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

"My heart beat so fast!... Just perfect!... A rollercoaster!... Like OMG!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

280 pages | Pub Date 13/4/2023 | 9781837900558 | Unagented



The Stay-at-Home Mother Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

From the author of *The Family Across the Street* (over 300,000 copies sold) and Amazon UK (#3) and Amazon US (#8) bestseller.

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

Her chest tightens, her heart speeding up. The kitchen is chaos. She steps on something hard, and looks down. Toy dinosaurs are scattered everywhere. But her son is nowhere – her baby boy is gone.

The police arrive. She can't look at her husband. Instead, she studies the network of lines on her shaking hands.

Then her phone beeps with a voice message. 'Listen to it on speaker,' says the detective.

A woman's voice fills the air.

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

Reviews for Nicole Trope

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

244 pages | Pub Date 3/1/2023 | 9781803149103 | Unagented



The Snow Graves Roger Stelljes

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Robert Dugoni and Melinda Leigh

Over 180,000 copies sold of the Agent Tori Hunter series and over 11,000,000 KU page reads. Over 670,000 copies sold of the self-published McRyan Mystery Series

Editor's Note

The fifth instalment of Agent Tori Hunter's action-packed adventures in Minnesota is no ordinary police procedural. In a Killing Eve-esque setup, when a young couple is shot dead a series of clues are delivered to Tori Hunter by an anonymous, revenge-driven female killer in a series of tantalising phone calls and close encounters. Tori is forced to confront the darkest side of herself, and wrestle with the true meaning of justice, all against the beautifully atmospheric backdrop of Minnesota's vast lakes and pine forests. Roger Stelljes is a fiendishly clever plotter and has the ability to ramp up the tension with each and every scene, escalating to a totally breathless conclusion. An incredible read!

Retail Description

The little girl screams silently as she takes in the scene before her. It's Daddy, her own daddy who swung her around so happily just this morning. Except the light has left his face. There's no smile playing on his lips. And all around is a shiny red pool...

Early on a winter morning, a deaf six-year-old girl is found abandoned, shivering on a park bench. When two students bring her to FBI Agent Tori Hunter, Tori immediately sees the girl is in danger... and signing to her, learns that little Emily recently witnessed the horrific murder of her own father.

All Emily saw was a person in a mask – she's sure it was a woman – before a man at the scene rushed her away and left her on the bench. When Tori's partner finds what looks like a hit-and-run scene on a lonely highway, Tori races to the car owner's address: and finds a scene of devastation. A whole family has been shot dead—Emily's family.

Now Tori is in a race against time to track down a woman strikingly similar to a killer the FBI long thought was dead. A killer that will stop at nothing to prevent anyone from being able to identify her... and who will soon be closing in on little Emily too. Can Tori protect this sweet girl before it's too late?

Reviews for Roger Stelljes

'A great read. It was a fast paced quick read that I didn't want to put down. I'm already looking forward to his next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'WOW, this was a good mystery, fast, moving, keeps you guessing the whole way through. All the characters make it so interesting... I've read and thoroughly enjoyed all of Roger Stelljes books. He knows how to reel you in and keep your interest to the end. Enjoyable, entertaining!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

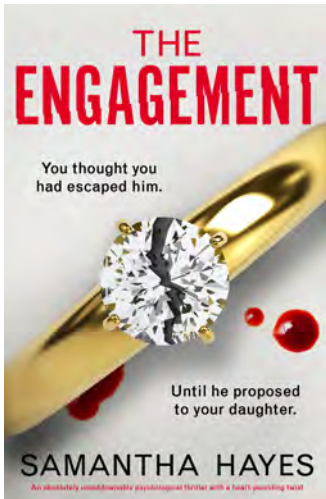
Roger Stelljes is the acclaimed New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of pulse-pounding murder mystery and suspense novels, including the Tori Hunter and McRyan Mystery Series. His debut book, The St. Paul Conspiracy, was nominated in genre fiction for the Minnesota Book Awards. With his follow-up, Deadly Stillwater, he won the Midwest Independent Book Publishers award for commercial fiction. Born and raised in Minnesota, Roger still lives there with his family. In addition to his work as an author, Roger is a partner in his law firm.



Crime Thriller

416 pages | Pub Date 10/3/2023 | 9781837901524 | Unagented

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The Engagement Samantha Hayes

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

Samantha Hayes has sold over 670,000 copies to date.

Editor's Note

Back with another sizzling one line hook, this psych thriller taps into every parent's worst nightmare. And watch-out for not one, but TWO MASSIVE TWISTS that will have you picking up your jaw from the floor and wanting to read the book all over again to see how you could have been so easily fooled. NOT TO BE MISSED.

Retail Description

You thought you had escaped him. Until he proposed to your daughter.

'There's someone I want you to meet,' Belle says, as a man draws up to her side. He's tall with dark hair and stubble on his square jaw. He's dressed in expensive-looking clothes – tan trousers and a fitted navy shirt. He's not exactly smiling, but the corner of his mouth curls upwards as he slides his hand around my eighteen-year-old daughter's waist.

I grab my husband's arm to steady myself as my heart kicks into a thunderous gallop. I'm frozen. It's as though I'm under water. The room spins around me. I stare into his eyes – jet black. Nothing and everything hidden behind them. Fear prickles my skin as I remember what he did. How I only just escaped. All the lies I've had to tell since.

'I want you to meet Jack,' Belle says, bouncing up and down with excitement. 'He's my fiancé.' She rests her head on his shoulder. 'Isn't it exciting? We're engaged!'

I have to stop this.

If I don't, I'll lose everything...

Reviews for Samantha Hayes

'Wow!!!!!! Loved!!!!!! Unforgettable!!!!!!... a jaw-dropping ending that I never saw coming, not in a million years.' Blue Moon Blogger,
★★★★★

'THIS. WAS. INCREDIBLE... Nail-biting... Kept me up way past my bedtime. I was sucked into the drama and couldn't put it down. I cannot find a single flaw... Every plot twist had me gasping... A wild ride... Gosh this was incredible.' @mariaareadss,
★★★★★

Author Biography

Samantha Hayes grew up in a creative family where her love of writing began as a child. Samantha has written eight thrillers in total, including the bestselling *Until You're Mine*. The Independent said "fantastically written and very tense" while Good Housekeeping said "Her believable psychological thrillers are completely gripping." Samantha's books are published in 22 languages at the last count. She is also studying for a degree in psychotherapy. She has three grown-up children and lives in Warwickshire.



Crime Thriller

340 pages | Pub Date 10/1/2023 | 9781803148816 | Oli Munson, A.M. Heath



The Daughter-in-Law Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Over 1.9 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

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

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Shalini Boland

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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



Best Friends Forever Shannon Hollinger

Previous Translation Publishers
Libreria pienogiorno (Italian)

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Paula Hawkins and Freida McFadden

Shannon is a prolific self-published author who we're delighted to be publishing. Her psychological thrillers are character-driven, with intense, claustrophobic domestic settings that lend themselves

Editor's Note

This is an almost outrageously twisty and dark psychological thriller. It combines the best of intricate friendships, teenage drama and family secrets with a hot, Florida setting and an unsolved murder from years ago. A strong, hooky psychological thriller, it has crime elements too, but the main draw is the claustrophobia that you feel when reading it - the town, where everyone knows each others' secrets, is in the middle of a heatwave that seems to never end, lies upon lies are destroying families and friendships, and the unsolved murder seems more and more likely to be one of a series of murders, by one of the main characters. It's a fantastic, plot-twist a minute tale, and one that I have really high hopes for!

Retail Description

I emerge from the trees, drenched in sweat, my voice lost as I take in the scene in front of me. The blood. The body. Emma's eyes meet mine for a second. "It was an accident," she whispers.

Emma and I were childhood best friends. We did everything together. Until that terrible night in the woods. I couldn't tell anyone what I'd seen. We never discussed it, but our bond was too strong; I could never betray my best friend. Even if she had killed someone. But I also couldn't stay in town and watch her live a normal life, knowing what she'd done. So I left.

Now, ten years later, I'm back. The guilt and the fear have stayed with me. And I have realized I need to reveal the truth if I'm ever going to move on.

But I never get the chance. Because the day I turn up, Emma is found dead, and the way she died means I start to doubt everything I thought I knew about that night all those years ago.

As my grief turns to anger at all those lost years of friendship, I realise with horror that Emma might not have been the only killer. Someone else is out there. Someone who was close to us both, someone who knew the smallest details of what had happened back then. Who from our small town could have murdered not once, but twice? And who's next...?

Reviews for Shannon Hollinger

"Wow! I totally loved this book! Such a fabulous read!... kept me gripped from beginning to end. Great tension, twists and huge reveals! Can't give this enough big stars. Highly recommend." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"The ending was completely highly unexpected and twisted that I literally was like OMG... a twisted and unputdownable thriller that will keep you at the edge." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

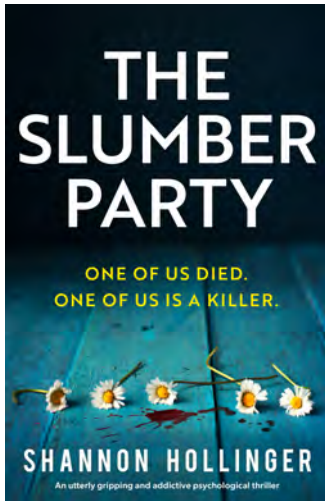
Author Biography

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, playing butler to a demanding terrier, or pinned under a pile of unpublished manuscripts.



Crime Thriller

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The Slumber Party Shannon Hollinger

Previous Translation Publishers
Libreria pienogiorno (Italian)

Perfect for fans of The Night She Disappeared, Girl A and The Housemaid

Shannon's thrillers are dark, twisting and propulsive. She is a prolific writer with fantastic cross-Atlantic appeal.

Editor's Note

Another brilliant, dark and gripping psychological thriller from Shannon Hollinger, this story focuses on a group of teenage girls who's lives are thrown into uproar by the events on one night many years ago. Reunited for the first time years later, they quickly realise all is not what they thought about that night, when one of them died. With crime elements, this psych thriller has central female friendships gone wrong, relationships up in the air, secrets galore both past and present, and an unravelling that will leave the reader gasping in shock.

Retail Description

My hands tremble as I unfurl the handwritten note. "I'm back. Did you miss me?", it says. A wave of dizziness crashes over me. My best friend can't be back. I know that because she's dead.

We always swore nothing could break us, the friends who had each other's backs, no matter what. We were everything to each other. Until we weren't, until the night of the party when one of us died. And one of us became a killer.

I've been living quietly since marrying my dependable high-school sweetheart, raising my beloved daughter and staying out of trouble. I still see those friends from long ago around our small Massachusetts town, eyes sliding past as we avoid each other. We swore never to tell, we just couldn't keep our friendship alive with the secret lying so heavily on us.

But it seems the past has a way of holding on to us, drawing us together again. Because I've received a note. I'm coming home, it says, I can't wait to see you. But she can't come home. She's dead. And we've been hiding the killer ever since.

So who has sent the note? What do they know? And, most terrifying of all, what do they want with me...?

Reviews for Shannon Hollinger

"LOVE, LOVE, LOVED THIS BOOK!!... OMG!!!!... MIND BLOWN... Wow!!!!... Had me hook, line and sinker from beginning to end... Absolutely hooked!! I LOVED it." @bookworm86, 5 stars

"This book sucked me in and didn't let go, I couldn't put it down... I can't say how many times my jaw dropped and I said "NO WAY!"!" NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

Author Biography

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Crime Thriller

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The Homemaker Shari J. Ryan

Previous Translation Publishers

Dobrovský (Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), The House of Books (Dutch), Forlaget Zara ApS (Danish), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (IPC) (Hungarian), Arkadya (Turkish), Dressler Dublin SP ZO.O (Polish)

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

From the author of The Bookseller of Dachau (18,000). Previously published titles have sold over 100,000 copies, with 8.5M KU pages

Editor's Note

Have you ever wondered what's really going on next door? Why the nosy neighbour across the street is always prying into everyone's business? What secrets are hiding behind the curtains and locked doors? This is what Shari J. Ryan explores in *The Homemaker*, when Jenna is led to believe her baby died in childbirth- only for the reader to learn that her husband is gaslighting and drugging her, and her baby is in fact across the road, being held by her neighbour...*The Homemaker* is such an accomplished psychological thriller, and it's beyond impressive that it's the author's first foray into the genre. The plot is so intricately woven, the twists are totally mind-blowing, and the characters feel utterly real. It's not just a gripping, pulse-pounding read, but it's a moving, thought-provoking and timely novel, sure to take the market by storm and to set readers'

Retail Description

Having a baby was my lifelong dream. How could I have known it would turn into my worst nightmare? They warned me the first few days of motherhood would be exhausting, but I'm so deliriously happy, I don't mind one bit.

Smiling, I glance at the baby blue blanket I crocheted. I've never knitted a thing in my life, but I was determined to make my newborn his very first blanket—a one-of-a-kind welcome home gift. I tug the rocker closer to me, unable to resist peeking at my beautiful baby boy.

I pull back the blanket. It feels like my heart flatlines. He's not here.
Sweat beads on my forehead and my limbs turn to ice.

"Where is he?" I cry, my whole body trembling, the wind knocked out of me. "Where is my baby?"

I don't understand how he's not in his crib. I don't know who could have taken him. I can't even trust my own husband, who keeps telling me we don't have a baby. But I know that he's real. He has to be. And I will stop at nothing to get him back...

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"5 ++++ Stars (ALL THE STARS!!) Incredible! Incredible! What a journey!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"THIS BOOK IS AMAZING!!!!... I've read lots of books by this author and loved them all but this one really stands out for me!... This book... I'm still at a loss for words." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Shari J. Ryan is a USA Today Bestselling Historical Fiction writer. Her desire to write stories revolving Jewish livelihood during World War II stems from being a descendant of two Holocaust survivors. In 2016, Shari began writing her first Historical Fiction novel, *Last Words*, a story about a lifelong journey through the eyes of a Holocaust survivor. With two character related books to follow, Shari quickly found a new passion to share untold World War II stories within a fictional setting.



Crime Thriller

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Her First Child Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers

Euromedia (Czech), Garzanti (Italian), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Polish)

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

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

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, with consistently high reviews on Amazon. She has 22 top 100 chart rankings across her books, and *The Affair* reached 6 in the US charts. This is a UK-set psychological thriller about mother daughter relationships and the power a mother can have over her own child. It will have readers asking if they can really trust those closest to them.

Retail Description

A perfect mother. A loving daughter. A secret that could destroy them both.

When I walk into my small family home after a long day at work, I find my mother in the living room, playing happily with my precious baby son, and my heart begins to race.

I've imagined this moment a thousand times. Who wouldn't want their mother to meet their first grandchild? But I haven't seen my mother for years, and there's a good reason...

My son's laughter and my husband's tired eyes convince me to let her stay – give her another chance – and soon I start to soften. She's so good with my little boy, and we appreciate the extra pair of hands.

But then one terrible night, I have to make a call no mother wants to make. As I clutch my boy going limp in my arms, waiting for the ambulance, I have to ask if I was wrong to trust my mother, or if I've misunderstood everything entirely...

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'WOW, WOW and once again WOW!... Crackin'... Utterly gripping... Will keep you flipping the pages at a pace... I felt I was right there with every situation, fully immersed in the drama. I loved this book... 5 stars just doesn't do it justice. BRILLIANT!'

@nikiprestonbookreviewer, ★★★★★

'Ohhhhh I loved this. It genuinely kept me on edge and certainly kept me guessing... Seriously, get in your cosy chair, hot drink, get those feet up and read this book!!' @bookstagramshaz, ★★★★★

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

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My Husband's House Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers

Euromedia (Czech), Garzanti (Italian), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Polish)

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

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Retail Description

As Naomi unpacks boxes, she takes in her new family home. It isn't the house she imagined living in, but when husband Ben had called to tell her he'd found their dream home, she couldn't say no. So what if the place gave her the creeps the first time she walked in? She will learn to love it.

Meeting their new neighbours, Sara and Paul, Naomi hopes they will become good friends. But she feels uneasy as she sees them watching her family a little too closely. And why does Sara seem to have a problem with Ben? They couldn't possibly know each other – could they?

When Naomi hears about her new home's terrible history from Sara, she begins to wonder if their house is the happy new start she had been dreaming of. A young girl went missing from the very room she's standing in. When she mentions it to Ben, she gets the sense he already knows about the missing girl....

Naomi thinks the move was a mistake, and her fears are realised when a stranger knocks on the door one evening. When Naomi opens the door and hears what the stranger has to say, her whole world changes forever. Can she uncover the truth buried behind the walls of her new home or did she just put her family in danger?

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

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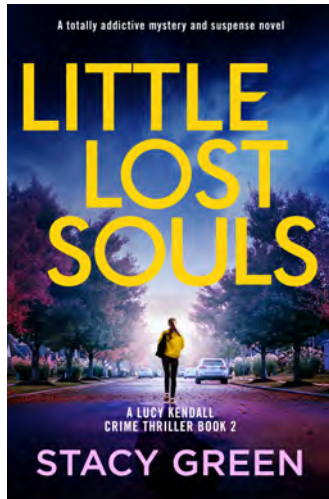
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Crime Thriller

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Little Lost Souls Stacy Green

Previous Translation Publishers
Mystery Press (Czech)

For fans of Rachel Caine, Lisa Regan and Robert Dugoni.

Over 250,000 Stacy Green books sold

Editor's Note

Previously self-published by author as SEE THEM RUN.

For fans of Karin Slaughter and Lisa Regan, LITTLE LOST SOULS is the second in the smash-hit Lucy Kendall series featuring brilliant maverick detective Lucy Kendall, determined to save the lives of lost young teenagers who are disappearing off the streets of Philadelphia. Written at a cracking pace, LITTLE LOST SOULS is both gripping and heartbreaking - and as Lucy met some incredibly dark characters, I feared for her life as well as the lives of the teenagers she was determined to save. The twist at the end of the book is one of the most astonishing I have ever read and one I really didn't see coming. Stacy is a USA-today bestselling author and we are thrilled to be introducing this excellent series to a raft of new readers!

Retail Description

To save the lost children of the city, she must put herself into terrible danger...

On the streets of Philadelphia, as the snow falls and black ice settles in dark back alleys, lost and vulnerable teenagers are being snatched off the streets. When one of them is found alive, Private Investigator Lucy Kendall knows she will never forget the sight of the boy's brown eyes, forever dulled. She vows to find the monster behind the suffering.

Desperate to save the lost children of the city, Lucy goes into the dark places where the police cannot. But when a key witness is found dead, and a strand of Lucy's long red hair is located near her body, Lucy suddenly finds herself under suspicion and on the run.

The chief of police knows all about Lucy's own dark past and is convinced she's guilty. Hiding in the shadows, unable to trust anyone, Lucy continues her search for the real killer. At last, in a dangerous suburb of the city, she befriends vulnerable fifteen-year-old Riley, who claims to know who the murderer is.

But when Riley disappears, Lucy must race to find the twisted soul responsible for snuffing out the lives of these little lost souls before another innocent girl is taken. Lucy is determined to get justice even if it costs her freedom... or her life.

Reviews for Stacy Green

"Totally blown away!... First, Stacy Green's writing style is totally mesmerizing then add a story that grabs you and holds on and characters that totally capture your heart... This book is amazing, no words from me will ever bring across how truly good it is! A true thrill ride!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Holy crap! READ THIS BOOK. Amazing. I'm starting the third one now." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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A Lucy Kendall Crime Thriller 2



The Girl in the Cabin Stacy Green

Previous Translation Publishers
Mystery Press (Czech)

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

Over 250,000 Stacy Green books sold

Editor's Note

With almost 200,000 copies sold of her Detective Nikki Hunt series, THE GIRL IN THE CABIN is the third in the explosive Lucy Kendall series.

When the body of a sixteen-year-old girl is found in a remote hunting cabin, it has the hallmarks of a terrifying female serial killer with a personal connection to Lucy. Fans of Lisa Regan and Kendra Elliott will be hooked on this compulsive series with its dark, page-turning plots.

Retail Description

She can stop the killing. But at what price?

When the body of a sixteen-year-old girl is found in a remote hunting cabin in the middle of the snowy Maryland woods a shiver runs down Private Investigator Lucy Kendall's spine. The handprints around her neck, her broken bones, and the incense left burning at the scene are vital clues to who committed this terrible crime—Mary Weston, a notorious serial killer. She has outwitted the police for many years and left many parents without daughters. Is the girl in the cabin a sign she is killing again?

Working closely with the police, Lucy is determined to catch this evil woman. But when the bodies of three other teenage girls are found in remote locations, it's almost like Mary is toying with them. Lucy is determined to bring her to justice before more innocent lives are snuffed out.

But then Mary's son Chris—one of Lucy's closest friends—disappears. Lucy is convinced Mary is responsible, and she will do anything to find him. So when Mary sends Lucy a message asking to meet her alone, Lucy knows that she must face her darkest fears and risk her own life. She is the only person who can stop Mary. But what will she need to sacrifice?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"ANOTHER HOME RUN FOR STACY GREEN!!!!... This story will have you on the edge of your seat so fill up your coffee thermos because you won't want to sleep until you know what happens." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"This book is captivating. I just could not put it down!!!!... This was a fast-paced, sit-on-the-edge-of-your-seat, bite-your-nails psychological thriller... I WANT to give this book more than 5 stars!!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 30/1/2023 | 9781803149769 | Unagented

A Lucy Kendall Crime Thriller 3



The Lonely Girls Stacy Green

Previous Translation Publishers
Mystery Press (Czech)

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Lisa Gardner and Robert Dugoni

Over 250,000 Stacy Green books sold

Editor's Note

THE LONELY GIRLS is the final instalment in the explosive Lucy Kendall series.

When Lucy's closest friend is abducted and Lucy is sent some silver coins by her abductor, Lucy has no choice but to play a sadistic killer's game.

Fans of Lisa Regan and Kendra Elliott will be hooked on this compulsive series with its dark, page-turning plots.

Stacy is a USA-today bestselling author and we are thrilled to be introducing this excellent series to a raft of new readers!

Retail Description

The room spun and my legs gave way as I looked at my name scrawled in blood-colored lipstick on the mirror above the girl's broken body. Was this young girl dead because of me?

When the body of a vulnerable teenage girl is found on a remote farm in the Maryland hills, Private Investigator Lucy Kendall knows her past has come back to haunt her. Lucy's sister died when she was a young girl, and the dead teenager looks exactly like her—her dark hair dyed blonde, her wrists slashed.

Lucy's name is scrawled on the bathroom mirror above the girl's body, and the dead girl is clutching a silver coin in her small, fragile hand, identical to the one which has just been mailed to Lucy. Lucy is shaken to her very core, determined to find out why a cruel murderer wants her to feel responsible for this girl's death.

Lucy vows to track down this twisted killer who seems to know so much about her family's tragic past. But when her closest friend Kelly is abducted and Lucy receives a phone call saying she has forty-eight hours to find her, she knows the evil perpetrator won't stop until she comes face to face with him. As the clock ticks and Lucy frantically tries to track him down, she is sent messages showing her friend growing weaker and weaker. Lucy cannot let another innocent life be taken. But can she find Kelly in time? And what will her abductor want in return?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"Grabbed me from the first page and held me through this rollercoaster ride all the way to the end!" Goodreads reviewer,



"I highly recommend this book and the entire series to any thriller lover; you will NOT be disappointed!" Goodreads reviewer,



Author Biography

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Crime Thriller

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A Lucy Kendall Crime Thriller 4



The Girl in the Pink Shoes Stacy Green

Previous Translation Publishers
Mystery Press (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

Over 250,000 Stacy Green books sold

Editor's Note

With almost 200,000 copies sold of her Detective Nikki Hunt series, THE GIRL IN THE PINK SHOES is the first in the explosive Lucy Kendall series introducing maverick private investigator Lucy Kendall.

Lucy tracks down killers to deliver vigilante justice. But a missing child will pull her into a case that's darker and more complicated than anything she's ever faced.

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Stacy Green

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

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

Author Biography

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Crime Thriller

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

A Lucy Kendall Crime Thriller 1



The Wedding Day Sue Watson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

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

Editor's Note

Sue Watson is the Queen of Psychological Suspense! She has sold over 1 million copies across her entire list and her last book. 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 book, Sue shines her light on the happiest day of anyone's life and makes it super dark and twisted! Alice is unhappy in her life - her ex has moved on and his new girlfriend is pregnant, so she takes a holiday to Corfu and everything in her life changes in an instant. Making friends with Sylvie and meeting the charismatic Nik, it seems like everything is falling into place for Alice, but her own dark past follows her to her new life, and even when she agrees to marry Nik and thinks she's finally getting her happy ever after, she realises too late that it's anything but...

Retail Description

The blushing bride. The handsome groom. A secret one of them will kill for...

It's the day I've been dreaming about my whole life. As I glide down the flower-strewn aisle in my pearl-encrusted ivory gown, I finally see my husband-to-be. We look like the perfect couple, but not all fairy tales have happy endings...

I try to forget the message my sister sent that morning begging me not to marry a man I have only known for a few months. He loves me, and I love him. I am sure of that.

As I take in the faces of the guests on both side of the aisle, I don't recognise a single face looking back at me. The only person I know is Nik and I am committed to becoming his wife. When he finds out who I really am it will be too late...

Reviews for Sue Watson

'Omg... I can't even begin to tell you how fantastic, great, marvellous, twisty and so much more!!!!!!... I literally could not put this down, not even to eat, barely breathed... Must must must put this on your to read list!!! Like now, right now... this second, trust me you will not for one second be disappointed... A lot more than 5 stars!!!!!!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'The tension and suspense hits you right from the prologue and doesn't let up... Left me speechless.' 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 to write. After a very successful debut novel, *Fat Girls and Fairy Cakes* Sue signed a deal with Bookouture.



Crime Thriller

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The Snowstorm Tríona Walsh

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Fischer Verlag (German), Editora Plaza & Janés (Spanish), Znanje (Croatian), Editora Plaza & Janés, (Spanish), Euromedia (Czech), Vulkan (Serbian), Editura Niculescu (Romanian)

For fans of Catherine Cooper, Lucy Foley and Ruth Ware

Sold into 4 languages, including Germany after a 6-way auction

Editor's Note

I couldn't love this book any more. The writing is phenomenal – lyrical, distinctive and taut with suspense. The plot itself has more twists than a pretzel; surprising and shocking until the very end. The novel is bursting with atmosphere; from the ruthless landscape of the desolate island, to the creepy and isolated house, and the folklore and legends of the island; it doesn't get more evocative than this. And, as well as being a thrilling and completely heart-racing read (I swear, I almost had an aneurysm!), it is moving, poignant and tender. It isn't just a novel about a murder, and a group of close, lifelong friends infested with secrets and lies, rotting them from the inside out. It's a novel about being an outsider, about loneliness and loss, about tradition and superstition, and how greed and guilt can eat you up. I could honestly go on about how much I love this novel forever.

Retail Description

I used to be the lucky one: a group of incredible friends, an amazing husband Cillian, and the career I had dreamed of. But then one sleepless night ten years ago everything changed, when my husband died and it tore apart not only my heart but our tight friendship group forever.

Over the years, I've lost touch with them, and tried to move on with my life. But when my oldest friend Maura suggests we get the group back together to remember Cillian and celebrate the start of the New Year in the remote Irish island we used to call home, I think maybe it is time for a fresh start after all...

Soon the drinks are flowing and I begin to relax, enjoying being back with the people who once meant everything to me. But as the weather turns into the worst blizzard I've ever seen, one of us disappears... and the explosive clue I discover points the finger at someone in this room.

As the power goes out and we become completely cut off from the mainland I suddenly realise that I'm surrounded by people I can't trust. So I have to face the facts: did one of us do this? Can I find the answers in this raging storm? And if I do, will I be next?

Reviews for Tríona Walsh

'Wow! So many crazy twists and turns! This book had suspense, intrigue, action, great police work and a great who-done-it!... Had me glued to my Kindle!' Sassy Southern Books

'Had me on the edge of my seat for the entire thing!... So gripping... I read this book in less than 24 hours.' @em_reads64

Author Biography

Tríona Walsh loves reading and writing crime novels but is fairly law abiding in real life. A twice winner of the Irish Writers Centre Novel Fair competition she lives in Dublin with her four kids, three cats and one husband.



Crime Thriller

338 pages | Pub Date 2/2/2023 | 9781803148069 | Unagented

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The Party Triona Walsh

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Fischer Verlag (German), Editora Plaza & Janés (Spanish), Znanje (Croatian), Editora Plaza & Janés, (Spanish), Euromedia (Czech), Vulkan (Serbian), Editura Niculescu (Romanian)

For fans of The Guest List, The Chalet and The Holiday

**Triona's previous title The Snowstorm was sold into 4 languages,
including Germany, after a 6-way auction**

Editor's Note

A twisting rollercoaster of a psychological thriller, *The Party* is the propulsive second book from Triona Walsh. Set in a grand Irish mansion buried deep in a remote forest, two families gather for the first time to celebrate Claire and George's marriage. But the festivities are interrupted by the arrival of Claire's long-dead husband – he's back, and he won't give his family up again without a fight. So when he's found dead the next morning – for real this time – everyone has a motive. Triona is becoming a queen of a killer twist, and I was practically cackling with glee at some of her devilish plotting in this book! As in *The Snowstorm*, the writing is once again stylish, the setting still imaginatively and beautifully drawn, but *The Party* delivers even more in terms of domestic drama and big thrills at breakneck pace.

Retail Description

You thought your husband was dead. So how can he be at your wedding?

It's been five years since Declan O'Shea's death. Ever since, his widow Claire and their two children have been picking up the pieces of their shattered lives.

But now the family is healing. It's the day of Claire's wedding, at her adoring new groom's remote country estate. The sounds of laughter and clinking glasses ring out in the warm evening air. It's the fresh start they've all wished for.

Until a voice interrupts the perfect night. Declan steps out of the shadows. He says he still loves Claire – and he'll stop at nothing to get his family back.

By morning, Declan O'Shea will have died for the second time.

Claire will do anything to protect her children and her new life. But everyone has a motive. And as shocking secrets are revealed, Claire is forced to wonder whether any of the people she loves best in the world can really be trusted...

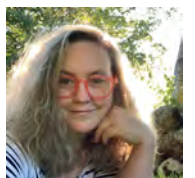
Reviews for Triona Walsh

'Had me glued to it, turning the pages, wanting to know what would happen next, but not wanting the book to end because it was that riveting!... Simply brilliant... One of the best books I've read... I'd happily give it more than the allowed 5 stars.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'An amazing and enjoyable read!!... almost impossible to put down... I didn't want the book to end. If you like thrillers, twists, and atmospheric storytelling, I think you'll love this one!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

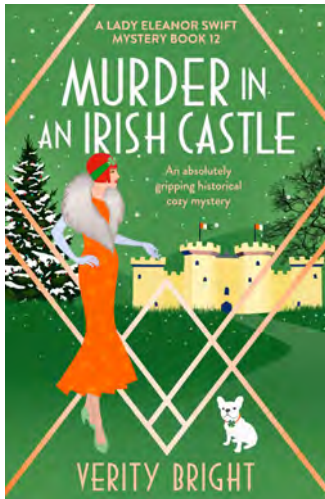
Author Biography

Triona Walsh loves reading and writing crime novels but is fairly law abiding in real life. A twice winner of the Irish Writers Centre Novel Fair competition she lives in Dublin with her four kids, three cats and one husband.



Crime Thriller

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Murder in an Irish Castle Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

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

Editor's Note

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

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

Retail Description

Irish whiskey, rolling green hills, a traditional Christmas feast and... a murder? Lady Swift will need the luck of the Irish to survive this holiday season!

Christmas, 1922. Lady Eleanor Swift has received a rather unexpected invitation to the village Christmas party in the tiny, rural hamlet of Derrydee in the west of Ireland. Eleanor is thrilled about exploring her ancestral roots at her late uncle's estate and spending the festive season in a castle. Packing Gladstone the bulldog's coziest Christmas jumper, they set off to the Emerald Isle with her butler Clifford in tow.

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

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

Reviews for Verity Bright

'I am hooked! This is the best book, bar none, 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 ★★★★★

'Can I give it six stars please?... Pretty much perfect... Bright has the amazing gift of bringing the reader into that world where the characters are alive.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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

308 pages | Pub Date 28/11/2022 | 9781803148274 | Unagented

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Death on Deck Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

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

Editor's Note

Death on Deck sees reader's favourite amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift vacationing on a luxury cruise liner bound for New York, unfortunately she can't escape a murder mystery... This instalment of the bestselling series feels especially Poirot-esque, with a tight cast of quirky characters all trapped aboard the opulent Celestiana ship together. Everyone has something to hide, and it's up to Eleanor and Clifford to reel in the killer among first class.

Retail Description

When Lady Swift embarks upon her first luxury cruise she imagines a gilded ballroom, afternoons on deck taking tea and all the delectable food she can eat. But she can't seem to escape from murder...

Lady Eleanor Swift is all set to spend her birthday with her beau, dashing Detective Hugh Seldon, until he calls to cancel on her again at the last minute. What's a girl to do? Pack up her staff and her faithful old bulldog, Gladstone, and head off on a cruise to New York, that's what!

On the stunningly opulent ocean liner Celestiana, Eleanor tries to forget her worries and make the most of her trip. That is, until she sees a man being shot and falling overboard. On closer inspection of the scene, Eleanor literally stumbles over the likely murder weapon. And the nick in the barrel is unmistakable: this gun belongs to Detective Seldon...

With some discreet digging, Clifford discovers Detective Seldon is aboard the ship on an undercover mission. Eleanor doesn't want to make waves but she's sure that something fishy is going on and he's being framed. To get Seldon off the hook, Eleanor casts her net wide and searches for the real murderer among a sea of suspects including European nobility, Italian opera stars and American nouveau riche. But does the victim's expensive gold ring point to a lavish lifestyle or is it a red herring?

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 ★★★★★

'Absolutely loved this!... I read the book in a day, I couldn't put it down!' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

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Crime Thriller

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Murder in Manhattan Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Editor's Note

Lady Eleanor Swift is the toast of the town in this fun instalment of the ever popular series. We're seeing fantastic pre-orders for this title already – readers are clearly loving the NYC setting. This time Eleanor and Clifford (and of course Gladstone the bulldog!) have to contend with the social scene of Manhattan's uber rich, Prohibition and the odd gangster or two. Always entertaining and endlessly creative, this tale takes the reader all around the best sights 1920s New York has to offer.

Retail Description

After crossing from England on the SS Celestiana, Lady Eleanor Swift sets up her home-away-from-home in a lavish apartment in New York City. She is soon the toast of the town, with no high-class soirée complete without her presence. Of course, she drags her butler Clifford and Gladstone the bulldog along to every party too. But when she witnesses the charming doorman of her building, Marty, knocked down and killed in a hit-and-run, she finds fashionable society suddenly closes rank. The only local detective interested in helping her find the culprit is street-smart beat cop, Officer Balowski.

Resolved to get justice for Marty and his family, Eleanor searches Marty's tiny apartment: and is shocked to find five rolls of banknotes tucked under the floorboards. Money talks, but Marty was struggling to make ends meet, so where did the cash come from? The next day wealthy entrepreneur and flashy philanderer Ogden P. Dellaney – a man Marty used to work for – is found dead downtown, miles away from his swanky Upper East Side mansion. Eleanor and Balowski are sure the deaths are connected, but not even Dellaney's wife is willing to answer their questions.

Then Eleanor is served with an eviction notice and Balowski is fired from the NYPD. It becomes clear that something is rotten in the Big Apple and Eleanor is determined to get to the core of the mystery before the murderer strikes again...

Reviews for Verity Bright

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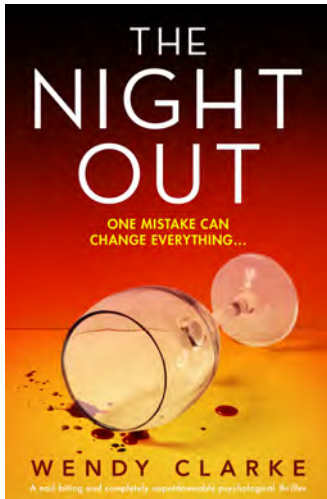
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Crime Thriller

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The Night Out Wendy Clarke

Editor's Note

Wendy Clarke always creates evocative, mysterious settings, and the tall glass windows of the family home at the centre of *The Night Out* is her most dramatic yet. Every scene takes place here, where the family think their safe, but they have no idea that on this strip of the Sussex coast, beside the crashing waves in the distance, they're always being watched. When Elise and her husband Sean decide to take a night off, leaving their newborn Kitty with their teenage daughter Megan for the first time, they have no idea the mistake they've just made. They return home to find police officers at their door, and secrets from Elise's past come back to haunt her. Your heart will pound as a child goes missing, not once, but twice, and the terrible choices Elise makes will keep you desperately reading the pages to ensure she and her family remain safe.

Retail Description

Sean pulls me to him, and we both laugh happily, as we stroll home from our favourite wine bar. It's our first evening out since our baby girl was born. I've only thought about Kitty a couple of times, wondering if she's settled without my goodnight kiss. But our perfect night is shattered when I see the police car and the two officers on the front steps of our home...

Someone has reported our sweet baby missing.

When I rush inside the house and mercifully find our little girl tucked up inside her crib, you'll think that's the end of the story. And when Sean says a prayer of thanks, the police close the case and I hold Kitty in a tight embrace, you'll feel grateful it was all one big mistake.

But you'll be wrong.

You don't know what I did fifteen years ago, the lies I've told or the reason I desperately want the police out of my house. I'm sure the person who reported Kitty missing knows everything about my past...

You don't know how much danger I'm in. Or how far I'll go to keep my family safe...

Reviews for Wendy Clarke

'I COULD NOT PUT THIS BOOK DOWN. I didn't even realise I hadn't eaten because I was too busy reading... It was gripping, it was tense, fast-paced and full of twists, it was so unpredictable that I just didn't even know who I was anymore. I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Night She Vanished Wendy Dranfield

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

For fans of TM Logan and Karin Slaughter

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

Editor's Note

Set to be a breakout book for Wendy Dranfield, one of our best reviewing and most successful crime launches in the past few years, this crime/psych thriller has a grabbing one line pitch and a mid-point twist that TOTALLY left my jaw on the floor. There is something so eerie and close about the American small-town setting that it often reads like a Netflix true-crime doc, making it feel really fresh and totally real and gripping.

Retail Description

Everyone in the small town of Henderson looks up to my perfect parents. They wouldn't if they knew the truth...

With dependable jobs as a midwife and the chief of police, they help this close-knit community feel safe. But they don't know what I know...

When my best friend disappeared when we were just fifteen, I left town and never looked back. I couldn't prove it, but I know my parents killed her.

Now, years later, my little sister has vanished. I have no choice but to go home and play happy families again. I have to find out what my parents have done to her. I have to try and save her.

But when bones are discovered in a silo on a local farm, and all the evidence leads back to our front door, I realize I was wrong about absolutely everything. And that coming back was the deadliest thing I could do...

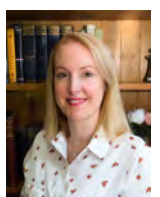
Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

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

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

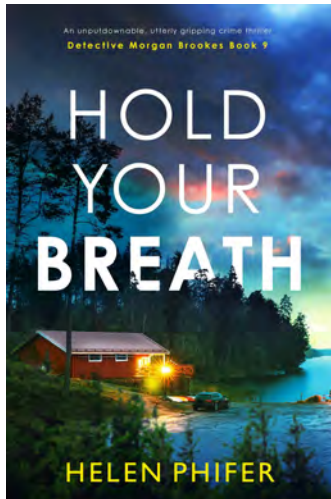
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

376 pages | Pub Date 14/3/2023 | 9781837902354 | Unagented



Hold Your Breath Helen Phifer

Previous Translation Publishers
Computer Media (Czech), Vigmostad & Bjørke (Norwegian)

Editor's Note

On an isolated shoreline, looking out of the deep, murky waters of the Lake District, Helen Phifer sets her scene for the ninth deliciously-dark thriller in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. The body of a young woman has been found, a creepy mask of her face has been left on Morgan's desk at Police Headquarters, and she's about to begin a desperate race for her own life. This series has amassed a legion of loyal followers who love Morgan and her team's complex cases and tangled relationships. It's a small town with big problems - Happy Valley meets Mindhunter.

Retail Description

The biting wind whips around the crystal-clear waters of the lake. The girl sits with her eyes open, as if transfixed by the waves on the shoreline, but she has taken her last breath...

When Detective Morgan Brookes is called to Lake Thirlmere one frosty night, she's devastated to find the body of a young woman positioned in front of the glistening reservoir. She has ligature marks on her limbs, glue residue on her eyes, and her beautiful face is as cold as ice. Knowing only a dangerous serial killer would arrange a scene so carefully, Morgan is in a race against time to stop them before more innocent lives are lost.

The victim is twenty-year-old Jasmine Armer and her mother is distraught to hear that her beautiful daughter is gone. And Morgan is shocked when she learns that Jasmine's father recently committed suicide at the same picturesque spot. The killer must have known the family. Then Morgan receives a terrifying package at the station of an intricate death mask. She immediately recognises Jasmine's long lashes and perfectly-plump lips.

With the killer taunting her, Morgan knows time is running out. And then Morgan gets the heart-shattering call that her friend, Emily, has been killed. Ligature marks on Emily's arms are identical to Jasmine's. Heartbroken Morgan knows this isn't the end of the killer's twisted game, but can she track them down before they take another life?

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 Sapphire, ★★★★★

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

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The Woman in Carriage 3 Alison James

Previous Translation Publishers
Profil Kitap (Turkish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Behind Closed Doors, My Lovely Wife and The Perfect Couple

Alison's books have sold over 650,000 copies since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018.

Editor's Note

Alison James is a repeat success story for Bookouture. She's the bestselling author of *THE MAN SHE MARRIED* and *THE NEW COUPLE* and in 2023 we're hugely excited to be publishing *THE WOMAN IN CARRIAGE 3*. *The Woman in Carriage 3* is a highly addictive, twist filled thriller that is written in Alison's trademark gripping style. The plot races along at break-neck speed and showcases how ordinary lives can be turned upside down in one shocking moment.

We have every confidence that this brilliantly twisty book has the potential to not only hit similar heights to her previous books, but to soar even higher to become her biggest book yet.

Retail Description

She sits in the same seat in the same carriage every evening. But this ordinary journey will end in murder...

Hattie travels on the same train home every night. She sits in the same seat, in the same carriage, and sees the same people. The unwritten rule is you don't talk to your fellow passengers but Hattie has been watching them all for months now. She makes up stories about their lives to pass the time. And she's can't deny her attraction to the handsome man who sits across the table from her.

Then one night a commuter in the carriage suddenly drops dead. The shocking moment changes everything.

Boundaries are shattered and Hattie begins talking to the regular collection of strangers she makes sits next to each evening.

But Hattie has no idea what she's letting herself in for. The ordinary people on her ordinary journey all have secrets. And some secrets are worth killing for...

An absolutely addictive psychological thriller that will keep you up late into the night. If you love *Behind Closed Doors*, *My Lovely Wife* and *The Perfect Couple*, you'll be gripped.

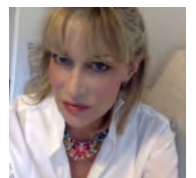
Reviews for Alison James

'Cracking read... utterly fabulous! Entertaining, fast paced and very gripping!... I would 100% recommend for pure unadulterated entertainment!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Kept me gripped until the end... plenty of twists and turns along the way this book had me gripped from the first page to the last, a great five star read for me.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Alison James was born in the Cotswolds but spent most of her formative years abroad. She studied languages at Oxford, then became a journalist and author, returning to university after her two children to take a law degree. After a three-year stint as a criminal paralegal, she worked as a commercial copywriter and then a TV storyliner, before coming full circle to write fiction again.





The Murder Affair Alice Castle

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

Editor's Note

In her ninth deliciously gripping adventure, amateur sleuth Beth Haldane finds herself at the funeral of her mother Wendy's boyfriend Len. The service ends in a brawl when several of the attending ladies find out Len had multiple girlfriends – and a wife! Convinced Len was murdered, Wendy urges Beth to unravel the mystery. The list of his lovers, and therefore suspects, is vast. But who would want him dead, and why? Beth is on the case of course, and as usual all is not what it seems in leafy Dulwich Village. Get ready for another wonderfully cozy, twisty and witty read!

Retail Description

On a dreary, rainy afternoon, Beth Haldane accompanies her elderly mother Wendy to the funeral of her poor boyfriend Len Broughton. Len, a habitual pipe smoker, passed away from a heart attack and Wendy is inconsolable.

But as they gather in the church, Beth notices something curious: the funeral is full of single women her mother's age. After a brawl breaks out between the ladies, it turns out they all believed they were Len's special someone – and one of them even claims to be his distraught wife.

With poor Wendy certain Len's death was suspicious, Beth is pulled into the mystery. Was one of Len's many disgruntled girlfriends out for revenge? Why was Len borrowing money from the ladies he romanced? And why did his work for the local council seem so suspicious?

As the Dulwich rumour mill is buzzing, fingers start to point at Wendy. After all, distraught Wendy is telling everyone who lends her an ear that Len was murdered – and she saw Len very evening he was found dead. The clock is ticking for Beth to clear her mother's name before it's too late!

Reviews for Alice Castle

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

"I am hooked... Never underestimate a determined sleuth or a devious writer... kept me grinning... a Must Read..." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

Author Biography

Before turning to crime, Alice Castle was a UK newspaper journalist for The Daily Express, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. Alice is an avid reader of crime fiction, her favourite stories are cozy crimes with a strong sense of place. When she couldn't find a series about her beloved south London, she decided to write her own – and single mum amateur sleuth Beth Haldane was born. Alice also writes psychological thrillers for HQ Digital as A.M. Castle. The Perfect Widow was a top selling audiobook in 2019 and The Invitation hit the top 50 on Amazon UK in 2021.



Crime Thriller

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A Beth Haldane Mystery 9

Historical



Paris at First Light Amanda Lees

For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and My Name is Eva

First book in the series reached 22K pages read in a day. Fantastic reviews, 3 books publishing in quick succession, and covers that hit the genre markers perfectly.

Editor's Note

The second in this fantastic series about undercover women agents in Nazi-occupied France, this story focuses on Juliette, an aristocratic Parisian who has been running a network of thousands of resisters in southern France when she is sent to Paris on an urgent mission to stop an assassination plot of an American general. But when her children are kidnapped, she has to decide what is more important - the future of France or her children's safety. Along with an American agent, Ben Diaz, she has to risk everything to save the day.

Retail Description

Paris, 1944: secret agent Juliette is on her most dangerous mission of the war so far. But then her children are kidnapped, and to get them back she may have to commit the ultimate betrayal – that of France itself...

Four years ago, when France fell to the Nazis, Juliette made the ultimate sacrifice, leaving behind her two precious children to join the Resistance and defend her country. Now a spy in Paris, she must work with Captain Daniel Diaz – an American agent she's taken an instant dislike to – on a dangerous mission to uncover a deadly Nazi plot.

As the pair play their parts, Juliette begins to see another side to Daniel, and their feelings for each other start to grow. But just as love blossoms, Juliette receives a ransom note that changes everything. Someone in Paris knows who she is. And they've kidnapped her little son and daughter. The message is clear: betray your country, or you'll never see your children alive again.

Juliette has sworn a sacred oath to save France at all costs, but she could never sacrifice her children. So, against all the odds, she decides to attempt the impossible: rescue her children and continue her dangerous work fighting the Nazi threat.

But as the mission forces Juliette and Daniel to the very brink, will they succeed on all fronts? And if not, will France pay the ultimate price, or will Juliette?

Reviews for Amanda Lees

'If you love strong female protagonists, then look no further... exceptional... heart stopping... a real page turner. You don't want to miss this one!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is not a book you can put down once started... it is a real page turner... I can't wait for the next book in the series.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Amanda Lees is an author, broadcaster and an actress. She has written for, or contributed to, the Evening Standard, The Times, US Cosmopolitan and Company Magazine, as well as numerous online publications. Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series Weekending on Radio 4. As well as her new World War Two romantic thriller series, she has published two bestselling satirical fiction novels, a YA thriller trilogy and a number of non-fiction titles including The Dictionary of Crime.



Historical

374 pages | Pub Date 23/11/2022 | 9781803146843 | Lisa Moylett, CMM Agency

WW2 Resistance Series



The Midwife's Child Amanda Lees

For fans of Ellie Midwood, The Tattooist of Auschwitz and Jean Grainger

Fantastic reviews, 3 books publishing in quick succession, and covers that hit the genre markers perfectly.

Editor's Note

The third in the fantastic (linked, but can be read as standalones) WW2 resistance series featuring a group of plucky women undercover agents who have to risk everything to save the men they love. Set against the backdrop of the fiercest fighting of the war, this book features Maggie, a midwife, nurse and courier for the Resistance. Captured by the Germans and sent off to Auschwitz, she uses her skills to try and help her fellow women prisoners. But when they're forced to leave the camp and walk in the midst of winter to an unknown destination, she must take care of an orphaned baby, while trying to escape to reach her Scottish lover who she promised to try to find again, when she was free. Can she save the life of the little baby, and her own, and make her way to freedom?

Retail Description

'Save her,' she begs, drawing her last, quavering breaths. 'Save my baby. Find her father. And reunite them.' Both of our tears fall on the tiny creature in my arms, only minutes old and already in terrible danger. There's never any doubt – of course I'll do all I can. But will it be enough?

Auschwitz, January 1945: forced on a terrifying death march from the notorious concentration camp, midwife and former secret agent Maggie must find the strength to protect the tiny baby girl her dying friend left to her care. Only days old, little Leah is in terrible danger – from the Nazis, from the freezing weather, from starvation.

So when a company of Scottish soldiers led by brave Major Jamie Campbell rescues the marching women, Maggie's relief knows no bounds. But it's on making herself known to Jamie that she has the biggest shock of her life – they fall in love at first sight, a lightning bolt of joy in the darkest of times. Jamie vows to do whatever he can to help Maggie recover, and to assist in her mission to find Leah's father and reunite them.

But first Jamie must set off on an operation of his own, deep in Nazi-controlled territory, so after a tender farewell and a promise to see each other soon, he and Maggie part. And then, only days later, she hears the news every sweetheart dreads: he's missing, presumed killed in action.

Reviews for Amanda Lees

'What an amazing book... One of the best historical fiction books that I have read... Love!' Robin Loves Reading ★★★★★

'I was completely captivated from the first page to the last. This rapidly moving story held my attention and I couldn't put it down. I found myself holding my breath... absolutely an amazing historical fiction... fabulous.' Page Turners ★★★★★

Author Biography

Amanda Lees is an author, broadcaster and an actress. She has written for, or contributed to, the Evening Standard, The Times, US Cosmopolitan and Company Magazine, as well as numerous online publications. Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series Weekending on Radio 4. As well as her new World War Two romantic thriller series, she has published two bestselling satirical fiction novels, a YA thriller trilogy and a number of non-fiction titles including The Dictionary of Crime.



Historical

298 pages | Pub Date 16/5/2023 | 9781803146829 | Lisa Moylett, CMM Agency

WW2 Resistance Series



The Girl Who Escaped Angela Petch

Previous Translation Publishers
Athenaeum (Hungarian), LIST (Bulgarian), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Heather Morris, Rhys Bowen and Soraya M. Lane.

No-one does Italy quite like Angela Petch. In this gripping, sweeping story, we meet Devora, a young Jewish girl

Editor's Note

In this stunning, escapist, heartbreaking and beautiful read Angela Petch explores a little-told story: that of the Jewish inhabitants of Urbino, Italy in World War 2. Sent to an internment camp that bears little resemblance to the concentration camps we are familiar with, a young Jewish Italian medical student called Devora must navigate her feelings of resentment towards people who were once her friends, her family who seem to believe they are safe, and even her own religion. And when she is separated from her family in a terrifying attempt to flee, Devora must make her own way through the war, drawing on all her medical skills to do whatever she can to help the Italian resistance. I am so excited to share this complete tear-jerker with Angela's fans.

Retail Description

Italy, 1943. A glint of gold in the moonlight is the last she sees of the precious family heirloom: the menorah, lit by her mother every Hanukkah, now buried in an olive grove. She swears, when this war is over and they are safe, she will come back for it.

As Nazis spread across Italy, aspiring doctor and young Jewish girl Devora is torn away from her life, her studies and her friends and sent to an internment camp along with her parents and 10-year-old brother. All that keeps her going is her dearest friend Enrico's visits as he secretly passes on lecture notes, keeping her dream to help others and be a doctor alive as the world falls apart around her.

One moonlit night Enrico arrives at the camp, whispering that Devora must escape with him if she is to have any chance of survival. The family gather to bury their last precious heirloom, a golden menorah, before leaving on the dangerous journey: but when Devora is forced to make a devastating choice between saving a life and joining her parents, they are separated.

Unsure if they are dead or alive, living in secret all Devora can do for their future is throw herself into helping the Italian resistenza in the fight for what's right. But risking her life and posing as a maid for a German commander, Devora is sure she sees her friend Enrico one night, in a Nazi uniform...

Reviews for Angela Petch

'Fascinating and moving... intensely imagined and exquisitely detailed recreation of a lost way of life.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'If you embark on this journey of discovery then be sure to prepare some delicious crostini, in advance, as you will not be able to put the book down... completely absorbing... beautiful... a cleverly crafted narrative.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

I'm an award winning writer of fiction – and the occasional poem. Every summer I move to Tuscany for six months where my husband and I own a renovated watermill which we let out. When not exploring our unspoilt corner of the Apennines, I disappear to my writing desk at the top of our converted stable. In my Italian handbag or hiking rucksack I always make sure to store notebook and pen to jot down ideas. The winter months are spent in Sussex where most of our family live. When I'm not helping out with grandchildren, I catch up with writer friends.



Historical

402 pages | Pub Date 19/4/2023 | 9781837901289 | Unagented



The Forgotten Children Ann Bennett

For fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *Sold on a Monday* and *The Orphan's Tale*

One of Anne's previous titles, *The Orphan House*, reached #2 in the Amazon US Kindle chart and the top 50 in the UK

Editor's Note

Bestselling author of *The Orphan House*, Ann Bennett, is back with a gripping, heartbreaking and unputdownable story set during the Second World War. Following the story of two orphaned twin sisters, fighting to survive the brutality of the unfolding war around them, this breathtaking new novel tells a tale of courage, hope and the resilience of the human spirit. Along the streets of Paris, in the market stalls, a photograph in a faded frame will change two generations of one broken family, in this heartbreaking dual timeline tale.

Retail Description

1939. Standing in front of the orphanage's imposing stone walls, eleven-year-old Jewish twins Helga and Ruth shiver with fear. The war has taken their mother and father, their home in Berlin has been turned to rubble, but their soft, dark eyes meet and Helga gives Ruth a reassuring smile. They should be safe here together.

Yet every day bombs fly overhead. And when Ruth becomes desperately unwell, the girls are torn apart. As war rages on, will they ever find each other?

Paris, 1990. When Naomi moves to Paris, she hopes the city will help her find herself again. But whilst exploring the antique markets in the early morning sun, she is shocked to discover a duplicate of a photograph her mother Helga has on her mantelpiece back in London of a magnificent vine-covered villa on the outskirts of the city. Naomi soon discovers it was used as an orphanage during the Second World War. But why was the photo so precious to her mother?

When Naomi tells her mother what she's found, Helga is furious. She begs Naomi to leave the orphanage alone. But Naomi is already desperate to discover the truth about her mother and the secrets of the other forgotten children of Montmorency. If Naomi learns the heart-shattering mistake her mother made, it will change their lives forever. But if she leaves the secrets in the past, Helga will never find out what happened to her sister...

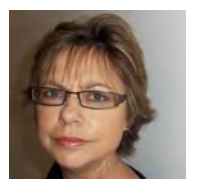
Reviews for Ann Bennett

'So captivating, I was on edge while flipping through the pages as fast as I could... Truly heart-warming... Emotional, heartbreaking... I loved this... A must read!' Pageturners, ★★★★★

'ALL. THE. STARS... You'll be emotionally wrung out, yet absolutely spellbound... a heart-warming story that'll have you reaching for your tissues... breathtaking... needs to be on every historical fiction lover's TBR list.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ann is the author of several historical novels about WWII in South East Asia. She has a Law degree and works full time as a lawyer. Since her early twenties she has spent as much time as possible travelling in the region. She's married with three sons and lives in Surrey.



Historical

312 pages | Pub Date 18/5/2023 | 9781803147161 | Unagented



Secrets of the Italian Island Barbara Josselsohn

The Author's previous series has sold over 23,000 copies

Editor's Note

One night, under the Italian stars, as the Nazis invade the island she calls home, Mia's grandmother Annalisa makes a terrible mistake. A mistake that is about to call Mia home to Italy seventy years later. Barbara Josselsohn sends readers to an isolated, forgotten island on the stunning Italian coast in this historical novel. Based on a real castle, made of sparking pink granite, and it's eccentric owner, an engineer and mathematician who hosted countless famous artists there as it was requisitioned by the German army during the Second World War, the story is packed full of historical research and a sweeping sense of purpose. The book focusses on Mia, who is desperate to find out the truth about her grandmother, and falls in love with Italy and a man helping her unlock the past. This is the epic start to a mesmerising dual timeline series featuring three Italian sisters

Retail Description

Italy, 1943. A castle once full of love and laughter is left in ruins by the Nazis, as three sisters are torn apart by one terrible mistake...

New York, present day. Broken by the loss of her beloved grandmother Annalisa, who raised her all alone, Mia is shocked when she finds an old letter sent from Italy in her belongings. Annalisa never told Mia about the magnificent, vine-covered castle on Isola di Parissi where she spent one long summer under the Italian stars. Or that she was accused of something terrible in the darkest days of World War Two... Arriving on the stunning Italian coast just a boat ride away from Parissi, Mia is devastated to find the island closed to visitors. Desperate to find out what her grandmother was hiding, she finds dark and brooding local guide Leo, who promises to help her sneak in.

As they explore the crumbling castle surrounded by lush olive groves, Mia begins to fall in love with passionate Leo and the beautiful country he calls home. And soon they find handwritten notes hidden in the walls, which confirm her grandmother's heartbreaking story. Annalisa arrived on the island with her two sisters but was forced to abandon them when the Nazis invaded. Mia soon realizes that the accusation against Annalisa might be true, and that Leo has his own reasons for wanting to dig up her family's past. The terrible mistake Annalisa made tore apart the island community. Will it force Mia to leave Leo, and Italy, forever?

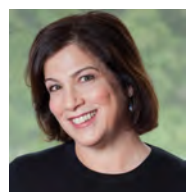
Reviews for Barbara Josselsohn

"Absolutely sensational... fast-paced and kept you guessing and turning pages until the end. So good!" Goodreads reviewer

"A beautiful story... I was completely entranced." Book Reviews By Shalini

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

322 pages | Pub Date 11/5/2023 | 9781803147802 | Cynthia Manson, Cynthia Manson Literary Agency

Sisters of War 1



All the Courage We Have Found Carly Schabowski

Previous Translation Publishers

JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), Dobrovsky (Czech)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *When We Were Yours* and *The Alice Network*.

Carly Schabowski has sold over 60,000 copies of *The Rainbow* and over 45,000 copies of *The Watchmaker of Dachau*

Editor's Note

Carly Schabowski's new novel is another utterly heartbreaking and unforgettable wartime tale. Her latest novel explores the unimaginable choices faced by many during the Second World War, and follows one woman's brave decision to risk everything to save as many people as she can from the Nazis.

Retail Description

France, 1942: An unforgettable, heart-wrenching and utterly unputdownable World War Two novel about one woman's bravery in the face of darkness, and her heartbreaking decision to risk everything to do the right thing...

As Kasia creeps out of the farmhouse in the dead of night to transmit an urgent message, her heart pounds in her chest. Gripping her radio tightly in her hand, she feels a terrible sense of dread. She knows that this message could be the one that finally leads the Nazis to her...

Crouching in the shadows, with trembling fingers she turns the dial on her radio and hears the familiar crackle of static. Shaking, she quickly taps out her message and, holding her breath, she waits in the darkness.

Suddenly, she sees a quick flash of light out at sea. Her message has been received by the Allied boats; now they know it's not safe to come ashore tonight.

As she looks back towards the little farmhouse, her heart catches in her throat. Inside, the two people she loves most in this world are sleeping soundly. Because while Kasia knows her messages might save thousands of soldiers, she also knows that her radio signal could bring the Germans terrifyingly close, perhaps even straight to Hugo and Elodie...

Reviews for Carly Schabowski

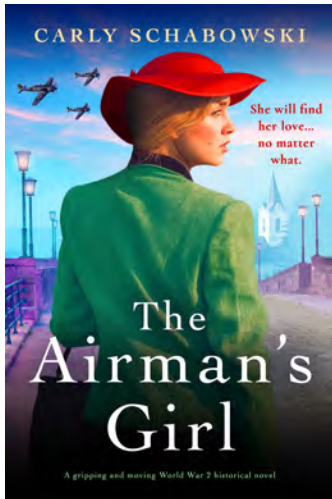
"Phenomenal... a breath of fresh air for wartime fiction." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

"Loved it!... Rich and immersive." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Carly Schabowski worked as a journalist in both North Cyprus and Australia before returning to Oxford, where she studied for an MA and then a PhD in creative writing at Oxford Brookes University. Carly now teaches at Oxford Brookes University as an associate lecturer in Creative Writing for first and second-year English literature students.





The Airman's Girl Carly Schabowski

Previous Translation Publishers

JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), Dobrovsky (Czech)

For fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Nightingale and The Alice Network

Carly Schabowski has sold over 65,000 copies of The Rainbow and over 50,000 copies of The Watchmaker of Dachau

Editor's Note

When a wounded airman lands in the field behind her parents' house, Helena is at first terrified. But when she looks into the eyes of the injured soldier, she sees a fear and desperation that pulls at her heartstrings. In that moment, she knows she has to save his life - no matter what side of the war he is on, and no matter the personal cost.

In Carly Schabowski's latest unforgettable wartime tale, she tells the story of Helena and Max, whose courage and love for one another shines through on the page. Her story is one of hope, love and resilience in the face of unimaginable odds.

Retail Description

Poland, 1939: As I stare into the German pilot's frightened eyes, I realise I have no choice but to help him. And in that moment, I know that this young man, and this decision, will change my life forever...

When a German pilot crashes over my parents' farmland, at first I am terrified. Who is this man? And should I help him, or have him arrested? But when I look into his eyes for the first time, I feel in my heart that I must do everything I can to save this stranger's life.

As I begin to secretly nurse his injuries, he tells me his name is Max. And as we share whispered candlelit conversations, he admits that he didn't crash his plane, but parachuted over Poland to defect from the Nazis. And as he slowly tells me his story, I realise I am falling in love with this man – with his bravery, and his determination to do what is right, no matter the cost.

But when the Nazis arrive, the small world we have built together is shattered in an instant. And when the Germans arrest me and my twin siblings, dragging us to a camp in the dead of night, I know that our only chance of survival, our only hope, is to be rescued.

Reviews for Carly Schabowski

'Beautiful and heartbreaking... pulls at the heartstrings... breathtaking in its beauty... Nothing I can say in my review can possibly do the justice this book deserves. I can only say to grab yourself a copy and experience it for yourself. A definite 5 star read.'

Confessions of a Bookaholic ★★★★★

'Oh my gosh I don't know where to start, this book broke me... it will stay with me for a very long time... heartbreaking, poignant, gripping and compelling, I felt every emotion... I read this book in one sitting.' Fiction Vixen Reads ★★★★★

Author Biography

Carly Schabowski worked as a journalist in both North Cyprus and Australia before returning to Oxford, where she studied for an MA and then a PhD in creative writing at Oxford Brookes University. Carly now teaches at Oxford Brookes University as an associate lecturer in Creative Writing for first and second-year English literature students.



Historical

306 pages | Pub Date 2/5/2023 | 9781837903726 | Jo Bell, Bell Lomax Moreton



The Girl in the Photo Catherine Hokin

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovsky (Czech), JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and The Tattooist of Auschwitz

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 200,000 copies

Editor's Note

Wow. This book takes us through the absolute wringer! Catherine has created a stunning novel, spanning the chilling final days of the Third Reich to the brutal fallout for the series' star-crossed protagonists. In Theresienstadt, five-year-old Renny is stolen by one of the camp guards' wives as they flee ahead of the Russians' arrival. Four years later, Renny's older brother Freddy discovers she is still alive and set out on a quest to find her. But what does this mean for Freddy's wife, Hanni, still hiding her own past connection to Theresienstadt...? The inevitable fallout is epic, intense, and completely heartbreaking, and I cannot wait for Catherine's readers to sink their teeth into this incredible story!

Retail Description

1944. 'I have to go away, my darling. Please, be brave, stay alive, for me.' Her mother's voice breaks. The little girl tries to stop the forbidden tears from falling, as the train takes her mother, and she is left alone in the camp...

Berlin, six years later. When Hanni Winter shows her new husband the heartbreaking photos she captured during the war, his reaction is unexpected. His face white, Freddy can't take his eyes off the photo of a young girl around four years old. 'That's Renny,' he whispers, 'my sister, she was taken by the Nazis...'

Hanni remembers her perfectly – the child with the wide eyes and bitten lips, who wouldn't let herself cry despite the chaos and cruelty all around them in the camp. Her heart had broken for the little girl as she took her picture, desperate to reveal the truth about the Nazis to the world. If that child is Renny, then they must try to find her. They must return to hell on earth.

But when Hanni arrives at the black and white arch of the camp, she comes face to face with a man she fears more than any other. Can she find the strength to fight again, or will every hope for the future be lost forever?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'I found myself up into the early hours of the morning absolutely engrossed in this gripping and heartbreaking story. It has you riding the emotional rollercoaster on every page.' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Glued to the book from the first page... yet didn't want to finish as I knew I would miss the characters... Stunning.' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition. She is a lover of strong female leads, a good quest, and very loud music!



Historical

302 pages | Pub Date 27/1/2023 | 9781800197046 | Tina Betts, Andrew Mann Literary Agency

Hanni Winter 3



Her Last Promise Catherine Hokin

Previous Translation Publishers

Dobrovsky (Czech), JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian)

**For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and The Tattooist of
Auschwitz**

**Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous
World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 200,000 copies**

Editor's Note

Catherine is a master of compelling, imperfect characters and poignant war-torn settings. I have been so impatient to read this epic conclusion to her four-part series and it did Not disappoint!! Keep your tissues handy as each and every character faces their final reckoning...!

Retail Description

'Too many have suffered at my father's hands. I won't let it continue. I'll stop him, I'll build a world where we can finally be free, I swear it...'

Berlin, 1938. When Hanni's beloved sister suddenly vanishes in the middle of the night, Hanni knows her high-ranking Nazi father, Reiner, is not telling her the whole truth and may hold the key to her disappearance.

Years later, after finally learning how to live with her troubled past, Hanni dedicates herself to raising her teenage son, Leo but her sister is never far from her mind. But when Leo begins to share Reiner's pro-Nazi views and runs away from home to meet his grandfather, Hanni's world collapses in an instant. She is determined not to lose her son to her father's cruelty, like she lost her darling sister all those years ago...

Hanni has tried to stop her father before and nearly lost her life. Now she is fighting for Leo too and the stakes are higher than ever. She can't lose him to the Nazis. She won't let her father take her son away from her. Hanni knows this is her last chance to bring her father to justice. With her son's life hanging in the balance, Hanni knows this will be her toughest battle yet. But with Reiner's popularity stronger than ever, will she succeed?

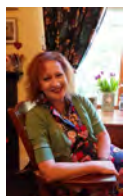
Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'The best historical fiction book I've read this year! I was awake until the early morning hours finishing it, because I could not put it down!... Heartbreaking.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Amazing... I was totally absorbed in the story... 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

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Historical

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Hanni Winter 4



The American Wife Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

Previous Translation Publishers
Jota (Czech), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *My Name is Eva* and *All the Light We Cannot See*

Souvenirs from Kyiv was awarded 2nd Place in the 2014 HNS International Short Story Award

Editor's Note

A gripping and heartbreaking historical novel about courage, friendship and impossible choices. This story follows Kitty Larson, an American wife of a diplomat living in Vienna in 1942, as realises her powerful position means she must choose between saving her friend from the Nazis, or betraying the man she loves. The first novel in the Diplomat's Wife trilogy, this novel is perfect for fans of *The Nightingale*, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, and *The Edelweiss Sisters*.

Retail Description

With her heart in her mouth, Kitty let herself into her husband's private study. She knew where he kept the papers that might save her dearest friend from the Nazis. She just had to steal them...

Vienna, 1938. When beautiful American Kitty becomes engaged to Austrian diplomat Edgar, she finds herself thrown into a very different world in Europe, and soon longs for home. But when the woman designing her wedding dress, Judith, takes Kitty under her wing, she sees the city of Vienna in a new light – a city of culture and music that she can explore with her new friend.

But when the Nazis come, the fact that Judith is Jewish means she is no longer safe. Kitty knows that as a diplomat's wife she can steal the papers that will allow her closest friend to escape to safety, but will it mean betraying the love of her life?

Except that Edgar has grown distant and secretive since she joined him in Europe, and Kitty is beginning to wonder which side of the war her husband is really on. And, as she prepares to betray him, Kitty begins to fear that she doesn't really know the man she married at all.

Facing an impossible choice between her dearest friend and the man she loves, Kitty knows she must be brave, and do the right thing, no matter the personal cost...

Reviews for Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

"Absolutely heartbreaking... Gripped me from the first page and I read it in one sitting!... Will stay with me for a long time." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Fantastic!!! There wasn't a moment when I wasn't gripped!... My heart really ached... Incredibly gripping!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

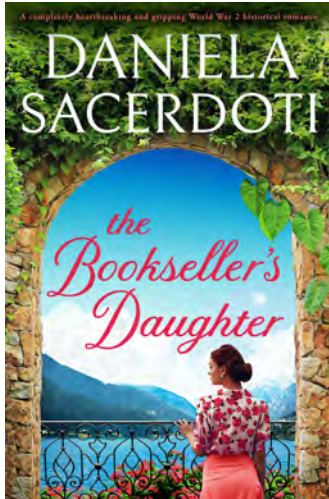
Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger was born in Minnesota in 1969 to Ukrainian immigrant parents. Inspired by her second-grade teacher, her writing career began with short stories, then morphed into travel narratives, and eventually novels, for which she has won several awards for. She has previously worked as a journalist and a managing editor for a magazine publisher before pursuing her dreams of writing and traveling. In 2000, she moved to western Austria and established her own communications training company.



Historical

330 pages | Pub Date 14/4/2023 | 9781803147352 | Unagented

The Diplomat's Wife 1



The Bookseller's Daughter Daniela Sacerdoti

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), Gabo (Hungarian)

For fans of Fiona Valpy, Victoria Hislop, and The Letter by Kathryn Hughes, readers will be absolutely hooked on The Bookseller's Daughter.

Over 1 million copies sold of Dani's women's fiction novels. Her debut

Editor's Note

In her latest heartfelt, sweeping family saga, *The Librarian's Daughter*, million-copy bestselling author Daniela Sacerdoti explores the endurance of the human spirit and the power of love. In the historical strand of the novel, find yourself swept away to a remote Italian island as Elena flees from the Nazis in the middle of the Second World War. Arriving on the gorgeous sanctuary of Santa Caterina, she finds solace and comfort. But before long, a young Jewish girl and blinded soldier arrive on the island, bringing danger and fear with them. Elena knows she must help them, but at what cost... In the present day, travel with Francesca back to the island to uncover the mysteries and long-forgotten secrets that Elena concealed in a book before she was forced to leave the island behind.

Retail Description

Present day, New York: Heartbroken after the end of her engagement, Francesca is desperate for a new beginning. And when her boss unexpectedly asks her to travel to Italy to acquire a rare and very valuable book from a collector, she leaps at the chance.

When she arrives on the beautiful Italian island of Santa Caterina, the last thing Francesca expects is to meet handsome and enigmatic Thiago, an Italian collector also there to buy the manuscripts. But the pair soon realise that the books were hidden during the Second World War and have never been found. With just an old diary to guide them, they begin to piece together the mystery...

As Francesca and Thiago uncover the secrets hidden in the diary, they read the story of Helène, a young girl who lived on Santa Caterina during the war, and who risked everything to protect the island and its treasures from the Nazi invasion.

When Francesca finally discovers what happened to Helène during the war, it will change her life forever. But will she be able to take strength from the young girl's story, and embrace not only her destiny, but also heal her heart?

Reviews for Daniela Sacerdoti

'Mesmerising! I was totally hooked... absolutely perfect and just flowed endlessly with such ease. I really can't praise this OUTSTANDING book enough!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Truly amazing. The story had many heart-warming moments and a few heart-wrenching... I was completely charmed.' One Page at a Time ★★★★★

Author Biography

Daniela Sacerdoti is the author of the bestselling Glen Avich series which has sold over one million copies in ebook to date. Sacerdoti's debut novel, *Watch Over Me*, was named the eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015, when she was also ranked as the eleventh top-selling Kindle author. She lives in a small village in the middle of nowhere with her Scottish husband, two children, a Cocker spaniel and a foundling kitten (who was definitely a witch in a past life).



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 27/6/2023 | 9781803146409 | Unagented



A Light to Guide Us Home Dianne Haley

For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and We Were the Lucky Ones

The author's previous book was longlisted for the Mslexia novel competition and won a prize at the Edinburgh Writers Club

Editor's Note

Resistance fighter Valérie's incredible journey continues in this gripping and powerful WW2 historical novel. I can't wait for readers to be immersed in this unforgettable book, which will leave them reaching for the tissues! Full of courage and hope against all the odds, Valérie risks everything to rescue orphaned Clara, who has a top-secret Nazi document that could help the Allies win the war.

Retail Description

'Please, you must get Clara out of France!' cried the woman, her voice breaking in desperation. 'She's only thirteen and her parents have been taken to a death camp. Can you save her before it is too late?'

1943: Resistance fighter Valérie risks her life daily to help as many Jewish people to flee across the French border as she possibly can. And when she is asked to find orphaned Clara and bring her to safety, she learns that the brave young girl has part of a top-secret Nazi document that could change history and bring an end to their tyrannical rule.

But just as Valérie traces Clara to a children's home, it is raided by German soldiers and Clara goes missing. With her beloved Philippe fighting the Nazis in Italy, Valérie will do whatever she can to find Clara, bring an end to the war and reunite with him.

As the Nazis close in, Valérie receives devastating news from Italy. Finding Clara is Valérie's only hope of helping the Allies to win, her only chance for a better future. Can she put her own heartbreak aside and risk her life to save Clara and change the course of the war?

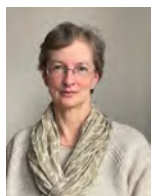
Reviews for Dianne Haley

'My mind is blown... I have a new favourite author... I was hooked... The laundry could wait. Take away instead of cooking was the choice of the day... I didn't stop thinking about the story... had me devouring pages... My heart beat loudly.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Heart pounding... will have you feeling all of the emotions from happy to sad to fear, with each turn of the page.' Spooky's Maze of Books ★★★★★

Author Biography

Originally from the north of Scotland, Dianne lives with her husband in Edinburgh and has two grown-up children. Dianne and her family have been visiting the area around Lake Geneva since 1992 and love the Alps in all seasons. The inspiration for her WW2 series came from a drive through Geneva's old town on a rainy October evening, the cobbled lanes a perfect setting for secrets and hiding places.



Historical

270 pages | Pub Date 26/4/2023 | 9781837900954 | Unagented

The Resistance Girl 3



The Undercover Secretary Ellie Midwood

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), 20/20 Editora (Portuguese), Ciranda Cultural (Brazilian), Publish and More (Álomgyár) (Hungarian), Geste (French), Akapit Press (Polish), JP Politikens (Swedish & Danish), Motyl (Slovak), Grup Media Litera (Romanian), Sofoklis (Lithuanian), Jota, (Czech)

For fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Choice, and The Orphan Train

Ellie's current titles have sold over 250,000 copies, with over 14 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

Ellie Midwood returns with her most thrilling book yet. *The Undercover Secretary* brings to life the true – and utterly incredible – story of Dora Schaul. Dora was none other than a German Jew who escaped her country and worked for the resistance in France. Her most dangerous mission was working for the infamous and cruel Nazi, the Butcher of Lyon. Imagine being a secretary for the man you fear the most, the most evil Nazi you have ever encountered? Imagine having to smile at him, type his letters, and follow his orders. Imagine being locked in a room with him, day in, day out... This was brave Dora's reality – and Ellie brings to life this unforgettable historical heroine with such beauty, grace and honour. (Spoiler alert: she lives – this is often rare in Ellie's books!)

Retail Description

Dora has lost everything to the Nazis. Her dearest friends have disappeared. Her parents have been imprisoned in concentration camps and murdered for the crime of simply existing. She has no idea if her husband, the devoted Alfred, is even alive.

Though her world is crashing and burning around her, Dora refuses to give in to Hitler's tyranny. The Nazis may have broken her heart, but they will not break her spirit.

Secretly working for the underground network in France, Dora risks her life on the most dangerous mission in the history of the local resistance. She goes undercover as the secretary of the Head of Gestapo; a soldier with a brutal reputation. A cold-blooded killer.

She is tasked with leaking the names of the SS to the British press. Every day, she rubs shoulders with the enemy. She types letters for the monsters who killed her family. At any second, she could be found out...

Can she survive, turning the tide of the war and saving thousands of lives? Or will those she loved the most in the world, and millions of other innocent people, have died in vain?

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'Phenomenal! Absolutely brilliant! This book requires a standing ovation for sure!... Crushingly heart-breaking yet beautiful.' Battle of the Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents. In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie lives in New York with her fiancé and their Chihuahua named Shark Bait.



Historical

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The Polish Girl Gosia Nealon

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Over 9,000 copies sold as *The Last Sketch*, Bookouture republished this title in Feb 2023. Over 1,600 copies sold. 225,000 KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Previously published as *The Last Sketch*, this is an extraordinarily gripping story of secrets and spies and the heartbreaking sacrifices one woman makes to defeat the enemy. I completely fell in love with Wanda and Finn and it will have instant appeal to fans of *The Alice Network* and *My Name is Eva*. We are republishing this as Book 1 in a new WW2 series - *The Secret Resistance Series*.

Retail Description

Warsaw, Poland, 1944: On the night the Gestapo break down their door, Wanda Odwaga desperately cradles her father as he takes his last breath. He taught her to save lives while working as a doctor, but there is nothing she could do for him now.

Although it will not bring her father back, she vows to make sure no one else suffers as he did and throws herself back into delivering coded resistance messages. Until, slipping through the shadows to meet a resistance spy—one who could help arm her people to fight against the Germans—the sight of the man waiting for her makes Wanda question everything...

Even in the dim light, she knows; the soldier who shot her beloved father stands before her.

As she turns, trying to lose him among the trees, the Gestapo officer grabs her arm. In a gentle voice, with no hint of the cruelty he showed that dreadful night, he claims he is her contact, and is a double agent for the resistance. Searching his face for any hint of a lie, she sees only compassion. Lost in confusion, unsure if anything he says is true, Wanda is brought back to her mission as approaching voices break the silence. She must make a terrifying decision...

Can she bring herself to join forces with him, if it could turn the tide of the war? Will she be able to figure out whose side is this man really on, or will she put her family in even more danger?

Reviews for Gosia Nealon

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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

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The Secret Resistance Series



The Polish Wife Gosia Nealon

For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and The Tattooist of Auschwitz

Gosia's debut, originally published as The Last Sketch, has sold over 9,000 copies.

Editor's Note

In this gorgeous story about the incredible courage shown by extraordinary people in Warsaw, Poland during the Nazi occupation, we fall in love all over again with familiar and truly amazing characters from the first book in The Girls of the Polish Resistance series. From Anna's escape from her Nazi husband to her undercover resistance mission with Mateusz, every element of this tale will completely break your heart then put it back together as they overcome everything for each other and their country. I challenge you not to cry!

Retail Description

Warsaw, Poland, 1941: When Anna Otenhoff is approached by the Polish resistance to manage a network of spies behind the façade of a café for enemy soldiers, she does not hesitate. She despises Hitler, and she cannot forgive her cruel husband for siding with him.

Being so close to these dangerous men, Anna knows that she can do so much for the people suffering at the hands of these monsters – and she will risk her life for the cause.

Every forced smile she gives the unsuspecting enemy soldiers at the cafe hardens her heart, especially after enduring her husband's torment. But as she spends more time with the resistance behind the scenes, she grows close to them – they become Anna's new family. Especially Mateusz.

This young doctor shows her a kindness she has never known. When they are sent undercover together, Anna can't help but imagine what life would be like with him, instead of the man she is tied to. But, on their return, her dreams of a future with Mateusz, and freedom for her country are shattered when she is cornered by soldiers, and hears a familiar voice shouting orders...

Her brute of a husband has returned to her, to rain destruction on Warsaw.

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Historical

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The Secret Resistance Series



The Polish Daughter Gosia Nealon

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Gosia's debut sold 9,000 copies as *The Last Sketch*, Bookouture republished in Feb 2023. 1,600 copies sold. 225,000 KU page reads.

Editor's Note

In the heartbreaking third book in *The Girls of the Polish Resistance* series, brave Julia Wiarnowska returns to Warsaw to join the incredibly courageous characters from previous books in the series. The strength of Gosia's characters show the power of hope and the bravery of extraordinary people in the face of such dark times, taking you on an emotional rollercoaster of a journey. The terrible choices Julia has to face while her friends are tortured under the orders of the man she once thought she would marry had me in tears, but they were tears of joy by the time I came to the heartwarming ending.

Retail Description

Poland, 1944: Armed men line the streets and herd us forward as they pull people from the crowd. My heart pounds as I hear a familiar cry. They have my best friend. I desperately push through to her, to save her. But we are too densely packed in. I can't hold back my sobs as she disappears from sight. I am too late...

When war broke out, Julia's father, a high-ranking Polish Officer, took her from Warsaw to keep her safe. Now her father is missing in action, Julia has returned home to find him and fight for the resistance.

When she is trapped in the ghetto, Julia can only watch in horror as her friend is dragged away. It seems she is about to suffer the same awful fate, until her childhood sweetheart, Nikolaj, appears in enemy uniform and stops the guards with one word.

Surely the boy Julia remembers would never side with the Germans? In the safety of his private room, he explains he is a resistance spy within the ranks of Nazi officers.

Half-Jewish and with her father a wanted man, how safe can she be behind enemy lines? And, not knowing who to trust, will she ever be able to reunite with her captured friend, and her beloved father—or will the war tear them apart forever?

Reviews for Gosia Nealon

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Historical

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The Secret Resistance Series



The Daughter's Garden Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara O'Neal and Fiona Valpy

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

Editor's Note

The second in Kate Hewitt's quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village as *THE WIFE'S PROMISE* with modern and historical stories interwoven is as intriguing as the first. This story takes us from the modern day and a woman who finds herself looking after her orphaned half-sister, back to WW1 and to another woman who loses her love to war, and a secret garden that unites both stories. It's about family, love, tragedy and courage. And in the flutter of a butterfly's wing, you'll be there, in the garden, with the characters!

Retail Description

1918, England: As war ends, across the world, people are trying to heal. But Eleanor still feels broken. The loss of her beloved brother, killed just days before the Armistice was signed, feels impossibly unjust. Spending her time in the neglected gardens behind their house, she fears her heart will never recover. Then her father hires a man to help restore the garden to its former glory. Gruff, handsome Yorkshireman Jack comes from a totally different world to Eleanor, but he understands the nature of her grief more than anyone else seems to. And as they spend time together, even though she knows her family will never accept someone of Jack's class, Eleanor starts to wonder if – like the butterflies around them – there is any way for her to learn to soar again...

Now: Nearly one hundred years later, Marin is not prepared for finding herself the guardian of her fifteen-year-old half-sister Rebecca, after her father and his second wife are killed in a tragic accident. The sisters are practically strangers, and Rebecca's grief makes her seem even more distant. Marin too is in need of a fresh start, so when Rebecca begs her to let them move to the picturesque village of Goswell on the Cumbrian coast, Marin impulsively agrees.

But it is only when they find a locked door to a secret garden, and a photograph of a girl with a butterfly alighting on her hand, that the sisters start to realise they have a mystery to solve, one about war, about secrets, and about a love that could never be. A mystery that might just bring them together...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

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Historical

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The Goswell Quartet 2



The Wife's Promise Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara O'Neal and Fiona Valpy

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

Editor's Note

When Kate told me about this quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village with modern and historical stories interwoven - I was instantly intrigued; and picking them up to read, I was SWEPT AWAY. She's simply one of our best writers, able to capture emotion, true human experience, and historical detail in a way that is utterly compelling. The first book in the series takes us back from the modern day and a woman who's new to a village, back to WW2 and to another woman who finds herself left behind when her husband goes to war. The two stories weave in and out of one another, each helping the reader understand the experience of loss, love, family, regret and home.

Retail Description

England, 1939: When Alice marries twinkly-eyed, kind-hearted vicar David, it means leaving everything from her old life behind and moving into the draughty vicarage in the beautiful but remote village of Goswell, Cumbria. Though homesick, Alice is determined to make a new life there for herself and her husband.

But soon tragedy strikes, and she is devastated when war breaks out and David chooses to sign up to fight. But everything changes when Alice is asked to take in a child evacuee, and she makes a promise to protect this girl, no matter what it costs her...

Now: When Jane and her family move to the small coastal village of Goswell where her husband grew up, she's afraid she might have made a huge mistake. Their new home - in what had once been the vicarage - feels a million miles from their previous fast-paced life in New York City, and Jane struggles with her empty days that seem lonely and purposeless.

But then she finds a small note, forgotten behind a shelf in the pantry. A note written in the Second World War. By a woman named Alice, whose incredible story has the power to change everything...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

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Historical

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The Goswell Quartet 1



The Bride's Sister Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara O'Neal and Fiona Valpy

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

Editor's Note

The third in Kate Hewitt's quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village as THE WIFE'S PROMISE with modern and historical stories interwoven is as compelling as the first two. This story takes us from the modern day where a woman is struggling with her relationship with her stepdaughter, back to the 1800s and to another woman who finds herself forced to make an unhappy marriage, and becoming stepmother to a girl close to her own age. It's about motherhood, sisterhood, and the ties that bind women to each other, even when we sometimes feel our most alone. Powerful and unmissable!

Retail Description

She clutched the piece of paper close to her chest, tears welling in her eyes, hardly believing what she had read. Silently thanking Sarah for all she sacrificed, she took the death certificate and slipped it under a loose floorboard – no one must ever find out what she'd done...

Then, 1868: Orphaned and penniless, 18-year-old Sarah is left the sole guardian of her beloved little sister Lucy – who she's vowed to protect at all costs. With nowhere left to turn, she is forced to accept mysterious widower James Mills' proposal of marriage. She believes being his bride can't possibly be as bad as the threat of the workhouse. But nothing prepares her for the darkness of her marriage, the shocking secrets of her new family and for the lengths she will have to go to keep her sister safe...

Now: Living in the beautiful village of Goswell, Ellen believes her family life to be idyllic... until her estranged seventeen-year-old stepdaughter Annabelle moves in and shatters the peace. Ellen fears they will never bond, until she finds a death certificate – for a woman named Sarah, from over a century earlier – hidden under the floorboards of their house, and Annabelle starts to help her unravel the mystery. Yet as Ellen and Annabelle dig deeper into Sarah's life and death, shocking truths, both past and present, come to light which change everything Ellen thought she knew about Sarah's family – and the new addition to her own...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

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Historical

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The Goswell Quartet 3



The Widow's Secret Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara O'Neal and Fiona Valpy

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

Editor's Note

The fourth story in Kate Hewitt's brilliant quartet of novels set in the fictional village of Goswell takes us back in time to the 1700s and the slave trade; after the discovery of a shipwreck off the coast of Cumbria. It's a story about what it means to be a mother, and how hard it can be to find your truth when it means speaking out against the way we all see the world. I was holding my breath as I finished reading it! Absolutely AMAZING and sure to entice historical and modern readers alike!

Retail Description

She looked down at the sweet little girl – and knew she wouldn't listen to what anyone else said. She had to do what was right. Even if it meant going against everything she was taught to believe and keeping a secret from the person closest to her...

England, 1766: Abigail is happily married to James, a tobacco trader turned sea captain, and is looking forward to starting a family and settling down in Whitehaven, Cumbria. But after a series of devastating losses, she finds herself in turmoil, with her future suddenly seeming unknown...

When James announces that he will captain a ship to Africa and the Americas for a year, it sparks a series of surprising and heartbreaking events – involving the darkest evils in humanity's history, and a tiny, terrified slave girl who's brought back to England. This helpless child forces Abigail to reconsider everything she thought she knew – and will change her life forever...

Now: When a shipwreck is discovered off the coast of Cumbria, local expert Rachel is brought in to investigate. Her first thought is that this will be a perfect distraction from her troubled marriage and the memories of her past. But then it becomes clear the wreck is a slaving ship from the 1700s – one that was recorded as sinking in the Caribbean – and Rachel begins to wonder if there's more to this terrible mystery than meets the eye. Faced with uncertainty about both the past and present, can Rachel learn from Abigail's extraordinary story and take the first step towards a brighter future of her own?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

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Historical

320 pages | Pub Date 17/11/2022 | 9781803148342 | Unagented

The Goswell Quartet 4



An Island Far from Home Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of *The Oceans Between Us*, *The Orphan Sisters*, and *My Name is Eva*

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

Editor's Note

Kate's absolutely unmissable new novel takes us to wartime England, with an unforgettable female lead, who discovers her bravery in the darkest days of history. Full of secrets, love and tragedy - it's a must-read for fans of WW2 historical fiction. I completely LOVED it and can't wait for its sequel, *THE LAST ORPHAN*.

Retail Description

1939, Canada: Until war breaks out, Rosie Lyman's life has been as idyllic as a girl could hope for. Living in a sleepy village on beautiful Amherst Island, the world—even at war—seems impossibly far away. But when her beautiful, impetuous cousin and best friend Violet signs up, Rosie feels she has no choice but to follow her.

What she doesn't expect is to find her calling, as she realizes that she can help protect the peace she so loved as a child. And when she's sent to London to work on a top secret project, she vows to do whatever she can to help the Allied cause. Even meeting and being swept off her feet by dashing American soldier, Thomas Crewe doesn't distract her from what she knows she must do.

But all is not as it seems. Someone is keeping a dark secret. And, as the bombs drop over Europe and beyond, someone will betray Rosie, and the peace she is fighting for may be threatened forever...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'THE book of the year!... I don't think I have ever cried as much' Sinfully Wicked Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Never has any book been able to just wipe me out with such gut-wrenching sadness... BEAUTIFULLY DONE' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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Historical

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Amherst Island 5



The Last Orphan Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of The Orphan Sisters and My Name is Eva

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

Editor's Note

In the sixth novel in the Amherst Island series, Kate Hewitt takes our beloved heroine, Rosie, to the Lake District, where she works to rehabilitate and care for those orphaned by the war. But as she works so hard to heal the wounds of the children in her care, will she be able to heal her own scars? As Ellen comes to terms with her losses, she begins to wonder if she might find love in the most unexpected of places, and at the most unexpected moment. A story of hope and resilience in the aftermath of World War Two, this gripping and emotionally-fraught novel will break your heart into pieces, then ultimately put it back together again.

Retail Description

If these children could heal, shouldn't Rosie be able to as well? What made her grief so strong that it kept her from trying again, from learning to live, to really live, and to love once more?

1945, England: When Rosie Lyman travels to the Lake District as a volunteer to help children rescued from the horror of the concentration camps after the Second World War, she hopes that by caring for the young orphans, she can distract herself from the loss of the man she loves and her beloved daughter.

From the moment the children arrive, Rosie is rushed off her feet as she welcomes the new arrivals. But when she notices one particularly quiet girl, who has isolated herself from the other children, Rosie senses a wealth of sadness inside Frieda similar to her own and becomes determined to help her.

As she struggles to connect with the young girl, Rosie meets one of the adults traveling with the children, Leon Rosenblat. And although they don't always see eye to eye, as they begin to care for the orphans, Rosie senses a warmth within him, and soon find herself thinking about his kind smile, dark hair and glittering brown eyes...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"An incredible book... I didn't want to stop reading... I fell in love with the island and everyone there. It's been ages since a book spoke to me as much... It reminds me of the Anne of Green Gables books... or Little House on the Prairie. I cried like a baby several times... One of the best stories I have read." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

"Phenomenal... The descriptions of the landscape and the island are so real... This inspirational historical fiction is a must read." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

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Historical

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Amherst Island 6



The Secrets of Summerhayes Merryn Allingham

For fans of Tracy Rees, Kate Morton and Elizabeth Jane Howard

Merryn has sold over 80,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Merryn is a best-selling author with her Flora Steele cosy crime series, and we're so excited to also now be re-launching her Summerhayes series (previously published by HQ), a sweeping and evocative family historical saga set on a beautiful Sussex estate. The second in the series – The Secrets of Summerhayes – is set in the war-torn summer of 1944, where visions of the past and the chance of a new future help a young woman unravel the secrets and mysteries surrounding the now-crumbling Summerhayes House.

Retail Description

1944. England is in the devastating grip of World War Two, and Bethany Merston's life changes in an instant when bombs screech down over London. Heartbroken, she leaves the shattered ruins of her home behind. In the Sussex countryside, she takes a job as companion to elderly Alice Summer, mistress of the crumbling and over-grown Summerhayes House.

Its once-pristine grounds are now home to a regiment of soldiers preparing for an invasion across the channel. But Bethany's wartime experiences mean she can find beauty in broken things, and she is captured by the estate's magic. When she meets handsome, blue-eyed Lieutenant Jos Kerrigan in the gardens one morning, it is clear he has also been captivated by Summerhayes. As their friendship grows, Bethany realises that it's not just the house she's falling for...

But something is stirring beneath the surface at Summerhayes... When Bethany discovers that Alice is receiving anonymous letters that have opened up old family wounds, she is determined to find out who is responsible. Convinced that Summerhayes itself holds the key to the mystery, Bethany and Jos explore the grand house together. The answers lie in a long-forgotten painting in the dusty attic, unravelling the mysteries of the Summer family. And as the truth about Alice's past comes to light, it has the power to change Bethany's future.

Will Bethany and Jos' blossoming love survive the war, or will the secrets of Summerhayes tear them apart?

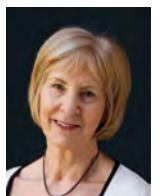
Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Right from page one I was hooked... I LOVED IT!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A real page-turner... I totally disappeared into for an evening and long into the night, totally losing any sense of time.' 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 against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Historical

312 pages | Pub Date 11/1/2023 | 9781803147673 | Unagented

Summerhayes House



The Girl from Summerhayes Merryn Allingham

For fans of Tracy Rees, Kate Morton and Elizabeth Jane Howard

Merryn has sold over 80,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Merryn is a best-selling author with her Flora Steele cosy crime series, and we're so excited to also now be re-launching her Summerhayes series (previously published by HQ), a sweeping and evocative family historical saga set on a beautiful Sussex estate. The first in the series – The Girl from Summerhayes – is set in the June of 1914, where against the backdrop of a looming war, old resentments, new love and family secrets boil over and change everything for Elizabeth Summer and her family.

Retail Description

1914, England. Will her decision unite her family or tear them apart?

Surrounded by beautiful gardens in the glorious Sussex countryside, Summerhayes House seems like a true hidden paradise, but behind its polished floors and perfect green lawns is a family divided. The Summer family's beloved home is under threat, and nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Summer finds herself caught in the heart of the crisis.

Elizabeth's father believes his daughter marrying well will save Summerhayes. But Elizabeth is distraught at the stifling future ahead of her. A chance meeting with green-eyed Aiden Kellaway, the handsome architect's apprentice working on the estate's prized gardens, changes everything. For the first time, Elizabeth pictures an entirely different life, and – despite her father's wishes – she is determined to take hold of it.

But war is brewing in Europe, and when its long shadow touches Summerhayes, Elizabeth realises her rebellion will come at a price. Desperately torn between family loyalty, society's expectations and the bright chance at happiness she glimpsed in Aiden's arms, she is forced to make an impossible choice. As Elizabeth's future – and her family's – hangs in the balance, she must ask herself, is the price is worth paying? And can she live with the consequences?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Right from page one I was hooked... I LOVED IT!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A real page-turner... I totally disappeared into for an evening and long into the night, totally losing any sense of time.' 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 against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 11/1/2023 | 9781803147444 | Unagented

Summerhayes House



A Royal Visit to Victory Street Pam Howes

Previous Translation Publishers
Mati (Greek)

For fans of Dilly Court, Diney Costeloe and Nancy Revell

Pam has been in the Amazon Top 30 in both the UK and CA

Editor's Note

The bestselling story of the Bryant Sisters continues with another heartbreaking but ultimately uplifting historical saga from Australian number one Pam Howes! Bella Rogers's feels that life in Liverpool is settling down at last. Her son Levi has a university place, the first in their family, but he insists he is going to turn it down – all of his friends are buying guitars and getting involved with the burgeoning Liverpool music scene. They fall out over his decision, leaving Bella utterly heartbroken. Will they ever find a way to reconcile? Packed full of historical details that saga readers will adore, this is sure to be another hit for Pam!

Retail Description

1956, Liverpool. With the shadow of the war looming over them and bomb craters littering the surrounding streets, hope feels far away for the residents of Victory Street. When they learn that the Queen has chosen to visit them on a tour of Liverpool, the delighted neighbours bring back the wartime spirit. Can they possibly get the street ready in time?

Even a royal visit cannot take away Bella Harrison's worries. Her son, fourteen-year-old Levi, has just told her he wants to move to America to join the rest of his father's family. The news has so shocked Bella that she's not sure she'll be able to sing for the Queen, jeopardising all their plans for the big day.

Life has been hard for Levi, growing up as a mixed-race boy in Liverpool, but he's the light of Bella's life. The thought of losing him brings back the terrible memories of her father and sister dying during the war. If everyone pulls together to make the Queen's visit an unforgettable celebration, perhaps she can persuade Levi that Victory Street is where he belongs.

But when Levi receives heartbreaking news from America and his move becomes uncertain, Bella starts to wonder if all her efforts to keep him in Liverpool have been for the right reasons. Can Bella find it in herself to sing for the big celebration, and make the right choice for her beloved son?

Reviews for Pam Howes

★★★★★ 'Heart-wrenching... You will need tissues... I just loved it all... Brought tears to my eyes as I read... Just perfect... 10/10.' NetGalley reviewer

★★★★★ 'WOW... Brilliant... Keeps you turning the pages for more emotional rollercoasters.' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

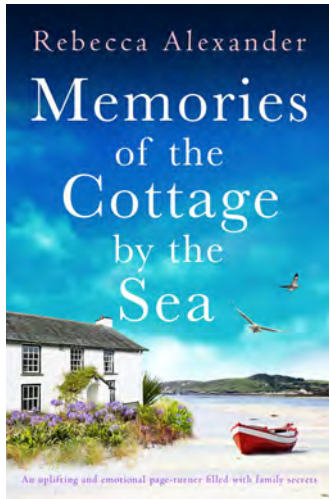
Pam is a retired interior designer, mum to three daughters, grandma to seven assorted grandchildren and roadie to her musician partner. The inspiration for Pam's first novel came from her teenage years, working in a record store, and hanging around with musicians who frequented the business. The first novel evolved into a series about a fictional band The Raiders. She is a fan of sixties music and it's this love that compelled her to begin writing.



Historical

234 pages | Pub Date 8/11/2022 | 9781800197930 | Unagented

The Bryant Sisters 5



Memories of the Cottage by the Sea Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Fiona Valpy and Nancy Thayer

The first in the series, *Secrets of the Cottage by the Sea*, is a UK and US Kindle Top 30 bestseller

Editor's Note

This gorgeous, dual time-line narrative, packed with lost family secrets and set on the stunning Scilly Isles, is full of beautiful, atmospheric descriptions and heartwarming romance. This second novel from Rebecca Alexander, which can be enjoyed as a standalone or as part of the series, follows a young teacher, sent to the tiny island to close the local school. But as she spends more time with the tiny, isolated community, she begins to realise that her own family history is connected to the island, and that there might a local islander with whom she might share her future...

Retail Description

As she inhales the salty sea air, Charlotte glimpses the island on the horizon. Seeing it after all these years still sends a shiver down her spine. Should she be returning to this place?

When teacher Charlotte Kingston is sent to close a school on an isolated Scilly Isle, it is her first time on the island since summer holidays spent there with her grandparents. But with a newly broken heart, she's desperate to travel as far from her life on the mainland as possible.

Not long after she arrives, two visiting children find themselves in need of a place to stay when their grandmother falls ill. When Charlotte agrees to take care of the boys, she suddenly has a reason to keep the school open a little longer. With a renewed sense of purpose, Charlotte begins to connect with the local islanders who tell her more about her family.

Intrigued, Charlotte decides to decode her grandmother's old letters from the Second World War. They reveal a story of a forbidden love that defied the darkness of war, and of a beautiful, brave young man who would risk everything for his country, even if meant losing the woman he loved...

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

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

'Beautiful... I loved this... I absolutely could not bring myself to put it down once I began reading.' Pageturners ★★★★★

Author Biography

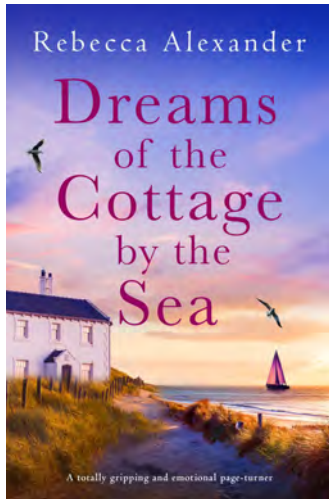
Rebecca Alexander was born in Malta and grew up on the south coast of England, becoming a psychologist. She escaped parenting six children to study writing in 2011, and the Secrets series of novels was published in 2013. A Baby's Bones and sequel followed. Rebecca lives in a haunted 300-year-old cottage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



Historical

330 pages | Pub Date 16/1/2023 | 9781803148625 | Unagented

The Island Cottage 2



Dreams of the Cottage by the Sea Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Fiona Valpy and Nancy Thayer

The first in the series, *Secrets of the Cottage by the Sea*, is a UK Kindle Top 50 bestseller

Editor's Note

This beautiful dual time-line narrative, packed family secrets and long-lost loves, is set on the stunning Scilly Isles. Full of atmospheric descriptions and heartwarming romance, this unputdownable read will transport you to the rugged coast of a remote island, and whisk you away in its storytelling. This third novel from Rebecca Alexander, which can be enjoyed as a standalone or as part of the Island Cottage series, follows a young woman who travels back to the island to recuperate, only to find that the man she loved long ago is still there...

Retail Description

As the waves crash against the boat, Nicole wonders if the island will be as magical as she remembers... Will it offer her the new beginning she's been searching for?

When Nicole finds herself in need of a new start, she instantly thinks of Morwen Island. She remembers the beautiful, remote place from her student days and, as she thinks of its cobbled streets and salty sea air, she wonders if this might be the place where she can begin again...

As she settles into island life, Nicole begins to feel like her old self. And when a knock on her cottage door brings handsome local Josh, who she remembers from her time on the island, she is instantly attracted to his charming smile. With their shared passion for the island's wildlife, they spend more time together, and soon Nicole finds it hard to ignore her growing feelings. But is her fragile heart ready to embrace the possibility of love once more?

When Josh suggests they investigate the supposedly haunted old house where Nicole lived as a student, she is forced to put her feelings for him to one side. She recalls the past heartache she felt there all too well and, as she looks up at the crumbling old building, she wonders whether the locals are right. Does the house still have secrets to hide?

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'Oh my goodness... Wish I could give the book more than five stars.' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

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Historical

318 pages | Pub Date 4/4/2023 | 9781837901630 | Unagented

The Island Cottage 3



The Stolen Twins Shari J. Ryan

Previous Translation Publishers

Dobrovský (Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), The House of Books (Dutch), Forlaget Zara ApS (Danish), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (IPC) (Hungarian), Arkadya (Turkish), Dressler Dublin SP ZO.O (Polish)

For fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Lucky Ones and The Midwife of Auschwitz

From the author of The Bookseller of Dachau (18,000). Previously published titles have sold over 100,000 copies, with 8.5M KU pages

Editor's Note

Be prepared to cry buckets, have your heart ripped from your chest, and to stock up on Kleenex! Shari J. Ryan has written a tender, poignant and devastatingly beautiful page-turner. It is written exceptionally – Shari has such a way with words, and each sentence feels like magic. Despite the horror of the subject matter, where identical twin sisters are torn from each other in Auschwitz, this sublime, emotive and utterly compelling narrative is filled with hope and has the most gorgeous happy ending.

Retail Description

Auschwitz, 1944: "You can't leave me," I whisper, my hand trembling as I reach for her cheek. "You can't. We're in this life together, always, just you and me."

The cattle car is dark, except for the light filtering through boarded windows. There are too many of us, crushed up against each other. None of us know what awaits when this train stops. I cling to Mama's hand and Nora, my twin sister, clutches Papa's.

After what feels like forever, the train stops. We spill out of the carriage, the sun blinding us after being imprisoned in darkness for so long. There are people everywhere, soldiers separating children from their parents, husbands from wives.

We're in some sort of queue, and a man in a dark-green SS uniform walks by, glancing at everyone he passes. "Twins, twins," he shouts. My heart falls into the pit of my stomach.

"Here," says Mama. "My daughters are twins." My eyes widen. Papa tries to tell Mama to be quiet, but it's too late.

The Nazi catches sight of us. "Twins," he says again, pausing to inspect Nora and me. "Yes, you are, aren't you? You two are going to come along with me."

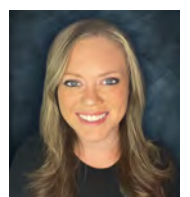
Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"THIS BOOK IS AMAZING!!!!... I've read lots of books by this author and loved them all but this one really stands out for me!... This book... I'm still at a loss for words. Such a beautiful, powerful and emotional story." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Oh my word... what a story!! I was breathless and on pins from the very first to the very last word... I devoured it... Will have your emotions in tatters." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Shari J. Ryan is a USA Today Bestselling Historical Fiction writer. Her desire to write stories revolving Jewish livelihood during World War II stems from being a descendant of two Holocaust survivors. In 2016, Shari began writing her first Historical Fiction novel, Last Words, a story about a lifelong journey through the eyes of a Holocaust survivor. With two character related books to follow, Shari quickly found a new passion to share untold World War II stories within a fictional setting.



Historical

282 pages | Pub Date 14/2/2023 | 9781837901067 | Unagented



The Children of Berlin Sharon Maas

Previous Translation Publishers
Fingerprint (Indian), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (Hungarian), Corint Books (Romanian)

For fans of The Alice Network, The Tattooist of Auschwitz and The Nightingale

Sharon Maas has sold over 330,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture, and has nearly 9 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Sharon Maas has a strong reputation for writing sweeping, powerful and heartbreaking historical fiction. Her latest, *The Children of Berlin*, is her most high concept and gripping book to date. In this story of ultimate betrayal and sacrifice, two best friends, Magda and Leah are torn apart in wartime Berlin. Magda joins the Hitler Youth. Leah is shocked beyond belief, because Leah is Jewish. Sharon's books have done particularly well in Germany, with her German translated title having over 8,5 million KU pages read.

Retail Description

Berlin, 1933. Leah and Magda are neighbours and best friends, living in the Kaiserkorso Eins apartment block. Thick as thieves, they do everything together and share all their secrets. They're as close as sisters and nothing can tear them apart. Leah even falls for Magda's charming brother Markus.

But something dark is looming on the horizon. The Nazi party is gaining ground with the German people, and their influence seems to increase at a terrifying rate each day.

Then Magda, motivated by a sense of German pride, joins the Hitler Youth. Leah is shocked beyond belief, because Leah is Jewish. At first Leah hopes Magda will change her mind – after all, they're best friends and Magda wouldn't hurt Leah like this, would she? But then, Leah spots Magda in a Hitler Youth march. She's wearing a brown uniform and has her right arm extended into the air. Leah feels sick to her stomach. How could Magda betray her like this?

As hostilities against Jews increase, life becomes more perilous for Leah and her family. While Leah's love with Markus is blossoming, people around her start to disappear. When the Gestapo raid her family's home, her brother is taken away and sent to a concentration camp. Leah knows she can no longer stay safe in Kaiserkorso. She needs to find a place where she can hide.

Reviews for Sharon Maas

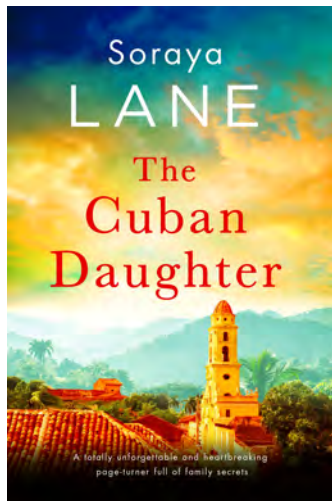
'If only I could give this book 100 stars rather than 5!... This book is epic, a mesmerizing book of strength through unimaginable losses... Heartbreaking and beautifully written this is a gripping tale of bravery... One of the best and most memorable historical books I've ever read!' Deanne's Book Thoughts, ★★★★★

'From the minute I opened this book I was completely enthralled. I couldn't put it down. It was well thought out and expertly written... Really a great read and I can't wait to look into other books by this author!' Being Perry, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sharon Maas was born into a prominent political family in Georgetown, Guyana, in 1951. She was educated in England, Guyana, and, later, Germany. After leaving school, she worked as a trainee reporter with the Guyana Graphic in Georgetown and later wrote feature articles for the Sunday Chronicle as a staff journalist. Sharon has always had a great sense of adventure and curiosity about the world we live in, and Guyana could not hold her for long.





The Cuban Daughter Soraya Lane

Previous Translation Publishers

Oceaan (Dutch), Albatros (Polish), Editora Sextante (Brazilian), Droemer Knauer (German), Garzanti (Italian), Planeta (Spanish), City Editions (French), Publisher Lindbak + Lindbak (Danish), Euromedia (Czech), Vulkan (Serbian), Otava (Finnish)

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore

The author's previous title, *The Italian Daughter*, has over 1 million KU pages read and has been translated into 12 languages

Editor's Note

Soraya has once again captured my heart with the second book in the Lost Daughters series. *The Cuban Daughter* is set in the vibrant city of Havana and focuses on a young woman, Esmeralda, who falls in love with an English merchant who travels out to Cuba to strike a deal for sugar with her wealthy father. Whilst their forbidden love blossoms, the reader is shown a country on the brink of collapse. Esmeralda's father is about to lose everything he has worked so hard for, her family about to lose everything they have ever known. But her heart belongs to Christopher and she will make the ultimate sacrifice to be with him. One thing is for certain: you will not be able to read this novel without reaching for the tissues. It is packed full of heart with a cast of characters you will never forget.

Retail Description

Havana, 1950. As the daughter of one of the wealthiest families in Cuba, Esmeralda knows the importance of marrying well. But when her father takes her on a business trip to London, she falls in love with a merchant named Christopher. When Christopher visits her father's sugar farm, Esmeralda knows they must keep their love hidden. But when the country falls into revolution, she is faced with an impossible choice – flee to America with her family or follow her heart and travel to London to be with Christopher. But Esmeralda has been keeping a secret from her family, and her decision will have devastating consequences.

London, present day. Claudia is rebuilding her life and following her passion of restoring unloved houses. But when her mother asks for her help in tracking down her grandmother's history, her curiosity is piqued. Her only clue is a family crest for the Diaz family, once one of the wealthiest dynasties in Cuba. Impulsively Claudia books a ticket to Havana, feeling sure in her heart that she will be able to uncover her family's true story. Arriving in the bustling and vibrant city she meets a young man named Mateo, a chef who loves nothing more than to cook his family's recipes. As they get to know each other over dinner, Mateo says that his grandfather used to work for the Diaz family and he too wants to uncover what happened.

But when they arrive at the Diaz family home, they find it completely abandoned. It's not long before they uncover a heartbreaking story about her family, who were forced to leave everything they had ever known. As she becomes closer to Mateo, will her family's story of sacrifice convince Claudia to leave behind her own home and follow her heart to Cuba?

Reviews for Soraya Lane

'Outstanding, I wanted to stay awake to read more and kept finding 5 minutes here and there to pick up the book!... Amazingly written... you felt like you were in Italy.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I cried buckets, I laughed, and totally loved it.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Soraya Lane graduated with a law degree before realising that law wasn't the career for her and that her future was in writing. She is the author of historical and contemporary women's fiction, including the #1 Kindle bestselling novels *The Last Correspondent* and *The Secrets We Left Behind*.



Historical

294 pages | Pub Date 23/3/2023 | 9781837900022 | Laura Bradford, Bradford Literary Agency

The Lost Daughters 2



We Fly Beneath the Stars Suzanne Kelman

Previous Translation Publishers

Planeta (Portuguese), IPC Könyvek (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Moba (Czech), City (French)

Perfect for fans of All the Light We Cannot See, The Ragged Edge of Night, and The Tattooist of Auschwitz.

Author has sold over 345,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Sometimes a novel comes along that sweeps you up and then SOARS so high, you barely have a moment to catch your breath. From the first page reading it, I felt I was flying with these incredible sisters, whose powerful bond and extraordinary courage is a story that feels like it was waiting to be told. The emotions you will feel reading it will blow you away! I can't wait for everyone to read this brilliant story!!!

Retail Description

1942, Europe: Based on the true story of female fighter pilots in the Second World War, this is a totally heartbreaking and unforgettable story about sacrifice, sisterhood and a love that transcends war.

When the love of Tasha's life, Luca, joins the air force to fight against the evil Nazi invaders, she knows she has to follow her heart—and him—into battle. Headstrong, impulsive and a daredevil, she's the perfect recruit. Tasha's sensible older sister Nadia plans only to stop Tasha's madness and bring her home. But a chance encounter puts her in a plane, soaring above the clouds, and she also finds her calling.

Underestimated by their superiors, Nadia and her sister find themselves in airplanes barely fit to fly, being sent on perilous missions with little hope of return. But before long their battalion is being nicknamed 'the Night Witches' by the Nazis, their ownership of the skies second to none.

But danger is up in the storm clouds with them, and when both sisters are shot down behind Nazi enemy lines, and taken to a brutal prison camp, they expect to never see their beloved homeland again. Until Tasha's eyes meet across the wire fence with someone she never expected to see again: the love of her life, Luca. But with love comes peril... Will one sister have to sacrifice everything to save the other?

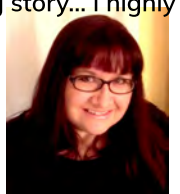
Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

"Wow! I was completely blown away... Such powerful emotions and heartbreaking experiences ripping through this story like a tornado, it leaves your heart in shreds and your eyes sopping up the tears with a giant box of tissues!... A novel you won't want to miss... Be prepared, though, to lose sleep and expect tears... Will grip and shake your heart!... Oh my goodness, I loved this... Such a powerful story." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Oh my gosh... Amazing. I loved the strong female main characters... What a beautifully written, heartbreaking story... I highly

Author Biography

Suzanne Kelman is a 2015 Academy of Motion Pictures Nicholl Finalist, Multi-Award-Winning Screenwriter and a Film Producer. As well as working in film she is also an International Amazon Bestselling Fiction Author of the Southlea Bay Series – The Rejected Writers' Book Club, Rejected Writers Take the Stage and The Rejected Writers' Christmas Wedding. Born in the United Kingdom, she now resides in Washington State.



Historical

374 pages | Pub Date 30/11/2022 | 9781803143811 | Unagented

Science Fiction & Fantasy



The Fury of Kings R.S. Moule

For fans of George R.R. Martin, John Gwynne and Raymond E. Feist.

Editor's Note

This is epic fantasy at its finest. A kingdom teeters on the edge of civil war, as alliances between powerful families break. A mysterious magical disaster looms. In the dangerous game to come, every character – fighter, noble or thief – must choose their loyalties and make painful, powerful choices. R.S. Moule's remarkable debut combines the grit and heroism of Anthony Ryan with the intricate, ever-shifting politics of George R.R. Martin in rich new series perfect for fantasy fans.

Retail Description

In the shadow of Eryispek—a mountain said to have no summit—a dark power is stirring. Storms rage in the frozen heights. Unexplained disappearances shake the kingdom below. And old enemies are sharpening their swords...

Andrick the Barrelbreaker first led an army at sixteen. His victories secured the throne of Erland for his brother and shattered the rebellious noble houses in the West. Decades later, a fragile peace still holds.

But when the king's only son is murdered, Erland is plunged into crisis. The new heir will stop at nothing to secure his claim. The king, maddened by grief, stalks the halls and hidden passages of his keep, growing more unpredictable by the day. As war and magical disaster loom, Andrick must decide between protecting his family and marching out to serve a brother he barely recognizes. His children must also choose their destinies.

Training in the practice yard every day, Orsian dreams of fighting beside his father. Now, for the first time, he faces the brutal reality of battle. And Pherri is haunted by very different dreams—of figures struggling up the mountain, of a voice more chilling than the wind, of blood on the snow. Only she can resist the darkness that waits on the slopes above...

Reviews for R.S. Moule

'Impressive new author... and an impressive new series. Such a cool setting and an entertaining ride!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is the kind of book that fans of Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time would enjoy... For those readers who are like 'heck yes' so far, this book was beautifully written. It has all the skills of most seasoned fantasy authors... a great fantasy read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

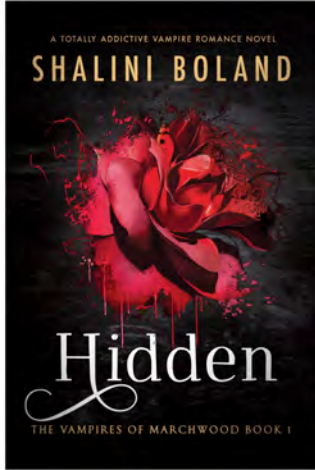
Roger Stephen Moule lives in South London with his wife Eloise and their cat Tinks. He has a passion for writing epic fantasy grounded by human flaws and desires, set in worlds inspired by a childhood divided between his home in the soft, rolling hills of the Cotswolds and summers spent exploring the rugged coastline and deep glens of the Isle of Man. When not reading or writing, he can often be found playing guitar or watching football.



Fantasy

540 pages | Pub Date 17/5/2023 | 9781837900534 | Unagented

The Erland Saga 1



Hidden Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Stephanie Meyer, Bianca Scardoni and Amanda Hocking

Over 1.9 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

From USA Today bestseller Shalini Boland, comes the addictive Vampires of Marchwood series. Falling in love has never been so dangerous...

Shalini Boland's psychological thriller novels have made over £2 million in revenue for the Bookouture list. We're excited to re-launch her Vampire fantasy series under Bookouture's new SFF imprint, Second Sky.

Retail Description

Falling in love has never been so dangerous...

My name is Maddison Greene. On my sixteenth birthday, I inherited an old mansion and wealth beyond my wildest dreams. I thought it was a joke, but as I step through the creaking door of the sprawling building, I realise my life in foster care is in the past. I've been chosen and my world has changed forever.

But I wasn't told that Marchwood House hides a secret.

As I explore every inch of the crumbling property, I stumble upon a set of large, dusty boxes in the basement. When I pull back the lid and look down, I find myself staring at the most handsome face I've ever seen. High cheekbones, porcelain skin...

And when he wakes up and locks eyes with me, I realise my heart already belongs to him, even though my head is screaming at me to get as far away from Marchwood as possible. Because I know what he really is.

I never planned to fall in love – but it's too late now. Alexandre has a dark and dangerous past. He needs me and I have to help him. But can a human really save a vampire?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'Yes!! Yes!! This is the vampire book I have been looking for... my new obsession. I can't wait for the next one!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I could not even begin to put it down. So many twists and turns. Shalini Boland does an incredible job... spectacular... grabs you from the beginning, with suspense, romance, and mystery.' Goodreads, ★★★★★

Author Biography

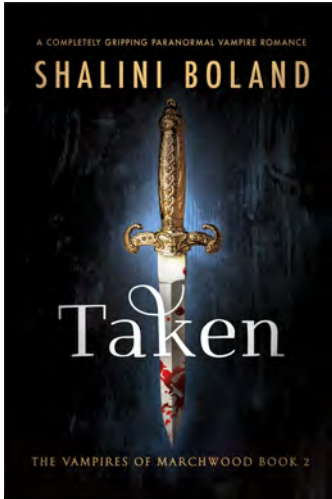
Shalini lives in Dorset, England with her husband, two children and Jess their cheeky terrier cross. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer songwriter, but now she spends her days writing suspense thrillers (in between school runs and hanging out endless baskets of laundry).



Fantasy

432 pages | Pub Date 21/3/2023 | 9781837900237 | Unagented

Vampires of Marchwood series 1



Taken Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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Retail Description

Falling in love has never been so deadly...

My name is Madison Greene and I was an ordinary teenager until I fell in love... with a vampire. Alexandre is tall, with a sexy French accent, and mesmerising eyes. He makes me feel protected, and he's completely captured my heart.

At Marchwood House, our sprawling mansion nestled in the English countryside, we're in our own perfect bubble together. But, in the blink of an eye, everything changes when an old enemy of Alexandre's sets a trap and rips me away from my boyfriend's arms.

The ancient demon takes me to his underground city, deep beneath the windswept desert. In the twisting tunnels and enormous vaulted caverns, there's a bloodthirsty vampire around every corner. I've never been so terrified...

It seems like there's no way out from this underground maze. My life is hanging by a thread, and every second I'm here is a step closer to death. I can't just sit here and hope that Alexandre will rescue me.

Can I outsmart a city of vampires to escape from this hellish place? And will I ever see Alexandre again?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'Just so brilliant... I couldn't put the book down, it gripped me from the very first page and continued to do so throughout... A superb read!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... the opening is fabulous, the middle is fabulous, oh and the ending... WOW! I love it when a book can surprise me and this book did that many times over... beautiful and flawless.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



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Hunted Shalini Boland

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For fans of Stephanie Meyer, Bianca Scardoni and Amanda Hocking

Over 1.9 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

From USA Today bestseller Shalini Boland, comes the addictive Vampires of Marchwood series. Falling in love has never been so dangerous...

Shalini Boland's psychological thriller novels have made over £2 million in revenue for the Bookouture list. We're excited to re-launch her Vampire fantasy series under Bookouture's new SFF imprint, Second Sky.

Retail Description

Falling in love has never been so complicated...

My name is Madison Greene and my boyfriend is a vampire. And not just any vampire, one with brooding good looks and a smile that makes my heart skip a beat. As I curl up against Alexandre's side, our hands entwined, I feel like the luckiest girl in the world. Although our relationship hasn't been easy. I'm human, so there were always going to be complications. But I thought we'd banished the demons from his previous life. I couldn't have been more wrong...

Because there's a new threat in the form of Nadia – a blue-eyed beauty who seems determined to do everything she can to break us apart. I trust Alexandre but I don't trust her.

As I start digging into the truth to find out who Nadia really is, centuries-old secrets begin to unravel. And in order to set Alexandre free from the chains of his past, we must return to the ancient underground city of vampires to defeat Alexandre's archnemesis once and for all.

Can I finally save Alexandre? Or will loving a vampire be the death of me?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'Awesome!! I have just finished this book and have more emotions than I can express... Once you start reading, you won't want to put it down!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing!!... nail-biting twists and turns from beginning to end. Absolutely loved... I read in one sitting because once I got started I just couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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The Spirit Girls Dawn Merriman

For fans of Heather Graham and Wendy Wang

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. The Spirit Girls is her first novel with Bookouture, beginning a new series of mystery, murder and restless spirits. When Rylan Quinn discovers a body in the woods and her family comes under suspicion, she must race to identify a vicious killer, drawing on her unique ability to speak with ghosts. It's a perfect escapist read – with a troubled everywoman investigator and an American small-town setting that has darkness and charm in equal measures, as well as secrets and romance that will play out across the series.

Retail Description

"Where are you taking me?" Rylan follows the figure through the trees. The girl's dark ponytail swings as she turns back, then walks on without answering. Deep in the woods, she disappears... and Rylan finds her body, mouth wide in a silent, final plea for help.

Rylan Flynn has always been able to see what others don't—the restless spirits haunting Ashby, Indiana. She's learned to live with her "gift" but sometimes she longs to escape. The woods have always been a peaceful place for Rylan. But on a visit to her aunt's cabin, she catches sight of a spirit in the trees. The ghost of a young woman approaches, leading Rylan to her body. With a flood of horror, Rylan realizes that the girl, Celeste Monroe, has been murdered. An outgoing newcomer to town, Celeste had no enemies. Who on earth would want to see her dead? When a coin carved with strange symbols is discovered in Celeste's throat, it's clear that a twisted, cold-blooded killer is at work.

Rylan's abilities could be the only way to prevent further deaths. But Ashby's handsome head detective, Ford Pierce, has made it very clear that he doesn't want her help. And any unexplained knowledge of the case could make Rylan the perfect suspect. When another body is discovered and blood at the scene points to Rylan's family, she is more determined than ever to uncover the truth. She must race against time to untangle a web of dark secrets... but can she find answers before the murderer claims another victim?

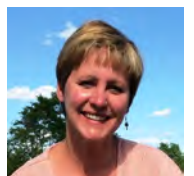
Reviews for Dawn Merriman

"I feel like I just finished running a marathon... My heart is still racing, hands trembling, emotions swirling... Incredible." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"One word, 'WOW'... Brilliantly written, couldn't put it down until I finished." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Dawn Merriman writes creepy small town murder mysteries, but nothing too graphic. (She likes to sleep at night.) She grew up on a small pig farm in Northeast Indiana and spent her teenage years sitting on her bedroom floor, scribbling stories into notebooks. Today, Dawn lives on another small farm with her husband and young adult children. You can often find her with muck boots on her feet and a story in her head. She enjoys animals, auctions, reading, snorkeling and writing small-town murder mystery novels.



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