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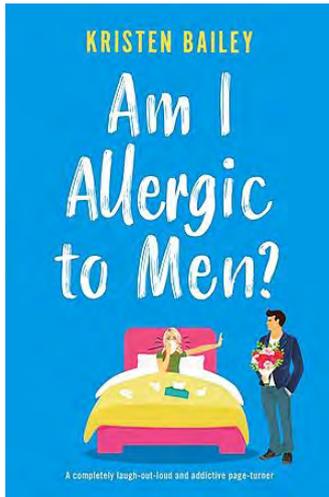
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Women's Fiction



Am I Allergic to Men? Kristen Bailey

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lindsey Kelk and TV shows like Schitt's Creek

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

Editor's Note

There's so much to love about this novel; I don't know where to start. Kristen is comic genius – I was in stitches! Lucy is an unforgettable, fire-cracker who is genuinely the funniest character I've ever published. But as well as top-class humour, there is such depth to this novel. It made me tear up – it's incredibly moving – and this makes for a rollercoaster of a read in the very best way. It's a book about learning to love yourself, the power of friendship and the strength of family. Kristen reminds us how important the people around us are, and what really matters in life. She has an incredible knack for making the everyday magical – adding sparkle to the situations we all find ourselves in, and many of us take for granted.

Retail Description

Could things get any worse?! I lost my memory, I'm so single I've basically got an allergy to men, and my own cat despises me.

'Lucy! If you can hear me, squeeze my hand!' That's the first thing I hear when I wake up in hospital. Then my sister drops a bombshell: I've been in a coma. It gets worse. In my head, it's 2009 and I'm seventeen. Somehow, I need to remember the last decade...

Plan A: Track down my exes. Highlights include a one-night stand with someone in a Batman costume, and balcony sex that gave the neighbours a nervous breakdown. Plan B: Get flirty. Lowlights include a fling with someone hairier than a yeti. Plan C: Figure out why I have more exes than underwear. Am I allergic to men?

As I piece together my past, I find a mysterious note: 'Oscar, 9th February'. But I have no idea who Oscar is... Determined to find out, I uncover a secret I've been hiding from everyone.

When the truth comes out, will my memory return? Will I get my life back? Will I ever cure my singledom? And how can I make my cat stop hating me?!

Reviews for Kristen Bailey

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

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

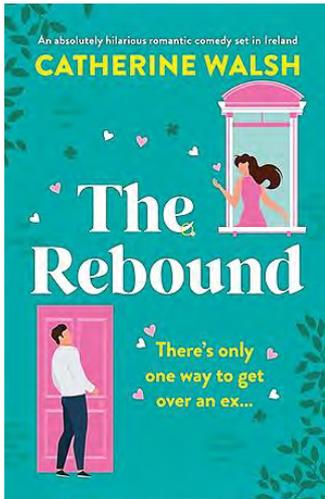
Author Biography

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



Chick Lit

290 pages | Pub Date 3/2/2022 | 9781803141190 | Unagented



The Rebound Catherine Walsh

Previous Translation Publishers
Soysal (Turkish)

For fans of Sophie Randal, Sophie Kinsella, Mhairi Macfarlane and Marian Keyes

The author's previous book has sold over 28,000 copies to date and reached top 10 in the Amazon Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

Catherine Walsh has a unique knack for making you belly laugh one minute, and reach for the tissues the next. She stole our hearts with Sarah and Irish heartthrob Declan in her debut novel *One Night Only*, and now she's back with a brand new romcom that will have you beaming from ear to ear. Set in New York and Ireland, expect plenty of LOLs, cracking banter, sizzling chemistry and characters you just want to go for a drink with (if you don't want to rip their clothes off first!).

Retail Description

A newly single girl. A tall dark handsome stranger. What could go wrong? It's 7 a.m. on a Monday and Abby Reynolds isn't where she wants to be. She wants to be in her beautiful loft apartment in Manhattan, drinking a coffee with her fiancé. Instead, she's heading back to the childhood home in rural Ireland she swore she'd never return to, with some big old secrets. Namely that she's suddenly found herself unemployed, homeless, and absolutely 100% single.

She's feeling all out of luck. Until the first person she meets after she touches down is an absurdly hot guy called Luke. Gazing deep into his sparkling emerald-green eyes, Abby knows instantly that he's exactly what she needs to take her mind off everything. The perfect rebound. It's a flawless plan. Until the next day, when Abby realizes who he actually is. Not just a stranger. He is, in fact, Luke Bailey, aka the boy next door. Luke Bailey who—so help her God—she's pretty sure she once shared baths with, back when they were kids. Not that she can allow herself to imagine him in a bath now, not without blushing from head to foot. And judging by the smirk on his face, the same Luke Bailey who's known exactly who she was the whole time... And who, like everyone in the village, still thinks she's a high-flying New Yorker... who's getting married next year.

Abby is certain getting under Luke will help her get over her ex. But the truth is stopping her. Can she admit to everyone back home that she's single and has lost everything? Because, if she wants the boy next door, she may just have to...

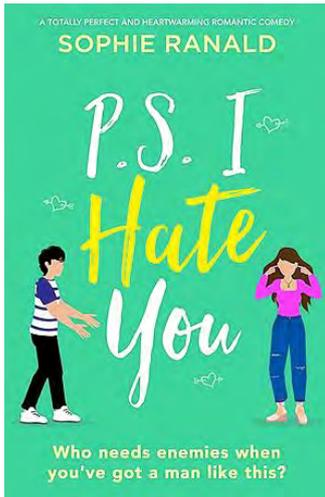
Reviews for Catherine Walsh

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

'This book is PERFECT... Luke is *chef's kiss*... The tension and slow burn between Luke and Abby had me on the edge of my seat, waiting for them to GET TOGETHER!!' @manic_bibliophiles, ★★★★★

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.



P.S. I Hate You Sophie Ranald

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

For fans of Emily Henry, Sophie Kinsella and Beth O'Leary

Her previous title *Sorry, Not Sorry* has sold over 260,000 copies

Editor's Note

Sophie Ranald is back with another banger! The romantic comedy queen returns with another lol-tastic page-turner that gets straight to the core about what it means to be a woman, the thin line between love and hate, and how cats can solve relationships! It's smart, witty, acerbic and hella fun. Sure to be her next Big Hit!

Retail Description

Marriage: Hanging by a thread. Sex life: Dead on arrival. Alcohol: Essential.

Abbie has been with Matt for twenty years. That's 7,305 days, not that she's counting. Ever since Matt saved Abbie from a pigeon when they were seventeen, they were meant to be. But fast forward, and their happy ever after is light on the happy. Their sex life is officially extinct, Abbie's lingerie is officially dusty, and Matt officially doesn't know how to use the dishwasher. Plus, there's always a but coming...

Hoping it's just a phase – aka the longest dry spell on record – it's time to initiate Operation Memory Lane. Maybe they can spice things up by recreating their first date (Nando's fixes everything), their first holiday (getting jiggy on the beach), and even their wedding. But revisiting the past isn't always plain sailing... Abbie didn't bank on her secret coming to light – the one she's kept for two decades. And she had no idea that Matt's been hiding something from her too. Can they get their spark back? Or is Operation Memory Lane a sure-fire way to blow up their marriage, leaving Abbie single, terrified to mingle, and with a drawer of dusty underwear for company?

This uplifting and totally addictive page-turner will give you All. The. Feels! If you've ever wondered where your mojo went, wanted to start from scratch, or been tempted to wring your husband's neck, then this feel-good romantic comedy is for you.

Reviews for Sophie Ranald

'SIMPLY BRILLIANT... I finished the book at 3:40 am and I was so happy that I lost my hours of sleep over this book. One of my great midnight reads.' Book Reviews by Shalini, ★★★★★

'After months of struggling to find another author I love as much as I love Sophie Kinsella I have found her!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

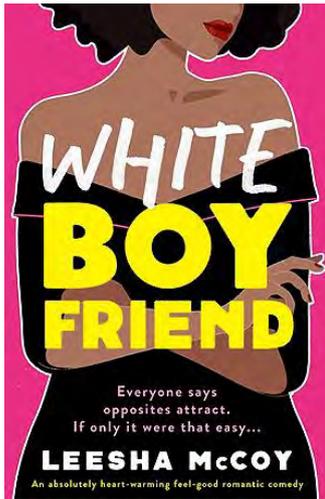
Author Biography

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

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White Boyfriend LeeSha McCoy

For fans of *How to Be Single*, *Just the Way I Am* and **Spoiler Alert**

Editor's Note

An American rom-com by a previously self-published author of sexy mermaid romances - what more could you want! *White Boyfriend* is a high-potential romcom that will have you howling with laughter and swooning all over the shop. This funny, sexy, feel-good page-turner is perfect for fans of romantic comedies by Talia Hibbert, *The Friend Zone* and *The Hating Game*.

Retail Description

If you can't love yourself, how are you going to love somebody else? A sweet, funny, feel-good page-turner about getting your groove back.

Nikki has it all—a great career, a gorgeous apartment and a boyfriend who is basically perfect. Okay, maybe things have grown a little too comfortable... but Nikki can handle it if it means keeping hot and wholesome Bron in her life.

Then the unthinkable happens and Bron walks out, leaving Nikki feeling like a total failure. They were supposed to have marriage and babies... but instead she's got a guilty conscience, pissed-off parents who just want her to win him back and the realization that without "Nikki-and-Bron" to hide behind, she has no idea who she really is.

Desperate to pull her out of her slump, best friends Alicia and Chay embark on a mission to help Nikki find Nikki again... by tossing her straight back into the dating pool. There she meets Mike – sweet, laid-back and the first white guy she's ever been with. There's no doubt there's some serious chemistry between them, but is becoming part of Mike's world taking Nikki even further away from herself?

Then Bron unexpectedly comes knocking, just as things are getting serious with Mike, and the rule book goes right out the

Reviews for LeeSha McCoy

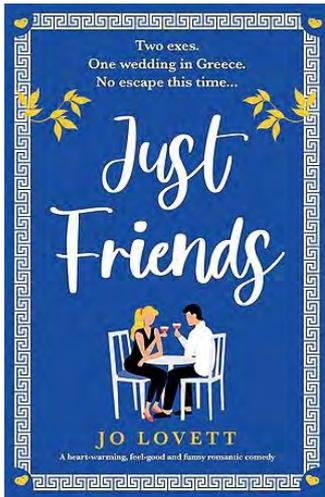
Carla Kovach, 5 stars
A joy to read!

Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars
An empowering and uplifting read!

Author Biography

LeeSha McCoy currently lives in Milton Keynes and is an author of African American romance. Passionate about bringing diversity and positivity to her stories, she also loves to bring different perspectives to common stereotypes.





Just Friends Jo Lovett

For fans of Sophie Randal, Sophie Kinsella, Mhairi Macfarlane

Previous title *The First Time We Met* has sold over 20,000 copies and reached Amazon's top 100 chart in both the UK and the US.

Editor's Note

Jo Lovett is back with another warm, witty and gorgeously set romantic comedy. *JUST FRIENDS* has all the elements of a feel-good holiday romance read, with sunshine, a Greek island setting and a couple who you're just dying to get together. It's a fantastic, satisfying read that kept me turning the pages right to the end, where it delivered everything I wanted from the plot. I can't recommend highly enough!

Retail Description

Lily took a deep breath. She wasn't going to pass out from her now-galloping heart. She was thirty-three years old and way beyond having issues seeing an ex. Even the ex. She was going to just ignore Matt and enjoy her best friend's wedding...

Lily is fine. Really, truly, she's ok. She might have to attend her best friend's wedding with the ex-boyfriend she never got over, on a gorgeous Greek island that's so small it's impossible to avoid him, but she is determined to be friendly.

And Matt, too, is completely and utterly fine. Lily may have broken his heart, but he moved on. And surely they can be amicable, as this week is about his best friend's wedding too? So he will be civil, stay out of her way as much as he can, and get on with the celebrations.

But then the wedding comes under threat, and Matt and Lily are thrown together in the efforts to save the day and – yet again – sparks fly. What happens when you try to repeat the past though? Can a holiday romance turn into a lasting love, for the second time? Or are Lily and Matt destined to remain just friends, forever?

Reviews for Jo Lovett

'What a gorgeous book... WoW! WoW! WoW! What an absolute mind-spinning, beautiful story this was! Top marks.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Omg, I really loved this book!... Fast-paced and engaging, exactly how I like it... Will recommend it especially to slow-burn romance lovers.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Jo Lovett lives in London with her family. She worked in Corporate Tax before taking a longer-than-expected career break to have more-than-expected children (five). She started writing romantic comedy when she realised that she was regularly begging her oldest son to let her do his English homework but she wasn't actually that interested in haunted houses or Macbeth. Jo was runner-up in the Good Housekeeping/ Orion First Novel Competition 2018 and shortlisted for the Comedy Women in Print Award 2019.





Stone Broke Heiress Danielle Owen-Jones

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lindsey Kelk and Schitt's Creek

Editor's Note

I asked the universe for something to fill the Schitt's Creek-shaped hole in my life, and Danielle delivered! This book had me doubled over with laughter, and left me wishing Bella was real so that we could be friends. The next best thing though is to introduce her – and Danielle's writing – to the world, and I feel so lucky to be doing this!

Retail Description

Six months ago, I was the heiress to a soup empire worth millions. Now, I'm standing in a giant dumpster.

Bella Whittington's caviar-and-Cristal life comes crashing down when she walks in on her fiancé and best friend tangled up in page 34 of the Kama Sutra, limbs everywhere. But her plan to dull the pain with Daddy's credit card is totalled by the news that they've lost the family business. Suddenly Bella's both single and completely broke.

Shivering in her dingy new studio apartment after a traumatic incident with a homemade turmeric face mask (Hello Tangerina Jolie!), Bella realises she must pull up her Gucci socks and get a job, fast. But Dan, the gorgeous grumpy owner of the local soup kitchen, hates the Whittingtons, so a teensy lie about her surname gets Bella through the door, and set loose on the stove... Minestrone with a side of melted spatula, anyone?

When Bella's ex returns with a golden ticket back to her glitzy old life, should she accept? Because that would mean no more box wine and frozen pizza nights with Dan. No more singalongs to the crackly kitchen radio. No more my-heart-is-as-melted-as-that-spatula moments when he finally cracks a reluctant smile... But if Dan finds out the truth about who she really is, will she even have the choice?

Reviews for Danielle Owen-Jones

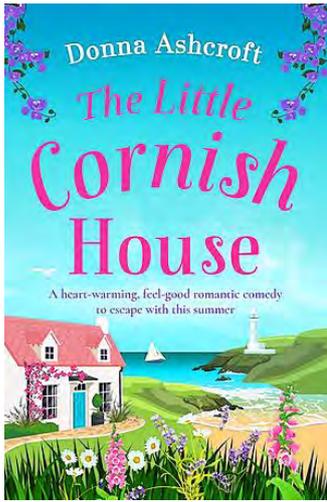
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'I laughed from the very first line... A joy to read. Quick witted, sharp and fun... Perfect.' Bobs and Books ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Little Cornish House Donna Ashcroft

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

For fans of Nicola May, Sarah Morgan and Cathy Bramley

Donna has sold over 130,000 copies with Bookouture since we published her first book in 2018

Editor's Note

Bookouture has sold over 130k copies of bestselling author Donna Ashcroft's seasonal women's fiction stories. She has hit the top 10 in both the US and UK with her gorgeous, uplifting novels.

This is our ninth Donna Ashcroft publication and the author is by now 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 Ruby's life is safe and predictable. No dramas, no complications, no men. After her heart was broken, she's created a protective bubble around herself. Until her grandmother calls to say she's in danger of losing her beloved little Cornish house by the sea and her once-thriving pottery business. She needs Ruby to save the day...

Returning to Indigo Beach stirs up painful emotions, so Ruby pours her energy into recreating the Pottery Project she remembers from her childhood – brimming with creativity, friendship and plenty of cream cakes! Although walking into Gabe Roskilly, the sexy owner of the local brewery, wasn't part of her game plan.

As the summer hots up, Ruby tries to ignore her attraction to Gabe – but her resolve is truly tested to the limit. It's impossible to avoid the tall, dark, handsome stranger because Gabe is at the centre of village life. And he seems determined to help Ruby rescue her grandmother's struggling business. But as Ruby begins to open her locked heart to the possibility of love, she finds herself distracted by the gossip swirling around the seaside community. It doesn't take long for Ruby to discover something about Gabe that could ruin everything between them.

Will Ruby leave Indigo Beach for good? Or can she save her grandmother's business, fall in love and find true happiness this summer?

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,



'I have devoured this in one sitting, Ashcroft has pulled me into the pages and made me desperate to see what was going to play out. I am a sucker for a love story and was rooting for the characters... Definitely a five-star read which I highly recommend.' Little Miss Book Lover 87



Author Biography

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



Chick Lit

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What Happens in 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)

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

**Sue's previous title My Big Greek Summer has sold 60,000 copies and
reached the top 30 on Amazon UK**

Editor's Note

Nothing brings as much joy and holiday feeling as a new Sue Roberts novel! As soon as I heard the idea for her latest heroine's series of unfortunate events - not least involving a greedy goat - I was Hooked, and I know that readers craving a splash of sunshine and smiles will be too!

Retail Description

Buying a rundown cottage in Greece. A crazy, wine-fuelled idea, or the best decision she's ever made?

Charlotte feels shell-shocked as she takes in the scene before her. To the left, her (ex?) fiancé's retreating figure as he hotfoots it back to civilisation; in front, the crumbling Greek island farmhouse she thought was their shared dream; and just below, a goat munching merrily on her sunhat...

One year ago, as they drowned their post-holiday blues, Jamie had leapt at Charlotte's idea to permanently swap drizzly Chester for sun-drenched Crete. Now it looks like she'll be living this dream alone. Devastated, she rolls up her sleeves and gets to work, pouring her misery – and her anger – into turning this derelict house into her forever home. At least the local community welcomes her into their lemon-scented bosom, along with sexy, provoking restaurant-owner-slash-handyman, Darius.

Taking a sledgehammer to her old life, and snacking on homemade honey cake on her breaks, Charlotte begins to see the promise of a future without Jamie. But on a trip back to Chester, he suddenly appears, wanting her back. Faced with a choice between the first love who broke her heart, and the gorgeous Greek man countryside which has been putting it back together, how will Charlotte decide where she truly belongs?

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!





Come Here Often? Ellie Center

For fans of Sarah Adams, Tessa Bailey and Sally Thorne.

Editor's Note

This romantic comedy ticks every single box for me. It has such a distinctive and hooky one-line pitch – the kind that editors dream of! The writing is effortlessly warm and engaging, pulling you right in. It's completely hilarious (like spit-out-your-tea hilarious) as well as having real depth, emotion and realness to it. It tackles mental health, complex familial relationships and female empowerment – whilst being side-splittingly funny. It's a treasure of a book, and I'm beyond excited to be publishing it.

Retail Description

Ever been in the gym, about to jump on a bike, when you get dumped and fired within minutes? Then you have a panic attack and you're physically unable to walk out of the door, so you're stuck there? Yeah, that.

Okay. Fine. I'm stuck in a rut. (So sue me.) But today is officially my Day of Change. Step 1: signing up to Nashville's fanciest health club. For a professional procrastinator whose idea of aerobics is lifting Dunkin' Donuts, this is big.

I thought the toughest part would be getting on a treadmill. Wrong! I didn't count on being dumped over the phone and fired from my job in the space of minutes. Now, that's how you work up a sweat. As my world unravels, and I have visions of turning into Great Aunt Gladys with her surplus of cats, I'm paralyzed by a panic attack. I can't physically walk out of the door. Out there, my life is even messier than before.

Going from being stuck in a rut to stuck in the gym, I secretly spend night after night sleeping on massage tables, flirting with a personal trainer carved like a Greek god, avoiding security guards, hiding from my ex, and drinking a lot of green juices.

It's just a matter of time before I'm caught red-handed... Can I get my act together? Will I get a second chance at love? And how personal is too personal when it comes to personal trainers?

Reviews for Ellie Center

Author Biography

Ellie Center



Bootcamp for Broken Hearts Joanna Bolouri

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lucy Diamond and Sophie Randal

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

Nora Brown is perfectly happy being single. Well, sometimes she wishes there was someone else to do the dishes, or fight with her teenage daughter about brushing her hair... or even split the Netflix subscription (I mean, 90% of the films on there are terrible). And sure, a woman has needs... but Nora knows better than most that things are complicated when you're a single mum of forty. Not just any old guy will do.

Which is EXACTLY WHY she thinks it's a terrible idea when her meddling sister forces her to take part in a "sexy singles getaway" in the Scottish Highlands. Faith says it's a chance for Nora to relax, find herself, and maybe even get laid surrounded by tumbling waterfalls and the sweet sound of bagpipes. Nora thinks it's a chance to embarrass herself in the mud in front of a bunch of old, un-marriageable weirdos with creepy facial hair. She is definitely not going to enjoy herself and definitely, definitely not going to fall in love... right?

Reviews for Joanna Bolouri

Author Biography

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



Simply the Worst Danielle Owen-Jones

For fans of Sophie Kinsella and Schitt's Creek

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

Chronic overachiever Lucy is unravelling. She knows that breathing into a paper bag while checking work emails isn't a healthy morning routine, but what's the alternative? Admitting to her dying grandma that her lifelong dream to buy back her childhood home, which Lucy promised was days off being completed, is about to be lost forever?

Nope, she'll stick with the paper bag. Maybe add a yoga class.

Which is how Lucy meets Zack. Zack with the surprisingly muscular forearms and infuriatingly laid-back attitude towards being kicked in the face during warrior pose. But when she crashes into him again at the estate agents, and then the bank, Lucy realises Zack might also be the answer to her every prayer...

In a spontaneous this-idea's-so-crazy-it-just-might-work moment, Lucy offers Zack a deal. A mortgage of convenience. One year, to secure the house she needs and get back on her feet. And to her surprise, he accepts.

She should realise that no normal person would agree to this, that Zack has his own reasons for needing this house. But Lucy is desperate, and who knows, maybe it'll all turn out okay.

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Take a Chance on Greece Sue Roberts

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Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

A regretful tear slips down Suzi's face as she eyes up her bookshelf bursting with travel guides. Over the years, she's collected guides to everywhere from Angola to the Antilles, so why has she never dared to leave safe, comfortable, small-town England? But Suzi has just been given a second shot at life, and she's going to live it to the full. Selecting Greece at random, Suzi packs her bags, books a flight and is soon embarking on her first overseas holiday. What could possibly go wrong?

Checking in to a charming B&B run by equally charming, if myopic, widow Ariadne, Suzi is ready for a summer of sun, sea and sex, in whatever order she finds them. But while Suzi's new 'no regrets' attitude may be delighting her hostess, her grumpy new neighbour Christos is less than impressed. Toasting marshmallows at midnight is hardly the relaxing island break he was after...

It's a big fat Greek clash of the wills as the two continue to fight over everything from which beach is most romantic to how to correctly smash a plate. And Suzi has to admit to herself that this summer is the most alive she has felt in years. But should she risk real heartbreak by throwing herself in to a holiday fling with this infuriating man? Or should she keep her heart, and her secrets safe, and continue working through her A to Z of travel all alone?

Reviews for Sue Roberts

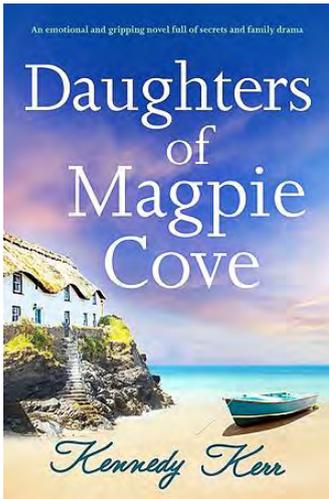
'I absolutely LOVED, no make that ADORED reading it... I was hooked... I stayed up reading the book until the early hours of the morning.' Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

'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!





Daughters of Magpie Cove Kennedy Kerr

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

The Magpie Cove series has sold over 35,000 copies. The first in the series reached the top 10 on Amazon US and the top 40 on Amazon UK

Editor's Note

The third book in an absolutely charming, Cornwall-set women's fiction series. These books are like curling up with a delicious cup of hot chocolate!

Retail Description

When Connie Christie's mother summons her home from the city to Magpie Cove to take over the family business – a quaint, charming museum – Connie is reluctant. The cove holds nothing more than bad memories for Connie, memories she'd rather leave buried...

The tiny coastal museum is a hub for the local community but it is struggling to survive, and despite herself, Connie is determined to save the business that has been in her family for generations. Discovering her great-grandmother's diary tucked away in a dusty box in the attic – which reveals her struggles as a young woman – gives Connie a surprising clue to unlocking the secrets in her own past. Maybe what happened to her all those years ago wasn't her fault after all?

Connie starts to relish her work at the museum and the beautiful, calm surroundings of Magpie Cove. A chance encounter with handsome local entrepreneur, Alex Gordon, leaves her with more than just butterflies. Perhaps embracing a new start in her old home maybe isn't the worst idea she's ever had.

But just as Connie starts to feel like she finally belongs somewhere, the peace she has found crumbles when the one person she has tried for years to forget resurfaces... Can Connie finally find her home, and herself, in Magpie Cove, or will her painful past force her to run away again, this time for good?

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

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

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

Author Biography

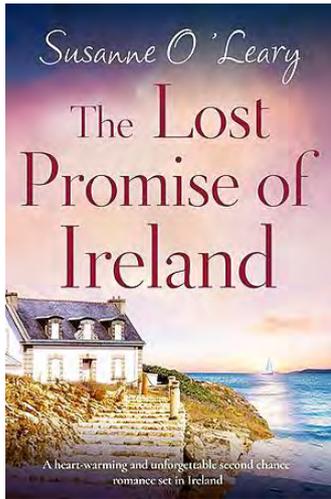
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children's and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called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



Women's Fiction

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Magpie Cove 3



The Lost Promise of Ireland Susanne O'Leary

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

Previous book *The Lost Girls of Ireland* reached the Amazon top 40 chart in the UK, and has sold over 38,000 copies

Editor's Note

A completely gorgeous story about lost loves and small-town secrets that will sweep you away to the Irish coast. Susanne's third novel in the Starlight Cottages series. Susanne has sold more than 300,000 copies of her books with us at Bookouture, and this one is another true escape for women's fiction readers.

Retail Description

Maggie remembers her summers in the village of Sandy Cove in Ireland like they were yesterday. She and her family would swim in the crystal-clear waters, collect beautiful seashells and relax on the sand. So when she sees that her family's old coastguard cottage is available, she wonders if renting it for the summer will finally help her move on from the man who just broke her heart.

As soon as Maggie arrives she is delighted to find her childhood best-friend Sorcha and Sorcha's cousin Brian still living in town. They enjoy cosy nights in the local harbour pub, with its stunning views across the ocean, as if no time has passed. And when Brian reveals he had a fierce teenage crush on Maggie, she can't help but notice just how handsome he has become. But then Maggie finds a worn metal box hidden in the attic of the house, full of love letters she exchanged with a sweet American boy she met one summer. During their last night together, star-gazing on the beach, they promised to find each other again. Soon it becomes clear that Maggie is not the only one returning to Sandy Cove.

Torn between her growing feelings for Brian and the romance she's held in her heart for many years, Maggie realises that her summer may be more complicated than she'd expected. Will Maggie finally find a true love who can sweep her off her feet or will this holiday in Sandy Cove be her last?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

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

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

Author Biography

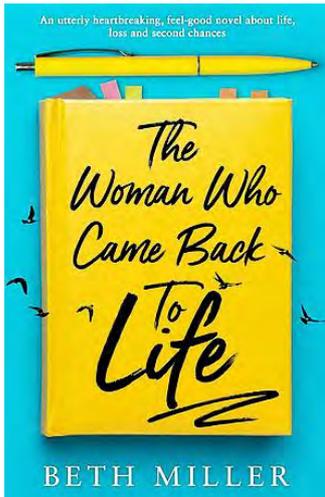
Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than twenty novels, mainly in the romantic fiction genre. She has also written three crime novels and two in the historical fiction genre. The wife of a former diplomat, she has also been a fitness teacher and a translator. She now writes full-time from 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

244 pages | Pub Date 17/12/2021 | 9781803140377 | Unagented

Starlight Cottages 3



The Woman Who Came Back to Life Beth Miller

Previous Translation Publishers

DTV (German), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Exem Licence Ltd (Russian), VBK (Dutch)

For fans of Matt Haig, Mike Gayle and Camille Pagán

Reached the top 100 in the UK Kindle chart

Editor's Note

Beth Miller's *The Missing Letters of Mrs Bright* was a runaway bookclub bestseller and I can hand on heart say she's done it again. After her father's funeral, when Pearl inherits his diary, her life changes in a way she never expected. I cried, I laughed and I couldn't put this book down.

Once in a while a book comes along and really changes the way you think about life – for anyone who has lost someone they love, or is looking for a second chance at life, this is the book for you.

Retail Description

It's never too late for a second chance at happiness...

Pearl Flowers has been hiding away for so long that she has forgotten what real life is like. Her quiet routine in a woodland cottage in France is a sanctuary, far away from her past life running a beauty salon. But even when she is sitting at the foot of a beech tree with her drawing pad, surrounded by birdsong, her mind is never still. If she keeps herself distracted and far away, her past can't hurt her... can it?

But then an unexpected phone call throws her calm world into chaos. Back in the UK, her estranged father Francis is dying. She hasn't seen him for decades since he pushed her away and destroyed their family. And on his death-bed, Francis leaves her a gift – a diary, written in a code that only Pearl can understand.

As she begins to read her father's diary, Pearl discovers that for forty years he had been thinking of her almost every day. And as she reads on, secrets begin to emerge from the pages causing her to question everything she thought she knew.

Reeling from the diary's revelations, Pearl realises that the only way to heal and find true happiness is to face the past. But is she ready to confront her deepest secret, the one she's been running from all this time?

Reviews for Beth Miller

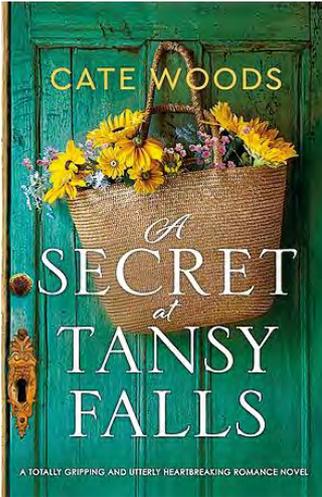
'A masterpiece... broke my heart a thousand times but filled me with love and hope and made me want to call everyone I know to tell them I love them... A deeply emotive, heart-rending story... Warm and cosy, but heart-breaking all at once... literally the feeling of a loving hug after a big cry.' Bethany's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

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

Author Biography

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





A Secret at Tansy Falls 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. *A SECRET AT TANSY FALLS* sees a return to the picture-perfect spot of Tansy Falls in Vermont, which readers fell in love with in Cate's highly-reviewed first book *-THE INN AT TANSY FALLS*.

Retail Description

They looked at each other she was hit by an overwhelming rush of sadness. "Happy anniversary Nate," she said. "Happy anniversary Conn."
She was sure it was the last time they'd ever say it.

Connie knows she has been lucky in life. Living in the sleepy town of Tansy Falls, nestled in the hills of Vermont, in the ivy-clad farmhouse that she and her handsome husband Nate built from scratch, she has everything she could ever want.

Yet recently everything has changed. Nate has lost his job and the distance has grown between them. He forgets her birthday and disappears for hours on end. Connie knows there's no such thing as a perfect couple, but she can't help the hurt she feels as they grow further apart.

As their wedding anniversary dawns, she is determined things will be different. But as she takes time over her make up and carefully styles her hair, for a romantic candlelit dinner that she hopes will start to fix things between them, begin to a stranger arrives and reveals a shocking truth about her husband. Nate is the man Connie has always loved but in just one evening her life changes beyond all recognition. Did Connie ever know her husband at all?

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

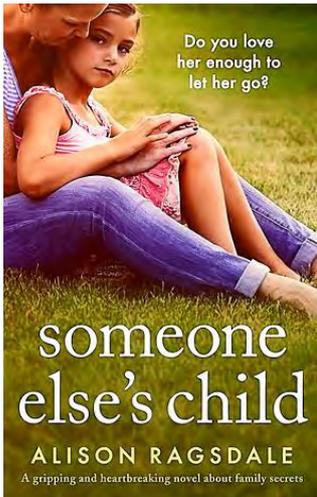
Cate Woods made the most of her university degree in Anglo-Saxon Literature by embarking on a career making tea on programmes including *The Big Breakfast*, *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* and *French & Saunders*. After narrowly missing out on the chance to become a Channel 5 weather girl, she moved 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

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Tansy Falls 2



Someone Else's Child Alison Ragsdale

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Kate Hewitt, Jodi Picoult and Diane Chamberlain

From an Amazon bestselling self-published author

Editor's Note

Alison Ragsdale is the queen of the heartbreaking dilemma. In *Someone Else's Child*, she grapples with one of the toughest questions around adoption: what if your daughter's mother wanted her back? I felt for every character in this heartbreaking but ultimately uplifting story from the Amazon charts bestseller.

Retail Description

Catriona and Daniel are trying to live through the unimaginable. After a tragic accident in the river at the end of their garden, one of their beautiful twin daughters, Hope, died just a few months ago. They have tried desperately to stay strong for their other child, Faith, but as she has retreated into silence, grieving for her twin, their little family seems to be tearing apart.

Finally Daniel, who was with Hope on the day she died, can't take his own guilt and grief. After a terrible argument he storms out of the house yelling at Catriona words Faith has never heard before: She's not even my child.

Because Catriona is keeping a terrible secret from her daughter, one that might just see them parted forever when the truth comes out...

Reviews for Alison Ragsdale

What readers are saying about Alison Ragsdale:

'Alison Ragsdale is rapidly becoming one of my favorite authors. I loved this book as I have loved all the others she has written!!!'
Amazon reviewer on *A Life Unexpected*

'5 out of 5 stars. A Must Read... I know that this is a book I shall turn to and read again in the future.'
Amazon Reviewer on *The Art of Remembering*

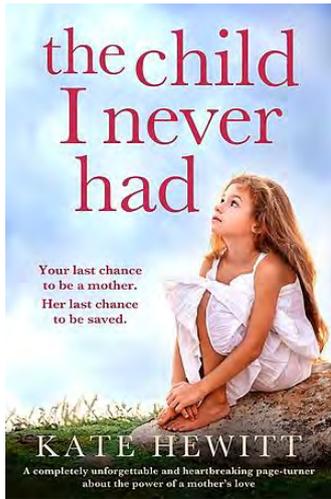
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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The Child I Never Had Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Jodi Picoult and Jojo Moyes

Author has sold over 640,000 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 Hewitt's new emotional women's fiction novel really cements her as the master of this genre. Two mothers, one who gave up her daughter Daisy for adoption, and the other who adopted her. Each have secrets they can never tell, but Daisy also has a secret of her own. It's one not to miss.

Retail Description

It's a warm summer's evening when Mia's doorbell rings. She opens the door to see a teenage girl standing in the shadow beyond the porch light—and in an instant she knows who it is. Daisy, the daughter she gave up as a baby. Daisy steps forward, as she says tearfully "I'm sorry I didn't call first. But something happened. And I really needed... you."

Seventeen years before, knowing she couldn't possibly give her beautiful little girl Daisy the future she deserved, Mia made the hardest decision of her life—to give her up. And Suzanne seemed the perfect adoptive mother: calm, stable, and full of love for the daughter she'd always dreamed of having.

The two mothers promised to keep communication open, so Daisy could have Mia's love and support along with Suzanne's. But as the years passed, Mia moved away, and their visits happened less. Now Daisy is almost a stranger to Mia—angry, closed and broken—nothing like the tiny girl she couldn't bear to say goodbye to. But now Daisy has arrived on Mia's doorstep with a terrible secret. One she can never tell Suzanne. And she believes the only person who can help her is Mia. Her birth mother.

Mia, however, has secrets of her own. Ones she is afraid to let Daisy or anyone else know. And while Suzanne desperately seeks a way to bring her child home, can Mia overcome her past to help the girl they both call their daughter in her darkest hour before it's too late?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'Whew. This was a very emotional novel, from page one... A beautiful, heart-wrenching, at times overwhelming novel about truth, forgiveness, and family... Uttering captivating.' KKEC Reads, ★★★★★

'Absolutely heartbreaking... Kate Hewitt's books should come with a warning: only read if you've plenty of boxes of tissues in the house because tears will be shed and heart-strings will be severed... Intensely emotional... Brilliant.' Bookish Jottings, ★★★★★

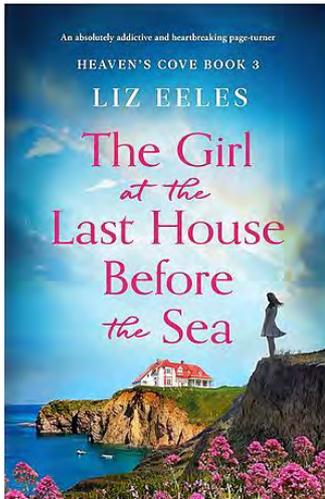
Author Biography

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

344 pages | Pub Date 10/2/2022 | 9781800193017 | Unagented



The Girl at the Last House Before the Sea Liz Eeles

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

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Barbara O'Neal, and anyone longing to escape to the rugged Devon coast.

The Heavens Cove series has sold over 100,000 copies

Editor's Note

In the third novel in the bestselling Heaven's Cove series, Liz once again whisks us away to the cobbled streets and salt-laced air of this gorgeous seaside village. Newcomer Freya forms an unlikely friendship with elderly local Kathleen, who moved to the village from her homeland of Ireland years ago: and has been hiding a heartbreaking secret ever since. In this multigenerational tale, Liz is guaranteed to make readers laugh, cry and long to escape to the Devon coast!

Retail Description

The girl stands on the clifftop, feeling the breeze lift her red hair and dry her tears. She can almost hear Ireland calling her home across the wild sea. But she can never go back. And in that moment, she swears no-one will ever find out why. Freya is desperate for escape from her messy break-up when she's offered a job caring for elderly Kathleen in the village of Heaven's Cove. Kathleen's once-red hair is now a brilliant white, but there's always laughter in her Irish lilt – until the day Freya finds her weeping, her gaze fixed on Driftwood House, perched on the cliffs above the village. She refuses to say what's wrong... Kathleen's son Ryan, quiet with striking eyes, resents that a stranger is caring for his mother. But as Freya presses him for answers on a long walk across a beach, Ryan finally admits that Kathleen breaks down in the same way, on the exact same day every year – never telling anyone what is causing her pain.

Finding a photo of Kathleen as a girl standing outside Driftwood House years before she moved to the village, Freya is determined to find the source of Kathleen's heartache. But as she gets closer to Ryan, and to the sad history of the house, Freya is faced with an impossible decision...

Should she share this heartbreaking secret with Ryan and risk their chance of happiness together? And will facing the truth bring Kathleen peace in her final years – or will it tear them all apart?

Reviews for Liz Eeles

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

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

Author Biography

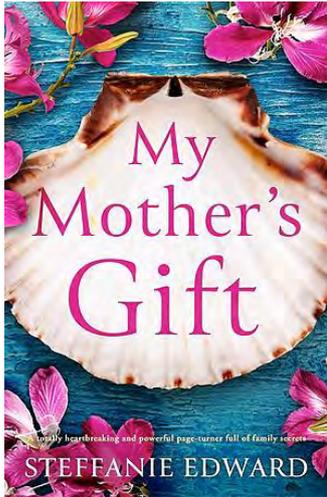
Liz began her writing career as a journalist for newspapers and magazines before moving into the health sector as a communications manager and press officer. The low point of her career was abandoning an interview with Cliff Richard after two questions because she was about to faint – her excuse is that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



Women's Fiction

340 pages | Pub Date 28/2/2022 | 9781803142340 | Unagented

Heaven's Cove 3



My Mother's Gift Steffanie Edward

For fans of Andrea Levy and Bernardine Evaristo

The author's previous book reached number 1 in the Amazon Kindle
AU charts

Editor's Note

Steffanie Edward is SUCH a powerful new voice in fiction. Bringing together her lived experiences as a British woman of St. Lucian origin, this incredible novel about homecoming, memory, and complex family relationships will have readers unable to stop themselves highlighting entire passages. She writes in a way that is uncommonly real, relatable and unique. And this is a novel not to miss.

Retail Description

What if going home was the only way to find the truth about who you really are?

When Erica gets a phone call to say her mother, Iona, is ill in St Lucia, she knows she must go to her, even though their relationship has always been difficult. This island – the place of her mother's birth – is somewhere that Erica has never called home.

Even when the plane touches down in the tropical paradise, with its palm trees swaying in the island breeze, the sound of accents so like her mother's own calling loud in the air, Erica doesn't find herself wanting to stay a moment longer than she has to.

But stepping into her mother's house, she is shocked by what she finds. Her mother's memory is fading and she is having strange, erratic episodes. Erica knows the right thing to do is to stay with her, even it means leaving everything in England behind.

Could you uproot your whole life for someone you love? Can a place you've never felt at home ever feel like where you belong? And – as you experience loss – is it ever possible to also find love?

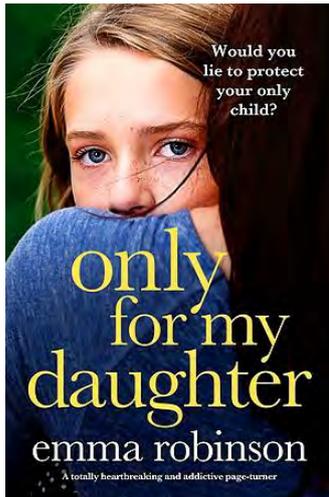
Reviews for Steffanie Edward

'Oh what a wonderful, heart breaking, stunning, beautiful story. This touched my heart, made me cry. Beautifully written. A masterpiece.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Steffanie Edward was born in St Lucia, brought up in London and now straddles between the two. Her writing career started with short stories, five of which have been published. Her first attempt at writing a novel was over twenty years ago, whilst living and working in Abu Dhabi. That novel, Yvette, didn't make it into print, but the main protagonist, Yvette, has muscled her way into Steffanie's debut novel, This Other Island.





Only for My Daughter Emma Robinson

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

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Jojo Moyes, Diane Chamberlain, Kate Hewitt

Author has sold over 200,000 copies to date and her previous title My Husband's Daughter was top 10 in the UK and US Kindle charts

Editor's Note

Emma Robinson is one of our very best reviewing authors, and for good reason. She understands relationships and people and the driving force of motherly love better than almost any writer out there. Every story is a five star read. And this is no exception. When two very different mothers' lives intersect one shocking and awful day, events begin to unravel in ways that will devastate readers, and yet leave them uplifted, understanding the world just a little better than they did the day they started this novel. Fans of the early work of Jodi Picoult must not miss this incredible story.

Retail Description

It is a day that starts like any other day. But when Samantha gets called by the hospital to say her fifteen-year-old daughter Keira had been hurt and is in a coma, and Julia's daughter Alice comes home covered in blood, refusing to speak, two mothers' lives come crashing down.

More than ten years ago – when their daughters first started at pre-school and formed an instant bond – sweet-natured single mum Julia and PTA queen bee Samantha had become unlikely friends. For years, the two families' lives were intertwined. Barbecues, dinner parties, sleepovers for the children. But then the girls drifted apart, with Keira falling in with the popular crowd, and Alice becoming quieter, more introverted, pursuing her dream of being an artist; and their mothers' lives drifted apart too.

But now their lives have collided again. And Alice won't tell Julia anything about what happened. But as Samantha's daughter fights for her life – Julia is forced to ask herself: what is her own child hiding?

She can't believe her gentle-natured girl could have done something terrible. But Alice is keeping a secret. And if it's what Julia fears it might be, she could lose her daughter forever. Could she lie to protect the child she loves with her whole heart?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

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

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

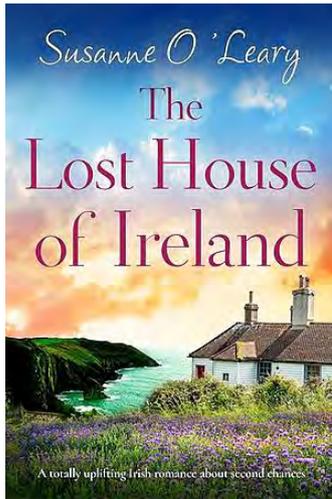
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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The Lost House of Ireland Susanne O'Leary

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

Previous book *The Lost Girls of Ireland* reached the Amazon top 40 chart in the UK, and has sold over 60,000 copies

Editor's Note

This beautiful, escapist story from Susanne O'Leary is packed with romance, and will whisk readers away to the stunning west coast of Ireland. The fourth novel in the Starlight Cottage series, this story follows Allegra as her quest to return a long-lost engagement ring takes her from Cape Cod to the small village of Sandy Cove. Susanne has sold over 380,000 copies of her novels with us here at Bookouture, and this is another uplifting romance to satisfy her women's fiction readers.

Retail Description

Allegra Casey is searching for a new beginning. So when she discovers an engagement ring buried in the sand near her home in Cape Cod, the last place she expects it to lead her is to the west coast of Ireland. But when she arrives in the tiny village of Sandy Cove, she finds herself falling in love with the crashing waves, the picturesque coast and the warm-hearted people.

As soon as she settles into her cottage at the old coastguard station, Allegra meets her eccentric neighbours. They believe the ring belonged to Davina Courtney, whose family still live on the Strawberry Hill estate just outside the village. And when Allegra visits the old mansion, she meets the charming, enigmatic Max Courtney-Smythe, the great-nephew of the former owner.

As they try to solve the mystery of the long-lost ring, Allegra and Max grow closer, and it soon becomes clear that their feelings for one another are mutual. And as she spends more time with the local community, Allegra wonders if she's finally found the place she can call home.

But the reappearance of the engagement ring causes problems among the heirs of the estate and, as Max suddenly grows distant, Allegra wonders whether she should never have travelled to Sandy Cove. Is this where she will finally find true love, or is she destined to leave this magical place alone?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

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



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



Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Starlight Cottages 4



An Island Summer Jenny Hale

Previous Translation Publishers

Fanucci (Italian), Pegasus Yayinlari (Turkish), Hermes (Bulgarian), Lubbe Bastei (German Audio), Bastei Lübbe (German), Newton Compton (Italian), Weltbild Verlag (German), Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), ERSEN (Estonian)

For fans of Susan Mallery, Pamela Kelley, and Mary Alice Monroe

Jenny has sold over 1M copies, top 15 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

Prepare for the ultimate escapism in Jenny Hale's latest offering. *An Island Summer* whisks you away to the blue skies and golden sands of Hatteras Island in the Outer Banks, where you'll sip on a refreshing coconut cocktail as you fall in love with the island's hottest, blue-eyed millionaire. Jenny's writing is utterly transportive – you'll feel like you're right there, indulging in your very own summer romance. The perfect beach read – no one does it like Jenny Hale!

Retail Description

Meghan Gray hasn't returned to the golden sands of Hatteras Island since her beloved Pappy passed away ten years ago. But with her life in New York falling apart—and her dreams of becoming a successful chef going up smoke—she quits her waitress job and heads back home on a hot summer's day, hoping she'll find some answers there.

Packing up her belongings, and the manila envelope her grandfather left for her, she makes the nine-hour drive to the sun-drenched island. On her first night, she meets brooding Toby Meyers, whose sparkling blue eyes make her feel like coming home. Meghan is instantly drawn to the enigmatic entrepreneur, longing to know more.

Pappy's fishing cottage is just how she remembers; a shingled bungalow on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, with two rocking chairs on the porch. As the waves crash, Meghan realizes that this house—and the special memories it holds—is all she has left. Could this be her fresh start?

When Meghan opens the faded envelope gifted by her grandpa, she finds an old photograph, along with a mysterious key. If she can find what it belongs to, she'll unlock a family secret that has the power to change everything—one that has been hidden for decades. And it will either bring Meghan and Toby together, or break their hearts...

Reviews for Jenny Hale

"I absolutely loved reading this story from start to finish, such a joy. It was superbly written... If you haven't discovered Jenny's books yet, then trust me when I say that you are truly missing out. Her books are just so heartfelt and magical, perfect for curling up on the sofa with a hot warm drink." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"An absolutely delightful Christmas read!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Jenny Hale is a USA Today and Amazon best-selling author of romantic women's fiction. The film adaptation of her novel *Coming Home for Christmas* will air on the Hallmark Channel in 2018. Her stories are chock-full of feel-good romance and overflowing with warm settings, great friends, and family. Grab a cup of coffee, settle in, and join the fun!





Truly, Madly, Amy Kerry Wilkinson

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

For fans of David Nicholls and Mike Gayle

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

We all remember one magical summer that changed our lives.

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

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

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

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'My heart. My poor heart. This book should be called: how to kill a girl in ten birthdays. I LOVED IT ... This story was truly beautiful. Sweet, bittersweet, tragic and oh so real ... I read it in one sitting, and now I'm at work, wondering what the hell to do with myself. I feel like this book broke me and put me back together.' 5 stars – Books are Here for You

'Wow! Such a stunning book! Every word perfect and there for a reason. So beautiful. Such amazing writing ... this book will stay with me for a long time. Five stars are not enough for this brilliant masterpiece. One of my favourite reads this year!' Renita

Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Home to Brambleberry Creek Elizabeth Bromke

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Brenda Novak and Elin Hilderbrand

USA TODAY Bestseller

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

USA TODAY BESTSELLER Elizabeth Bromke's Home to Brambleberry Creek is an absorbing mix of self-discovery, family drama, and small-town charm.

Tucked away in a rusty holler of Kentucky rests Brambleberry Creek, a small town known for its sprawling farms and inviting orchards. It's there, in the place where she grew up, that Morgan Jo has returned to be with the mercurial Memaw Coyle, who's on her sickbed.

Morgan should stick around, but her career and her boyfriend back home call to her, pulling her away from the chance to see to Memaw's recovery. But when an age-old family secret rears its head, Morgan's future becomes uncertain.

While Memaw's past unfurls before the family, Morgan is left to decide if her ancestral farm is worth fighting for...or if she's willing to give up on her childhood relationships and the only people who might save Morgan's heart, as well as her grandmother's legacy.

Reviews for Elizabeth Bromke

Author Biography

Elizabeth Bromke is a USA Today bestseller who loves to write heartwarming women's fiction and romance. She especially enjoys creating vivid characters and enchanting small towns.

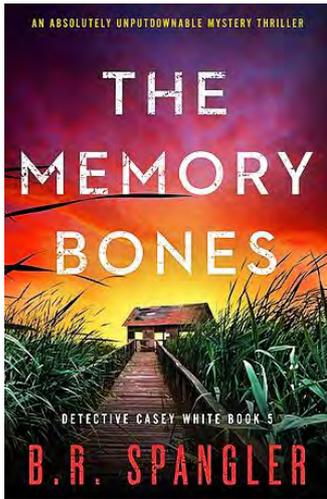
Coming from over a decade teaching high school English, Elizabeth knows the impact of great writing and storytelling. Indeed, writing is a dream come true for her. She lives in Arizona with her husband, son, and two golden



Women's Fiction

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Crime Thriller



The Memory Bones B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Fifth in the Detective Casey White series (100,000), Where Lost Girls Go (50,000), reached the Top 15 on the Kindle US chart.

Editor's Note

The incredible Detective Casey White series goes from strength to strength – B.R. Spangler's fans are obsessed with the atmospheric Outer Banks setting, the unbelievably pacey writing, and the heartbreaking backstory of Casey's own missing daughter. In THE MEMORY BONES, Casey's ex-husband is brutally murdered: could it send her on a path to finally find her missing girl? And what will it cost her? An absolute must-read for all crime thriller fans!

Retail Description

Looking down at the familiar, pale face emerging from the murky waters of the marsh, her blood freezes. A face she hasn't seen for years, but used to know so well...

When Detective Casey White is called to the lonely Outer Banks saltmarshes, she's devastated to see that her ex-husband—father of her missing daughter Hannah—has been strangled. And scouring the area, Casey finds more bones buried nearby... does this case have two victims?

Searching her ex's apartment, painful memories flood back as she gazes at the photos. And on the table she finds a note, with the name of the hospital where Hannah was last seen... did her ex know something about their child's disappearance?

Then forensics show the bones belong to Janice Stephens, a nurse who worked at the same hospital. Certain the cases are linked, Casey discovers Janice was a sweet woman. But who would want to harm her? And what did she know about Hannah?

Delving into hospital records, Casey sees Janice linked to a name she hasn't heard for years... but now she's closing in on the deadly truth, the killer has their sights set on Casey too. To finally catch this monster and learn what happened to her stolen girl, Casey will have to risk everything...

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

288 pages | Pub Date 2/12/2021 | 9781800196667 | Unagented

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I'll Never Tell Casey Kelleher

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Rachel Abbott and The Silent Patient

Casey's previous books sold over 280,000 copies and have reached the top 30 in Amazon UK. I'll Never Tell is a UK Kindle top 100 bestseller

Editor's Note

Queen of the gritty thriller, Casey Kelleher has turned her hand to psych suspense for the first time for Bookouture – and the results are every bit as dark and twisted as you could wish. Casey has outdone herself with the chilling atmosphere and nail-biting suspense she brings to The Doll House – an absolute must-read for any fans of Dark Objects, When I Was Ten and The Recovery of Rose Gold.

Retail Description

When we were young, Sarah and I did a terrible thing – but it was only me who paid the price. Now, just when I thought no one from my old life would ever find me, a note is slid under my door: I haven't forgotten. I haven't forgiven. FOUND YOU.

My best friend Sarah and I used to spend all our time in a place we called the Doll House. It was just an old, abandoned cottage in the woods behind our house but it was heaven to us. Until one of our games went wrong. And someone ended up dead. It was an accident, or at least Sarah told me it was. But when I tried to tell the police that I wasn't involved, they didn't believe me. When the Doll House Girls were splashed across the newspapers, it was my face they showed under the headlines. I'm the one who stood trial.

Now, twenty years on, I've made a new life with a new identity. I have a wonderful husband, Carl, and Jacob, our adorable son. Despite everything in my past, I'm happy.

Then the first note arrives. FOUND YOU. Soon other threats start coming, and the person behind them is clear they'd be willing to hurt my family – to hurt Jacob – to get to me. I know who they are. And I know what they're capable of. The other doll... The girl who got away with murder.

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

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

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

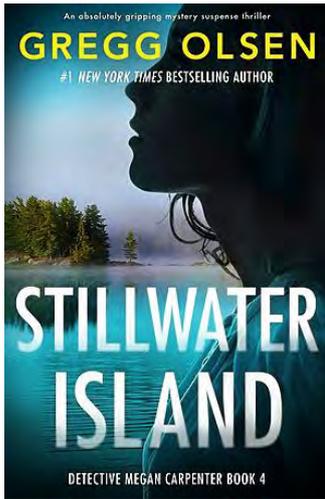
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 3/12/2021 | 9781800199965 | Unagented



Stillwater Island Gregg Olsen

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovský s.r.o (Czech)

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

A multi-million New York Times, USA Today and Amazon #1 bestselling author. The Detective Megan Carpenter series has sold

Editor's Note

A New York Times, USA Today and Amazon Number One bestselling author, Gregg Olsen constantly dominates the Amazon bestseller charts. Vanishing Point is the fourth book in the Detective Megan Carpenter series which has sold over 300,000 copies so far. Megan is a character with a terrifying past, the daughter of a serial killer, she was on the run with her brother and created a new identity for herself. This series is incredibly distinctive and readers have really invested in Megan's character.

Retail Description

At 2 a.m. one icy winter morning, in the smart suburbs of Jefferson County, local father Ben Parker reports his wife Marlena and their little boy missing.

Rushing to the impressive family home, Detective Megan Carpenter finds the halls adorned with pictures of the beautiful, stay-at-home mom and their bright-eyed son. But that's not all she finds... A bottle of prenatal vitamins in the bathroom cabinet reveal that Marlena is pregnant. Why didn't Ben mention this in his panicked call to the police?

Digging deeper into their seemingly perfect marriage, Megan's fear begins to grow. The couple are separated, there's talk of an affair, and the neighbors report loud fights. And then, Megan tracks a young woman believed to be Ben's secret girlfriend, only to find her lifeless body in a secluded wood.

Ben's watch lies in the undergrowth, and Megan's team think she's cracked the case, but she's sure something's not right. Ben's family has wealth including a private island, and connections in high places. Is someone trying to block their investigation?

As Megan starts to wonder if the answer lies on the Parkers' closely guarded island, just offshore, a shocking revelation makes her question everything. With a killer on the loose, can Megan find the missing pieces to the most complex case of her career

Reviews for Gregg Olsen

'OMG!!!... I was simply blown away by this... I couldn't look away from my kindle even when I wanted to. The story took me by my throat making me gasp every few chapters...Wow!!' Shalini's Books and Reviews, ★★★★★

'Holy cr*p what a complete stunner of a read this is. It had everything, sensational, creepy, addictive with a stunningly complex plot from beginning to end and I loved, loved, loved it !!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

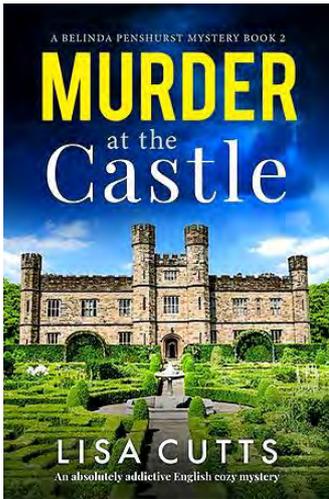
A #1 New York Times, Amazon Charts, Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author, Olsen has written nine non-fiction books, seventeen novels, a novella, and contributed a short story to a collection edited by Lee Child. The Deep Dark was named Idaho Book of the Year by the ILA, and Starvation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



Crime Thriller

326 pages | Pub Date 7/12/2021 | 9781800198357 | Susan Raihofer, David Black Literary Agency

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Murder at the Castle Lisa Cutts

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Faith Martin, Emily Organ

Editor's Note

Lisa Cutts has been previously published to great acclaim by Mira and Simon & Schuster, with a gritty procedural series. A real-life detective, Lisa is taking a break from her day job by writing a cozy series set in the Kent village of Little Challham. This is the second book in the series, containing everything a cozy crime reader longs for: the amateur detective who lives in the local castle and knows everyone in the village; her sidekick, a former detective, who she runs rings around (but is there a spark there? perhaps...); intriguing murders to get your teeth into and a welcome tinge of humour. In book 2, a murder at a wine tasting gives Belinda and Harry, our detective duo, a mystery to investigate - often by going to the pub! It is a completely charming, page-turning and fun read, and book 1 in the the series has already been getting lovely reviews on NetGalley ahead

Retail Description

When the star guest collapses at a wine tasting, it seems someone has a taste for murder. Fortunately, amateur sleuth Belinda Penshurst was at the event – and now she's on the case!

Belinda Penshurst loves her home village, and its charming, peaceful ways. So when wine critic Sadie Oppenshaw dies at a tasting Belinda organised, she immediately turns detective to uncover the poisoner...

Accompanied by retired detective Harry Powell and her boisterous Labrador Horatio, Belinda sets out to investigate the world of wine. There are scandals brewing everywhere... but do the local DIY enthusiasts have a deadly vendetta, or did Sadie's reviews cause a resentful restaurant owner to crack?

When another of the guests at the wine tasting is found poisoned, it becomes clear the killer is only just getting started. Can Belinda crack the case and open the champagne, before the murderer catches up with her?

A charming cozy mystery, perfect for fans of M.C. Beaton, H.Y. Hanna and Emily Organ.

Reviews for Lisa Cutts

'Wonderful... I absolutely adored this book! Had me reading and finishing the book in no time! I highly recommend this book! Stunning, a page-turner which stays long in the memory!' NetGalley reviewer

'Absolutely fantastic... A page-turning, non-stop, addictive, hilarious cosy mystery... A fantastic addition to a riveting series!!!!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

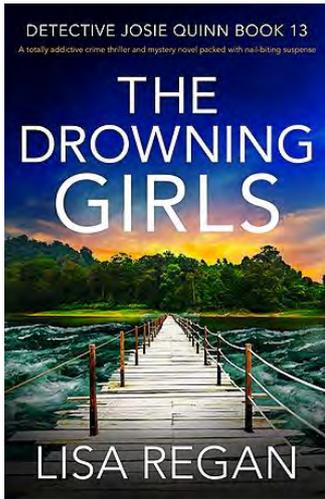
Lisa Cutts is a full-time detective constable investigating murders for a living. When off duty she writes a fictitious version of her day job. She writes a monthly column, Behind the Tape, for Writing Magazine answering police procedural questions from other writers. As well as being on BBC Radio 4's Open Book, Lisa has twice appeared on This Morning to chat about TV crime dramas Broadchurch and Line of Duty.



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 8/12/2021 | 9781803140131 | Unagented

A Belinda Penshurst Mystery 2



The Drowning Girls Lisa Regan

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

Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Melinda Leigh

Thirteenth in the Detective Josie Quinn series (2.4M). From an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

Over 2 million copies sold of this incredible crime thriller series!!! Already sold in six territories, there are plenty more translation deals to be done for this bestselling, five-star reviewing phenomenon.

Retail Description

In the glow of moonlight, a mess of dark auburn curls gleam against the rocks on the bed of the river. A girl's pale hand reaches from a cleft in the boulders, but the ties on her wrists are too tight. And she's too late. A fierce wall of raging white water crashes down on top of her, swallowing her whole.

A knock on the door late at night can only mean trouble for Detective Josie Quinn, but nothing prepares her for the shocking news that one of her own team is missing. No one has seen Denton PD's press liaison Amber for days, and Josie fears the worst, especially when she finds a name hastily scrawled in the frosted windscreen of Amber's car. Chasing the lead to a dam blocking the raging Susquanna river, the scream that pierces the icy night tells Josie she's already too late.

But the body they pulled from the water is not Amber. Both relieved and devastated, Josie works through the night to decipher the series of random numbers she found pinned to Amber's fridge. What was Amber caught up in? And who is the girl left at the mercy of the river?

With her team falling apart around her, Josie knows she must stay strong to keep them together and protect one of her own. But when the cryptic numbers expose a dark secret in Amber's family, Josie must question if they ever really knew Amber. Finding Amber is the only way to find out what side she's on, but how many more lives will be taken before they do?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

'AMAZING... Love this author. Love this series. Love this book... I was on the edge of my seat.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'You will find yourself addicted as soon as you read the first chapters, and with a lightning-fast pace and an abundance of action and plot twists you will find it very hard to stop reading... a true rollercoaster ride... really packs a punch. If you enjoy intense and fast detective thrillers, you should definitely meet Josie Quinn!' It's All About Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

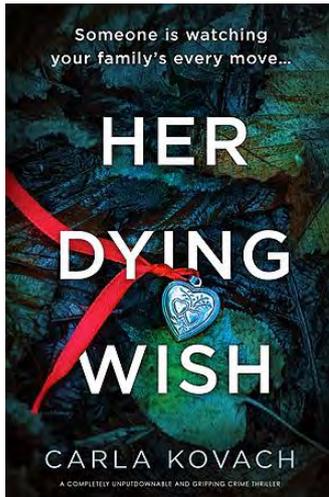
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

354 pages | Pub Date 10/12/2021 | 9781800196346 | Unagented

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Her Dying Wish Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Meulenhoff (Danish)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Over 500,000 copies sold in series to date, top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the tenth book in the Detective Gina Harte series. With over 435,000 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

Kerstin is wide awake. While her family sleeps around her, the devastating secret her husband just told her is spinning through her mind. Does she really know the man she married? And are her children still safe in this small town?

She jumps as she hears a sound from outside. Peering into the inky darkness, her eyes focus on movement at the bottom of the garden. Someone is out there.

She watches as the figure strikes a single match. Kerstin gasps at the sight of the face staring back at her, smiling, as if enjoying her fear.

A car door slams and the figure makes a dash for the trees, leaving something behind – a small memorial candle. As it flickers in the darkness, Kerstin knows exactly what it means. Someone is coming for her, and her family is in terrible danger...

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'WOW!!!!!!!!... I devoured this book... left me speechless... This book took me on a rollercoaster, my heart was racing and my blood was pumping... one of the best domestic noir / psychological thrillers I have ever read.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Bloody brilliant, one of the best I have read this year!... I was hooked right from the first page... the punches kept coming... gritty and downright scary in places... man that ending!... I loved this book... really brilliant.' Bonnie's Book Talk, ★★★★★

Author Biography

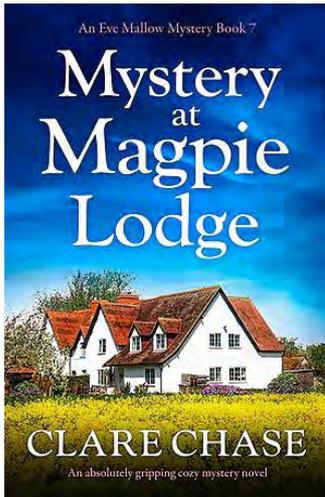
Carla started writing more seriously ten years ago after having flirted with musical theatre and occasional writing in her youth. Since then she has written & produced several stage plays, has four self-published books, has acted in several independent films and is currently in the final stages of production 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

320 pages | Pub Date 16/12/2021 | 9781800197121 | Unagented

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Mystery at Magpie Lodge Clare Chase

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

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie and Betty Rowlands.

**Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 150,000 copies to date, top
15 Amazon US and CA author**

Editor's Note

This is the seventh novel in the charming Eve Mallow cozy series set in a small village in Suffolk. Eve is an obituary writer, and when her subjects are murder victims she finds herself interviewing the suspects - and usually cracking the crime before the police. The series has now sold over 120,000 copies for over £270k 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 rating. Aside from the puzzle element, the series has beautiful locations, cake to die for, and a delightful dachshund sidekick. Each book also features a unique, fun element: in this one, a notorious ghost hunter is killed, and the village starts to wonder if something spooky is at work! In any markets where cozy crime is of interest, this series is worth taking seriously. It's

Retail Description

After a notorious ghosthunter is found dead, the village of Saxford St Peter is quick to decide that something spooky is at work. But Eve Mallow is on the hunt for an all-too-human suspect...

When the down-on-his-luck Emory Fulton moves into crumbling Magpie Lodge, and starts running ghost tours, the locals are none too pleased. He's inventing grisly tales about their lovely little village, and disturbing everyone's peace.

But then he's found dead in his bath, and everyone is suddenly running scared. Could something otherworldly be at work? After all, the murder mirrors one of Fulton's spooky stories...

But Eve Mallow is sure the killer has a much more human motive. Accompanied by her stalwart dachshund sidekick Gus, she starts to dig a little deeper. Could it be Fulton's snobbish bigwig brother, or the suspicious local skeptic? Why was his goddaughter handing him mysterious parcels, and why wouldn't his sister-in-law let him in her house?

As Eve unravels the secrets of the living and the dead, one thing is for sure: Fulton was a haunted, hunted man. And if Eve doesn't crack the case soon, she might have a close encounter of the deadly kind too...

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

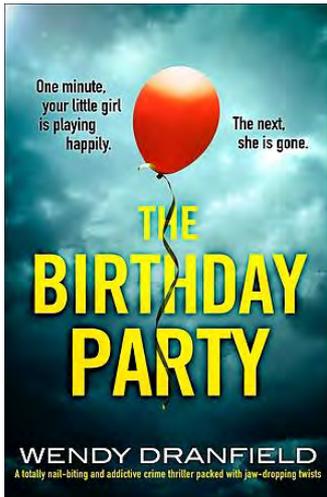
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As 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

296 pages | Pub Date 6/1/2022 | 9781800199682 | Unagented

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The Birthday Party Wendy Dranfield

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

For fans of Melinda Leigh, Lisa Regan and Kendra Elliot

Detective Madison Harper series sold 30,000 copies

Editor's Note

An exciting standalone crime/psychological crossover novel from a bestselling KU bestselling crime writer. Wendy and I worked hard together to come up with the perfect pitch that will appeal TO ALL. The Birthday Party is nail-bitingly tense and layered with deep domestic secrets and shocking twists. Readers are going to adore these characters and see a little bit of themselves in each one. An incredible and unforgettable read for anyone who loves Cara Hunter or Carol Wyer. YOU WILL NEVER SEE THIS ENDING COMING!

Retail Description

Charlotte waves at her mother across the crowded lawn. Little red boots on, cowboy hat crooked over her blonde pigtails, she's been looking forward to this party for weeks. Moments later, she disappears without a trace...

Kathy Hamilton drives away from her sister-in-law's pristine-white suburban house in Maple Falls certain she's left her daughter in safe hands. On the hottest day of the year, a birthday is the perfect excuse to gather friends, family and neighbors around the pool for a barbecue. But when she returns hours later to find her little girl has vanished, her world shatters.

Nobody laughing and drinking in the garden that day saw anything unusual. Kathy's eldest daughter is anxious and hardly eating. Is she sick with worry for her sister, or hiding a terrible secret? The phone rings and rings, but why can't Kathy get hold of the babysitter?

And is she imagining it, or when her husband rushed from work to join the search, was he wearing a different shirt to the one she saw him leave the house in that morning?

As the temperature rises, and long-buried secrets begin to surface, it's clear that even the most perfect families keep devastating secrets. But in a town as small as this, is there anyone you can trust?

Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

'Woohoo!... I was totally blown away... so shockingly, incredibly, amazingly good... OMG!... I never saw that coming... I barely had the time to pick up my jaw from the floor... Great, great book!' B for Bookreview, ★★★★★

'Oh man, what a rollercoaster of a ride... jaw-dropping and edge-of-the-seat... couldn't put it down till it was finished!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

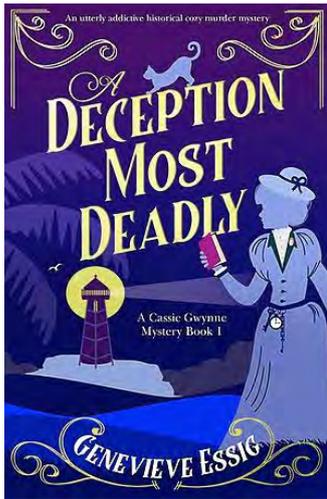
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

376 pages | Pub Date 7/1/2022 | 9781800199873 | Unagented



A Deception Most Deadly Genevieve Essig

Perfect for fans of T E Kinsey, Lee Strauss and Verity Bright, this witty, cozy mystery will transport you to the island's balmy shores and introduce you to a feisty heroine far before her time!

Editor's Note

This charming, funny and escapist historical cozy crime series will become your next obsession! Genevieve Essig has created the most memorable and simply delightful cast of characters (human and animal) and an island setting that will have you dreaming of palm trees and golden sand. Throw in a dastardly murder or two, plenty of mystery and a heroine who has brains, courage and an uncanny knack for detective work and what do you have? An unmissable read that is sure to go straight into the bestseller charts!

Retail Description

Cassie Gwynne: cat lover, reluctant heiress... determined detective?

1883: Cassie Gwynne isn't sure what to expect when she arrives on the beautiful island of Fernandina to meet her infamous aunt, perfumer Floral Hale, for the very first time. Still grieving the sudden loss of her father only a few months before, Cassie is hoping to find a new home here with Flora.

But the one thing she certainly wasn't expecting upon her arrival was to get caught up in a murder investigation!

When out exploring, Cassie comes across the body of her aunt's neighbour, lying at the base of the harbor pilots' lookout tower. He was less than well liked on the island, but not to the extent that anyone wanted him dead.

The police rule it an accident, but Cassie isn't so sure and is soon putting her mind to the task of piecing together what really happened and uncovers evidence that forces a coroner's inquest. But the inquest takes a turn no one was expecting and Aunt Flora is arrested and charged with the murder.

Cassie will need to put their detective skills to prove Flora's innocence and set a trap to catch the true killer... Before it's too late.

Reviews for Genevieve Essig

What readers are saying about Genevieve Essig:

'Wow, we have a feisty new heroine taking command in the historic cozy mystery genre! What a fun new character, she is... Totally digging this series so far!' Blogger Review, ★★★★★

'So engaging. I loved reading this book it was so easy to read and absolutely captivating. I cannot wait to read of the further adventures of Cassie and Flora!' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

322 pages | Pub Date 14/1/2022 | 9781800196940 | Dawn Dowdle, Blue Ridge Literary Agency LLC

A Cassie Gwynne Mystery 1



The Taken Ones Ruhi Choudhary

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Karin Slaughter

Previous titles **Our Daughter's Bones** and **Their Frozen Graves** reached top 50 in US and AUS Amazon charts and #55 in the US Amazon chart respectively

Editor's Note

Ruhi Choudhary's Mackenzie Price books have captivated readers everywhere with their nail-biting suspense and genuinely jaw-dropping twists. Now, Detective Mackenzie Price is back in her fourth outing, and it might be her most gripping case yet. Mackenzie and her partner think their latest murder investigation is solved when the body of a suicide is found with a confession to the murder next to it. But, as they discover when another young woman goes missing, this death is just the beginning... Someone is blackmailing people into committing murder, starting a chain reaction of killings across the town of Lakemore, Washington. If Mack and her partner Nick Blackwood can't break the chain, there is no telling how many people will die. I can't wait for fans and new readers alike to discover this chilling, atmospheric and truly unputdownable crime thriller.

Retail Description

"As the doors of the elevator were forced open, Mack's worst fears were confirmed. A delicate hand dangled at the top, peeking out from above the elevator. From the shape and size and the green color on the nails, the hand belonged to a woman. Had they found Mia?"

Lakemore, Washington. When Mia Gallagher is reported missing after an apparent abduction, Detective Mackenzie Price is immediately called in to investigate. But as she begins to scour CCTV footage of her last known movements, Mia's body is discovered in an elevator shaft. DNA evidence points to a troubled local man from the wrong side of town. But before he can be questioned, his body is found alongside a suicide note with the words: I killed her. I didn't want to. But I had no choice.

The case appears closed until another woman goes missing and 48 hours later is found dead. The only link between the victims is a connection to Baron Wildman, one of the most powerful men in Lakemore but there is no hard evidence connecting him to their deaths. When a local man confesses to the second killing, his M.O. is eerily similar to the first: kill or be killed. Then a third woman disappears and Mack knows she has just forty-eight hours to discover who lies at the heart of the blackmailing ring and find her victim alive. Soon it becomes clear that this twisted killer will go to any lengths to protect a decades-old secret and wreak their revenge, even if that means hurting those closest to Mack. Can she unravel who lies at the heart of this deadly game before she loses another person she loves?

Reviews for Ruhi Choudhary

"I read late into the night to find out whodunit, and was totally surprised when all was revealed... An excellent, fast paced, first class read." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"The best Mackenzie Price so far... Suspects are everywhere, so many twists and turns. Just when you think you know who the killer is, something happens to throw you off course. A real edge of your seat ride." Jo Lambert Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

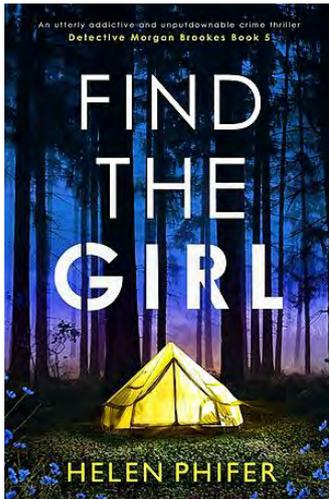
Ruhi Choudhary discovered her passion for writing when she was seven years old and wrote her first Star Trek episode. After trying her hand in different genres, she found her calling in crime thriller. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Bioengineering from University of Toronto.



Crime Thriller

366 pages | Pub Date 17/1/2022 | 9781800198876 | Unagented

Detective Mackenzie Price 4



Find the Girl Helen Phifer

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Rachel Abbott

50,000 copies sold of *The Girl in the Grave*, the first book in the Beth Adams series. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

This is one Epic story and my heart was truly in my mouth as I read, wondering whether finally Morgan had met her match in this absolutely terrifying and vile killer stalking her small town. The return of an old villain added layers of complexity to the story, and I predict All the 5 stars when readers get their hands on this amazing new instalment!

Retail Description

The tent door flutters in the warm breeze, opening towards the silent woods beyond. A silk eye mask lies on top of the empty sleeping bag, blood-red spots ruining the cream fabric...

When a woman disappears from Forest Pines campsite, Detective Morgan Brookes scrambles a search party. Sara Fletcher has never missed a lunch date with her best friend and when Morgan finds a large rip in Sara's tent, she knows that something terrible must have happened. About to lose hope after hours combing through the acres of dense forest, the excited bark of a tracker dog leads Morgan to female remains, partially covered by leaves and dirt – but the bones don't belong to Sara.

Morgan trawls through missing persons files until she finds three cold cases with chilling similarities – three other victims dating back twenty years who were taken from campsites while they slept, by a killer the police called The Travelling Man. The post-mortems indicate he kept them alive for 72 hours, meaning every second is crucial to find Sara alive.

Morgan's team is terrified that this twisted murderer has returned. But Morgan also can't ignore the fact that a merciless killer from her own past has recently escaped from prison... Could they be chasing the wrong man? If she's correct, how deep will she have to dig to save Sara and other innocent women like her before time runs out for them all?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

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

'Literally blew me away... Another one-sitting book with tension and suspense, chilling and with plenty of heart-in-your-mouth moments. Yes this book is that good. A must-read.' Netgalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

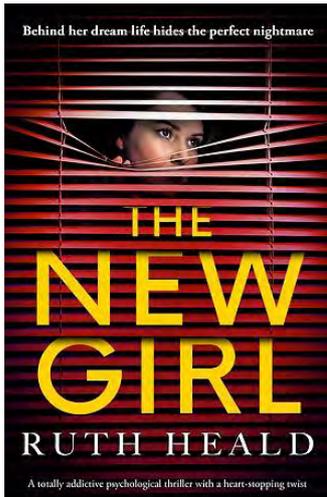
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

284 pages | Pub Date 19/1/2022 | 9781800196049 | Unagented

Detective Morgan Brookes 5



The New Girl Ruth Heald

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

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

Ruth has sold over 240,00 copies and reached the top 15 on Amazon
UK

Editor's Note

Prepare yourself for an absolutely pulse-pounding psychological thriller from Ruth Heald. Fresh from her bestselling *THE WEDDING*, *THE NEW GIRL* focuses on one woman's desire to escape a dark, traumatic assault from her past and start over. When she lands her dream job she cannot believe her luck. But as she falls into her claustrophobic and controlling new world, it soon becomes clear that her new friends have a chilling link to her past and that perhaps it is not the dream job after all. The masterful twist at the end will leave you utterly floored!

Retail Description

I thought I could escape my past. I was wrong...

When I moved to a city where no one knew me, clutching only a small bag of possessions, I really believed that I had left my old life—and my darkest secret—behind. Within weeks, I landed my dream job, a gorgeous flat and the perfect boyfriend in James. For the first time in years, with him, I started to feel I could finally trust people again. I began to feel safe.

But now strange things have started to happen. Odd noises in the night, the constant feeling that someone is lingering at my door. James convinces me that I'm imagining things. But when I find a beautiful dress hidden behind the wardrobe and wear it to work, the atmosphere chills instantly. I can't help but wonder, is there something, or someone they're hiding from me?

Then she appears at my door. The girl before me. She tells me to that I need to leave; that the new life I thought I'd built for myself is all a twisted trap...

And my whole world tilts... because if what she says is true, what's going to happen to me?

Reviews for Ruth Heald

'Wow!!! Wow!!!! Wow!!! This book is a total page turner and will keep you guessing with every page. Halfway through I thought I had it figured out and then BAM! The ending floored me... I just loved this book.' Netgalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Another brilliant book from Ruth Heald. The plot was thrilling, tense and gripping and I couldn't stop reading until I reached the shocking ending. The twists and turns were fantastic.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

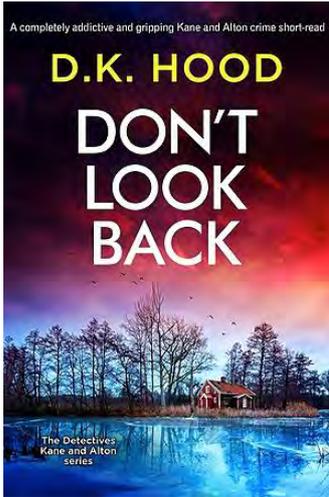
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 25/1/2022 | 9781803141732 | Unagented



Don't Look Back

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 950,000 copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

Something for fans of bestselling author D.K. Hood – this is the story before it all began. Focusing on Sheriff Jenna Alton, this prequel takes us through her life before he came to Black Rock Falls as an undercover drugs officer. It tells the dramatic and terrifying story of Jenna's time undercover when she was engaged to a drug dealer and how she escaped. Readers of D.K. Hood's Kane and Alton series will not be disappointed with this gripping story of a beloved character. D.K. Hood has sold over 800k copies across the entire series. She lives in Australia.

Retail Description

He grabs at her hair, pulling hard. She doesn't scream like he wants her to. Instead, she grits her teeth and waits for her chance to escape. Then she runs harder than she has ever run in her life. As she hears his angry footsteps gaining on her, she prays that she makes it out of there alive...

Undercover FBI agent Jenna Alton has been playing wife to dangerous criminal husband Michael Carlos for four years. Tonight she plans to make her escape. But as she gathers her belongings together, she hears something that stops her in her tracks – he's taken a young girl called Mandy, and she's being held somewhere close. Jenna knows what she must do – find the child and get her to safety – even if it means risking her own life.

As Michael hosts a party at their secluded home, Jenna pretends to play his doting wife, whilst desperately searching for Mandy. She takes a deep breath as she walks past her husband's office door. If he catches her, he'll kill her.

Jenna's already sacrificed so much, but innocent lives will be lost if she doesn't leave the house tonight. With the clock ticking, can Jenna save the innocent little girl and get them both out alive?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

"Wow, I couldn't put it down." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I was on the edge of my seat." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

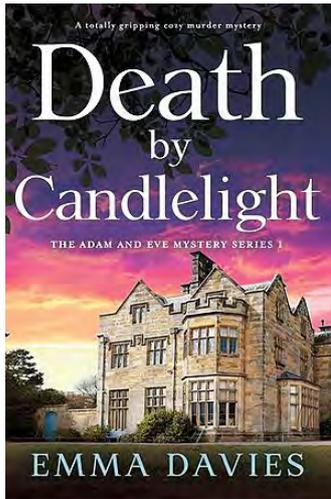
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could 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

152 pages | Pub Date 8/2/2022 | 9781803141800 | Unagented

Detectives Kane and Alton



Death by Candlelight Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Previous series, The Little Cottage series, has sold over 115,000 copies

Editor's Note

Emma Davies' heartwarming escapist reads have been translated into five languages and counting. Now she brings her same skill at creating characters you instantly want to be friends with to the cosy mystery genre, with a delightfully mismatched detective duo you'll be rooting for from the first page. Expect puzzling plots and plenty of red herrings as well as the charm and humour that make all her books so easy to pick up and hard to put down.

Retail Description

Francesca Eve thought she was prepared for anything at the events she caters for in her pretty little Shropshire village. Missing canapes? No problem. Burnt brownies? A piece of cake... But a dead body? Now that's a recipe for disaster.

Francesca is nervous about catering her first ever murder mystery party, but it's clear from the clink of champagne flutes and piles of empty plates that the evening is a roaring success. The guests look spectacular in their disguises, whispering and giggling as they try to identify who killed beautiful young Becky. But days later the game takes a sinister turn when Becky is found poisoned, and all the signs point to the culprit being a party guest.

From the woman having an affair to the guest hiding her true identity, everyone had a secret – and it turns out that Becky knew them all. As Fran finds herself centre-stage in a real-life murder mystery, the finger of suspicion points at each guest in turn. And Fran starts to wonder, were any of these secrets dangerous enough to kill for?

Then the body of a second guest is found, and it becomes clear a deranged killer is going off-script. It seems anyone who was involved in the game that night is in their sights, even Fran. Can she unmask the murderer before the final curtain falls?

Reviews for Emma Davies

'BUY THE BOOK... some of the best amateur detective work I've seen in a cosy mystery for a long time -- with one of the most delightful and relatable pairings yet... I couldn't bring myself to put it down... It's that good and then some... BUY THE BOOK. BUY THE BOOK. BUY THE BOOK.' The Well-Read Pirate Queen, ★★★★★

'I thoroughly enjoyed this cosy mystery. The plot twist and turns kept me on the edge of my seat... a must read for every cosy mystery fan, I loved it... I highly recommend it.' PageTurners, ★★★★★

Author Biography

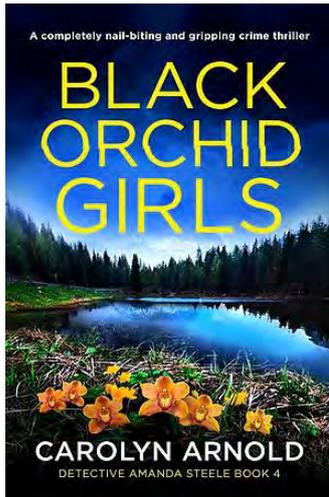
Emma once worked for a design studio where she was asked to provide a fun, humorous, and not necessarily true anecdote about herself for their website. She wrote the following: 'I am a bestselling novelist currently masquerading as a thirty-something mother of three.' Well the job didn't work out but 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

324 pages | Pub Date 9/2/2022 | 9781803140629 | Unagented

The Adam and Eve Mystery Series 1



Black Orchid Girls 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

Carolyn's addictive novels play out like TV episodes in my mind and her latest Amanda Steele novel, *Black Orchid Girls*, coming hot on the heels of the incredible *The Silent Witness*, is absolutely no exception! I was glued to Amanda's side as she tried desperately to uncover the killer targeting innocent girls in her small town and I gasped out loud at the final incredible twist!

Retail Description

The first rays of sun filter through the tall trees, casting a faint light on the girl lying at the water's edge. Her tears have frozen on her pale face, a black orchid rests against her cold white skin.

When hikers find the body of a beautiful young girl on the banks of the Potomac River, Detective Amanda Steele is shaken and confused. What is the significance of the delicate flower resting on the girl's torso? A sign of affection, or a twisted killer's calling card?

The girl is Chloe Somner, a local nineteen-year-old ecology student well-known to the park rangers and loved by all her classmates. Searching Chloe's home, Amanda can't work out who could have tempted her to the water in the early hours of the morning, but a long night hunting through cold cases gives her a possible lead: twenty years ago another local girl was murdered, a red rose left on her body. But why would this killer strike again now?

Focused on the past, the last thing Amanda expects is the news that Chloe's roommate has been found dead, another black orchid left. Terrified that more innocent victims will follow, can Amanda uncover the significance of the flowers and stop this cold-hearted killer before he returns for the next orchid girl...?

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"Jaw dropping ending... Forget about sleep because you will not be able to put this one down!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"I read this book in one sitting and finally turned the last page in the wee hours. I just had to keep on reading I HAD TO KNOW THE TRUTH!!!!... Left me speechless. Another fantastic five star read... gripping and very addictive." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

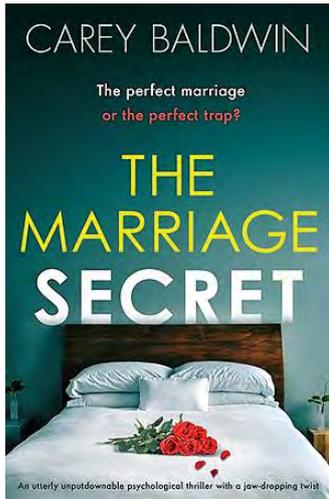
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books,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



Crime Thriller

304 pages | Pub Date 10/2/2022 | 9781803142142 | Unagented

Detective Amanda Steele 4



The Marriage Secret Carey Baldwin

For Fans of *The Wife Between Us*, *The Marriage* and *Gone Girl*

Carey Baldwin is a USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

Having a baby is supposed to be one of the most joyful moments in your life. But for Holly, it is the start of her marriage to successful doctor Zach falling apart. Day by day, what starts as gentle care tips over into dangerous control and Holly knows that she needs to take charge to keep her precious daughter safe. But Holly is hiding a dark secret of her own'; it's a secret that Zach will ensure keeps her close to him. Carey Baldwin is author of the USA Today bestselling Cassidy and Spencer series, and readers love that she always delivers tense, pacy and utterly unputdownable thrillers getting to the heart of her characters' darkest secrets – she knows exactly how to grab the reader from the first page and keep them in her thrall as she delivers twist after mind-blowing twist.

Retail Description

He married me despite my darkest secret. But am I safe now that I know his?

From the outside, my marriage to Zach was perfect: dream home, a perfect baby girl and passionate, all-consuming love. When we met, I confessed my darkest secret to him and he never judged me for it. Instead, he vowed to always protect me whatever the cost.

But as I cradle my gorgeous baby, I have to accept that the husband who used to be my everything, has changed. At first it was little things: expecting me to keep to a strict schedule, picking out my clothes for me. Now, he controls every aspect of my life: from how much money I have, to when I leave the house and who I can see.

One fateful night, a young woman is found murdered and Zach is a potential suspect. Turning towards me, a look of warmth returning to his eyes, he swears he's innocent, and I realize there is only one solution. If I agree to be his alibi, he will keep my secret and our daughter can grow up in a loving home. In that moment, I do what any faithful wife would do: I stand by him.

But I know deep down, only one of us will make it out of this marriage alive.

Reviews for Carey Baldwin

'Completely and utterly impossible to put down... gripped me instantly. I have devoured page after page... This is definitely a book that has sucked me in, taken me on a rollercoaster ride... a must read.' Little Miss Book Lover 87, ★★★★★

'Kept me up at night turning the pages. I just simply couldn't put it down. It was full of twists and turns. I didn't see that ending coming at all. And as for the twist at the end??? Wow just wait for it!! Absolutely brilliant and well worth five stars!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

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

300 pages | Pub Date 11/2/2022 | 9781800195226 | Liza Dawson, Liza Dawson Associates



Her Betrayal Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers

Emma Tallon's previous series sold over 150,000 copies

Editor's Note

This is the third book in the bestselling new series from the Queen of Gangland crime, Emma Tallon. The Drew family are about to take revenge on their biggest nemesis. Full of tension and threat with a little bit of romance thrown in, this is a fantastic follow up to the first book in the series, Her Revenge, which has sold over 10k 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. With over 160k copies sold across all 9 titles and high rankings on all books, Emma goes from strength to strength.

Retail Description

Head of the family crime business, and with a new guy in her life, things have never been better for Scarlet Drew. Working with her aunt Lily on their biggest ever job – revenge on the woman who set fire to their factory, with Lily's daughter trapped inside – Scarlet is suddenly dragged into the local police station to answer questions about the death of a local gangster. The face she sees across the interview table shocks her to her core. It's her new boyfriend, John.

Hours later, John is banging on Scarlet's door, telling her he loves her and she can trust him. Can Scarlet risk believing the only man she's ever loved, or is she putting her family in unthinkable danger?

As the night of Lily's plan draws near, the police come knocking once again. This time with evidence that could see Scarlet locked-up for good. Can they still pull off their biggest job yet, or has Scarlet made a fatal mistake and let John get one step ahead of them?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'Wow! Just wow!!!... Kept me on the edge of my seat... I've felt my heart thudding... I have devoured this in just a few hours... This book took my breath away... Absolutely superb.' Littlemissbooklover87, ★★★★★

'Omg, what a page-turner. I had to read it last night. I had no sleep as I wanted to finish it. A real gripping book.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

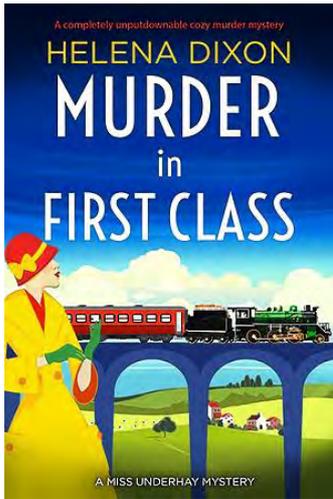
Emma Tallon is a British writer and mother to a young son. She started her writing career several years ago, as a freelance ghostwriter. Behind the scenes she has crafted some of the most adventurous, edgy and heart-wrenching stories you will find in bookshops today. More recently, Emma decided to step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



Crime Thriller

344 pages | Pub Date 15/2/2022 | 9781803140308 | Unagented

The Drew Family Series 3



Murder in First Class 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

A locked-room mystery of the very best kind! Kitty and Matt have returned from their adventures in Yorkshire only to be faced with a puzzle like never before! This story had me hooked as I raced alongside the pair of super-sleuths to work out what had happened, and crucially, what on earth was going to happen next! Readers are going to be Hooked!

Retail Description

All aboard a train bound for... murder.

Kitty Underhay is looking forward to a week of long lunches and wedding planning with her husband-to-be, Captain Matthew Bryant. But the plan is derailed when he is called on to collect a former comrade-in-arms, arriving on the 15:50 from Bakerloo. As the train bearing Simon Travers pulls up to the platform, a piercing scream rises over the screech of its brakes. Travers is dead in his seat, a dagger in his heart.

Who gave this defenceless man a one-way ticket to the next life? And why? And could Matt's close connection put him at risk? Only a few individuals had access to Travers's compartment, and Kitty must find out which of these seemingly benign passengers is in fact a cross-country killer.

But when Kitty's prime suspect, the travelling salesman with no merchandise, is found murdered, she is stumped. Until she makes the connection between the two victims and realises that this murderer has an even more deadly destination in mind. Can she stop them before they strike again? Or will Kitty's own next stop be the graveyard?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

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

'What can I say? I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

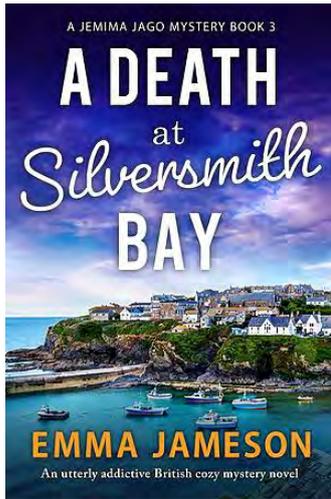
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

256 pages | Pub Date 16/2/2022 | 9781800195448 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

A Miss Underhay Mystery 8



A Death at Silversmith Bay Emma Jameson

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

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

Editor's Note

Emma's writing is so witty and full of warm humour it's impossible not to enjoy this book once you've started it. Her characters are very real and her settings are just gorgeous, if you can get past the murders!

Retail Description

Librarian Jemima Jago can't resist a classic whodunnit, but finding a body in a bookshop is a real-life plot twist she could never have expected...

Jem Jago is back at work with her antique books and spending her weekends exploring her new home—the windswept Isles of Scilly—in her little sailboat. Jem is really settling into island life. Unfortunately, murder in the Scillies is not as rare as her manuscripts...

On a trip out to Penzance with best friend Micki, the pair stumble across an intriguing murder mystery, not of the fictional kind. Visiting Tatteredly's second-hand bookstore, they discover the body of beautiful Gina Marrak, Micki's former sister-in-law.

Jem can't bear to see Micki so distraught, and with the hapless DS Conrad in charge of the enquiry, she must do some digging of her own to find out the truth. Secretly convincing Gina's so-called friends to talk, Jem learns she wasn't actually well liked in her corner of Penzance. Did the jilted lover, the pretentious pub landlord or the rowdy real estate agent bump off poor Gina?

Poking around the scene of the crime, Jem finds an unusual book out of place which leads her down an unlikely path. But can Jem get to the bottom of the mystery before this terrible tale comes to an end for her too?

Reviews for Emma Jameson

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 21/2/2022 | 9781803141152 | Unagented

A Jemima Jago Mystery 3



The Invite 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's previous psychological thrillers have sold over 550,000 copies and reached the top 10 in the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, selling over 520k copies across all of her Bookouture titles. *The Invite* reached number 1 on Apple UK's Book store and reached the top100 in the UK Amazon charts. This is a thrilling psychological thriller about two best friends who both have problem love lives and secrets from each other. When they argue at an engagement party, one of the friends storms out of the party and is never seen again. And as police start looking into the night of the party, they soon realise that nobody there that night is coming forward and nobody is who they seem.

Retail Description

Staring at the stunning diamond solitaire on her finger, Kaitlin knows her relationship has been a whirlwind... but Greg looks after her, and he loves playing dad to her young daughter. How could she refuse when he's already planned their romantic elopement?

As the guests arrive, Kaitlin wonders why Greg is suddenly acting so shifty. Is that a flicker of recognition on Zoe's face? And why does she look terrified every time her phone rings?

Kaitlin watches as Zoe knocks back her white wine and makes a beeline for Greg. Then, after a heated conversation, her best friend stumbles outside without looking back.

Days later, the police knock at Kaitlin's door – Zoe is missing.

When the police question Greg about the night of the party, Kaitlin knows he's telling lies. But why would he? Can she really trust the man she's marrying? And could her precious daughter's life now be in danger too?

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'OMG! Once I started, I didn't want to put it down... Wow!... A real page-turner... Kept me enthralled.' Nicki's Book Blog,



'I absolutely loved this book. I didn't know where it was going, it kept my intrigued right up to the last page.' @LawOfIllusion90,



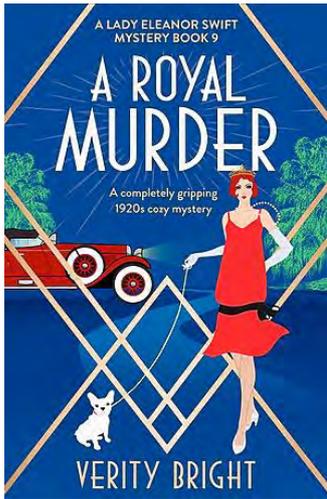
Author Biography

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

312 pages | Pub Date 22/2/2022 | 9781803141763 | Unagented



A Royal Murder Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian), City Editions (French)

For fans of Agatha Christie, PG Wodehouse, and LB Hathaway

Top UK 100 bestselling author

Editor's Note

When a minor royal is murdered, Lady Swift's friend the Prince of Wales, asks her to investigate. With the King himself looking on, she can't put a foot wrong as she tracks down the killer! A warm and witty whodunnit, bestseller Verity Bright's new novel will have you utterly charmed. I adore this cozy series and I could not put this book down as I raced through the pages!

Retail Description

At the royal boat race there are beautiful barges, plenty of bunting, a handsome prince and... is that a body in the water? Lady Swift is on the case!

Spring, 1923. One-time adventurer and now amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift is attending the royal regatta with her new pal Topsy Fitzroy. Topsy has Eleanor trussed up like a debutante in a new dress, determined to turn her into a proper society lady.

But the sparkling prize-giving ceremony is interrupted when the handsome host gulps his glass of champagne on stage and collapses to the floor. The victim is the king's cousin, Lord Xander Taylor-Howard. He was rumoured to be entangled in a dubious gambling ring, but did someone kill him instead of collecting his debt? Or was this simply an ill-timed tragic accident? Either way, a royal scandal is afoot...

Sir Percival, the head of the royal police, asks Eleanor for her help investigating. He'd do anything to keep the story under wraps. It will get her into hot water with dapper Detective Seldon, but she's determined to see justice done. As she digs deeper, she learns Lord Taylor-Howard was hiding more than one murky secret. It isn't until she takes a closer look at the unfortunate royal's champagne flute that she stumbles upon just the clue she needs. But can she reel in the killer before her ship is sunk too?

Reviews for Verity Bright

'What a great cozy mystery! 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?... Perfect... Bright has the amazing gift of bringing the reader into that world where the characters are alive.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

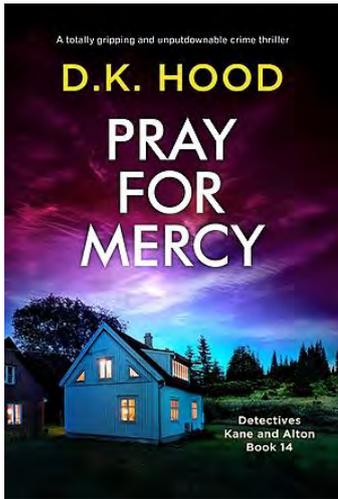
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors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



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 28/2/2022 | 9781800195684 | Unagented

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Pray for Mercy 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 950,000 copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the fourteenth book in the Kane and Alton series. 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. In this book, a killer leaves a bloody message scrawled on Jenna's office, which leads to the discovery of a body. When another turns up, days later, Jenna knows the killer is escalating.

Retail Description

Writing scrawled on the wall of Sheriff Jenna Alton's office overnight leads her and her deputy David Kane to a small house on the outskirts of Black Rock Falls. Inside, Jenna is devastated to find devoted churchgoer Agnes Wagner lying in a pool of blood, stab wounds covering her lifeless body. What monster would attack a defenceless woman living alone on a quiet street?

With no witnesses and no trace of the killer at the scene, the deadly message written on Jenna's door is her only clue. But as she races to interview a contractor who recently had access to Agnes's home, she discovers the wreck of a car on a mountain road, Agnes's best friend dead inside.

Jenna knows the victims were close friends and she thinks a twisted killer has been watching them, waiting for the perfect time to strike. But before she can make her next move, one of her own team is found unconscious and covered in the blood of a third female victim—a knife inches away from his hand.

Pulse racing, Jenna fires questions at her shaken deputy, who can't explain why he was in the woman's house. Could he really be a killer, or is someone playing an evil game with Jenna and her team? The clock is ticking to uncover a dark secret in the past that connects all three victims, but can she work out who is terrorizing her small town before another innocent life is taken?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

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

"Fantastic... Totally addictive. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

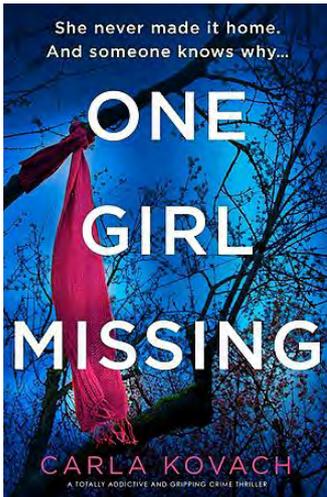
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could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



Crime Thriller

308 pages | Pub Date 7/3/2022 | 9781800198609 | Unagented

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One Girl Missing Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Meulenhoff (Danish)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Over 500,000 copies sold in series to date, top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the eleventh book in the Detective Gina Harte series. With over 462,000 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

Teacher Annabel Braddock was last seen drinking at the local pub with her best friend, Jennifer. Witnesses saw tears running down her cheeks, and friends say she was having problems with a colleague at work, and that her marriage had broken down.

But as the two women hugged goodbye, neither noticed the car speeding towards them. As the dust settled, Jennifer lay unconscious on the ground and Annabel was nowhere to be seen. She'd never abandon her little girl, so did someone snatch her?

As family crowd around Jennifer's hospital bed, hoping she'll wake up, police visit Annabel's home and her inconsolable daughter, Cally, tells them she had seen a man outside staring into her room as she climbed into bed that evening. Was it her childish imagination, or had someone been watching Annabel's home?

When Jennifer finally opens her eyes and tells the police what happened that night, it's clear there are plenty of people with a reason to harm Annabel. With an unpredictable husband, a colleague who denies harassing her and a neighbour who seems to know her every move, could she be in imminent danger? As the hours turn to days, will little Cally ever see her precious mother again? Or will she be next?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'Wow! Carla Kovach hits it totally out of the park!... Grabbed me from the start and didn't let go.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Fantastic, fantastic and fantastic.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

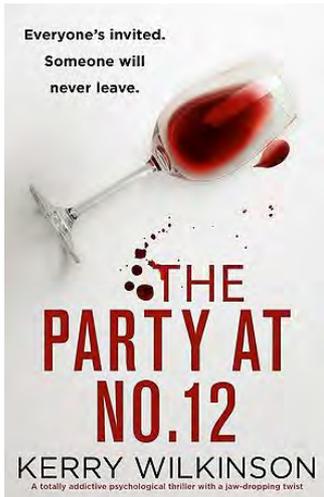
Carla started writing more seriously ten years ago after having flirted with musical theatre and occasional writing in her youth. Since then she has written & produced several stage plays, has four self-published books, has acted in several independent films and is currently in the final stages of production 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

332 pages | Pub Date 9/3/2022 | 9781803141541 | Unagented

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The Party at Number 12 Kerry Wilkinson

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

For fans of Lisa Jewell, The Hunting Party and Shari Lapena.

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

In this totally twisty and addictive mystery thriller from bestselling author Kerry Wilkinson, his legions of fans will be thrilled as ever with the claustrophobic small-town atmosphere and Kerry's trademark dry wit and wry observations. After a death at a leaving party, everyone's a suspect... and the final reveal of the killer's true identity is guaranteed to make you gasp!

Retail Description

Everyone's invited. Someone will never leave.

In a grand townhouse rented specially for the evening, Hannah beams at her guests under the sparkling chandelier. Her sisters, her mother and aunt, her best friends... although she'll miss them all so much when she moves away, tonight is about celebrating the happy times and raising a toast to the future.

But the next morning, one of the guests is found cold and lifeless in their pristine white bed.

Hannah is desperate to call the police. After all, it must have been an accident. Perhaps too much wine, on a night where emotions were running high. But it soon becomes clear that every single person at the party has something to hide.

A mother who'll do anything for her daughters.
Best friends with dark secrets between them.
A sister with a jealous streak.

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'I DID NOT EXPECT THAT ENDING! UTTERLY SHOCKING AND COMPLETELY UNPUTDOWNABLE!... I can't stress hard enough how much I loved it... outstanding... brilliant... an awesome author and he knows how to keep you on the edge of your seat, biting your nails until the last twist... I loved every single page.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I absolutely loved it... twists and turns throughout... I did not see the ending coming at all... kept on the edge of my seat to the final page... I highly recommend *The Blame*.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

314 pages | Pub Date 11/3/2022 | 9781803142760 | Unagented



The Stepchild Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Filia (Polish), Marcador Editora (Brazil)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and The Wife Between Us

From the author of *The Boy in the Photo* (over 240,000 copies sold)
and Amazon US bestseller (#2)

Editor's Note

Nicole Trope is back with another razor-sharp, beautifully written and twist-packed page-turner. In *The Stepchild*, we jump straight into the heart of a family in a turmoil. With a three-year-old missing girl, no one in suburbia is safe from suspicion – and everyone has secrets. From the mother in tears, to the step-daughter who was meant to be babysitting, this taut and expertly paced novel will surprise you at every turn.

Retail Description

Three-year-old Millie Everleigh disappears on a crisp winter's day, and nothing is as it seems...

It's the phone call every mother dreads. I'm climbing into the car after a trip to the grocery store. As the engine starts, my phone rings. It's my stepdaughter, Shelby, who is babysitting my three-year-old little girl Millie.

'I only went upstairs for a second,' she says through her sobs. 'She's gone.'

I race home to find my blue-eyed baby girl missing, and my heart ripped out of my chest. When the police turn up, Shelby's story starts to unravel. What is she hiding? Then I get a message saying, 'Your husband is not who you think he is.' Could he be lying?

Suddenly, my family feel like strangers. Everyone has a secret – even me. No one knows why I was late coming back from the shop, and the guilt I've been feeling ever since...

Once the truth comes out, all of our lies exposed, will it be too late to save my precious child?

A pulse-pounding psychological thriller about family secrets, shocking pasts and the lies we tell ourselves in order to survive.

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,
★★★★★

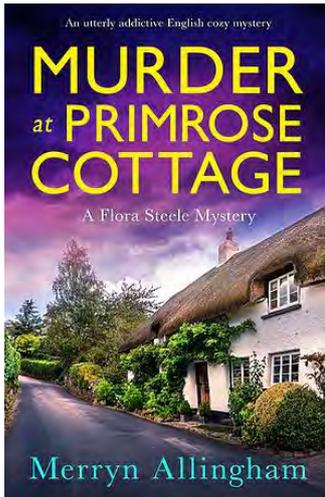
Author Biography

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

254 pages | Pub Date 15/3/2022 | 9781803142609 | Unagented



Murder at Primrose Cottage Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Betty Rowlands and Faith Martin

Over 20,000 copies sold, UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the third novel in the Flora Steele mystery series set in Sussex in the 1950s, featuring book shop owner Flora Steele and crime writer Jack Carrington.

The first book in the series is THE BOOKSHOP MURDER hit number 19 in the US Amazon ebook charts and was also a UK Top 100 Bestseller. The second book in the series is MURDER ON THE PIER. Bookouture has seen repeat successes in the cozy crime genre, with authors including Betty Rowlands, Verity Bright and Clare Chase.

Book 1 and 2 in Merryn Allingham's Flora Steele mystery series have both launched at an exciting level so we're really optimistic about the potential for this new series.

Retail Description

Cornwall, 1956: When Flora Steele sets off for a peaceful vacation with crime writer Jack Carrington in his little red Austin, the last thing she expects to find is a body at their pretty rental cottage!

Shocked by the discovery, inquisitive Flora joins forces with handsome Jack to find out how the poor man came to such an untimely end in the overgrown orchard of Primrose Cottage. They discover Roger Gifford was a man with plenty of friends and the villagers seem devastated by his sudden death...

So why was he murdered? And who has blood on their hands – his estranged wife Beatrice, his wayward younger brother Lionel, or the suspicious newcomer Mercy Dearlove?

The baffling case gets even more complicated when a second man is found dead and a set of puzzling clues lead them to an intriguing wartime mystery connected to Jack's estranged father.

As old secrets emerge and Jack receives an unsettling letter, it seems the crime writer is in danger of a fate befitting his fictional characters. Will Flora be able to crack the case and save Jack? Or will this be one murder too many for Flora Steele?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Wonderful book! I absolutely adored this... had me reading and finishing the book in no time! I highly recommend!!!!... I was drawn into the murder mystery plot instantly.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

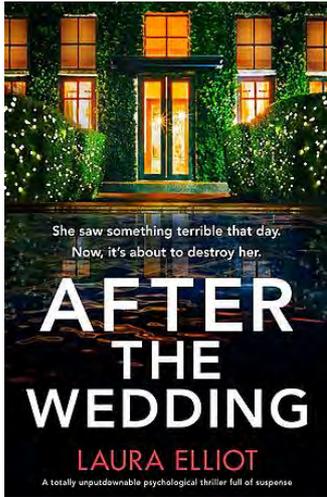
Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the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



Crime Thriller

276 pages | Pub Date 18/3/2022 | 9781803140711 | Unagented

A Flora Steele Mystery 3



After the Wedding Laura Elliot

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Computer Media (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Sally Hepworth, Gillian Flynn

Author sales over 575k and top 15 in Amazon US, UK and CA

Editor's Note

Laura Elliot's novels have sold over half a million copies worldwide and regularly hit the top of the Amazon bestseller lists in the UK, US and Australia. *After the Wedding* is a highly original and addictive page-turner of psychological suspense about what happens when a little girl witnesses something terrible at a wedding and, how years later, it comes back to devastate her life. This is upmarket psychological suspense for fans of Lisa Jewell and Liane Moriarty.

Retail Description

Everyone said she was the prettiest flower girl. But now her dress lies on the floor. It's wet and torn, her shoes are lost. 'Where did you go?' her daddy asks. She shakes her head. All she can remember are the red rose petals scattering like drops of blood spilling to the ground.

When Christine Lewis was a little girl, she witnessed something terrible at a wedding and buried it so deep in her memory, she managed to forget it ever happened.

Jessica Newman was a baby when she and her father came to live in an isolated cottage on the Irish island of Cullain with Margaret – the woman who loved Jessica as if she was her own. Until the day Jessica and her father left, and she never saw Margaret again.

Years later, Christine and Jessica cross paths working at the advertising agency Christine runs with her husband. These two women are about to uncover the dark secrets of their own traumatic pasts. But they have no idea that they are connected.

The shocking truth of what happened at the wedding all those years ago, and what became of Margaret, is going to blow their lives apart in more ways than each of them could ever have imagined...

Reviews for Laura Elliot

'A five star book – kept me hooked from the very first page to the last. Grippy and twisty, BRILLIANT!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I was gripped from the first few pages and found myself hooked on a rollercoaster ride up to the last few pages ... I read it in pretty much one sitting, I just needed to know how the book was going to end' Donna's Book Blog, ★★★★★

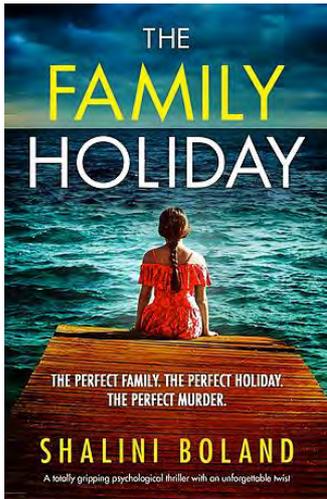
Author Biography

Laura Elliot has written eight novels which have been widely translated. Also known as June Considine, she has written twelve books for children and young adults. She has also worked as a journalist and magazine editor. She is a full-time writer from Dublin, Ireland, where she lives with her husband, Sean. After serving on the Board of the Irish Writers Centre, she established WORD, a group that connects professional writers, who meet in the Irish Writers Centre. She is also one of the founder members of the Freedom to Write Campaign, which advocates on behalf of



Crime Thriller

372 pages | Pub Date 24/3/2022 | 9781803141015 | Unagented



The Family Holiday Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Over 1 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.

The Family Holiday is an absolutely addictive psychological thriller with a fantastic hook and a jaw-dropping ending. Shalini reviews incredibly well, all of her novels are brilliantly plotted and readers love her relatable characters and the twists in her stories.

Retail Description

Two families. One house swap. A vacation to die for.

I can't believe my luck as I arrive at the beautiful, white-washed Italian villa. Complete with an infinity pool and stunning views, it's the perfect place to create special memories with my family. But as soon as we step inside everything starts to go wrong...

When my neighbour from back home calls, concerned about the woman in my house – and the way she's snooping about – I start to wonder why successful Amber Mason has swapped her gorgeous villa in the sun for a crumbling English cottage. In the mid-day heat a shiver runs down my spine. I have no idea who the stranger I've let into my life really is.

Then I discover an old photograph of my handsome husband hidden in a wardrobe in the master bedroom. My head spins as I try to understand why it's there. When I confront Niall on the balcony he has an answer for everything. As I search his familiar green eyes, with the sun setting in the background, I can no longer tell if he's lying. I storm out.

But when I return to the villa, in the dark of night, I scream. My husband is lying dead on the veranda. Memories of our marriage flash before our eyes. Was it all a lie? And are my children now in danger? The vacation is over and the nightmare has just begun...

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!!... loved every word... completely gripping. I had to read in one sitting because it was impossible to put down... The ending was out of this world... mind blowing!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'WHAT A THRILLER!!!!... This one caused me sleepless nights because I couldn't put it down!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

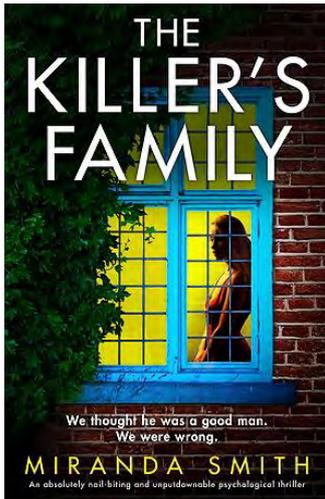
Author Biography

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).



Crime Thriller

256 pages | Pub Date 29/3/2022 | 9781838881511 | Unagented



The Killer's Family Miranda Smith

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Ruth Ware, Lisa Jewell and Shari LaPena

Miranda sold over 50,000 copies in 2020

Editor's Note

The Killer's Family displays Miranda Smith at her best: combining a page-turning psychological thriller with a dark story that looks at secrets, cover ups, and whether evil can be inherited. When the Martin girls start to clear out their father's things after his funeral, they stumble upon evidence of his other life as a serial killer. Forced to re-examine everything they knew about him, they have to confront the truth about their past, and make a terrible decision about the present... until it seems like the killer has struck again. It's brilliant at the dynamics between families, how easy it is to lie to yourself, and all the way through asks the reader to think, 'what would I do?' These knotty dilemmas and the humanity with which Miranda addresses them is, I think, what lifts her writing and displays her as an author of truly rich and thought-provoking crime fiction.

Retail Description

I still can't believe my father is gone. Especially here in his workshop, my mind flooded with happy memories. Then I notice the uneven floorboard. I lift it, finding a dusty cardboard box hidden beneath. And when I open it, I realize everything I thought I knew was a lie...

I followed my sisters into the church at our father's funeral, my heart breaking at the knowledge he would never walk me down the aisle. Afterwards, we gathered at his house to celebrate his life—the family man, the loyal friend, the beloved teacher.

But later that night, going through his things, I found the box, hidden in a crawl space in his shed. It was full of tangled jewelry... and a confession. Evidence that behind his kind smiles, my father was an entirely different man. A killer.

My sisters and I made a pledge to say nothing. Surely, telling the truth would only bring more pain? I set fire to the confession, turning his secrets into ash.

But now another woman has been killed, her wedding ring stolen... Someone is sending a message. Someone who knows we lied. But who could possibly know the truth? Can I even trust my own sisters? And if I try to protect myself, will I destroy my family for ever?

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 needdedddedddd to know how it finished." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

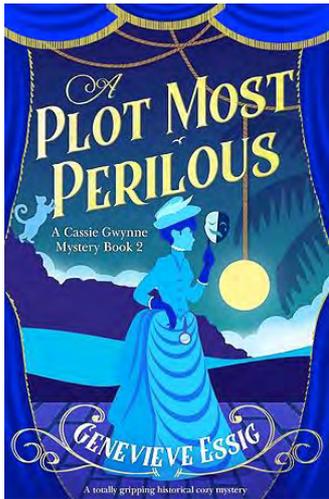
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

326 pages | Pub Date 31/3/2022 | 9781803141886 | Unagented



A Plot Most Perilous Genevieve Essig

For fans of Deanna Raybourn, C.J. Archer and Verity Bright! This is a totally charming cozy mystery full of murder, intrigue, and a cast of characters you'll adore

Editor's Note

This charming, funny and escapist historical cozy crime series will become your next obsession! Genevieve Essig has created the most memorable and simply delightful cast of characters (human and animal) and an island setting that will have you dreaming of palm trees and golden sand. Cassie Gwynne is super smart and way ahead of her time. This second outing for her is set around a production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Someone is out to sabotage the play, can Cassie save the day?

Retail Description

Join Cassie Gwynne—bookworm, cat lover and super sleuth—as she gets herself entangled in a brand-new murder mystery!

America 1883: Cassie Gwynne feels like she's finally found where she belongs, settling into her new life in Florida with her aunt and her mischievous kitten Esy. When a traveling theater group arrives in town Cassie can't resist signing up for the chorus. But the production goes awry from the start and soon death takes center stage...

With costumes going missing and strange voices heard coming from the dressing room, the cast are convinced they are cursed. And when the lead actor, William Gage, has a fatal accident, Cassie is certain someone is deliberately targeting the play. Off-stage Mr. Gage was known as a notorious flirt, so could a jilted lover be out for revenge?

Determined that the show must go on, Cassie launches her own investigation into the peculiar events. She quickly discovers an expensive, embroidered handkerchief stashed away on the lighting platform. This part of the theater is supposed to be out of bounds, so could the cagey chorus girl or the uppity understudy have something to hide?

When she returns at night to look around, Cassie is almost flattened as the wooden scenery crashes to the stage. Is this just the latest in a long line of catastrophes or is somebody out to stop Cassie learning the truth?

Reviews for Genevieve Essig

What readers are saying about Genevieve Essig:

'Wow, we have a feisty new heroine taking command in the historic cozy mystery genre! What a fun new character, she is... Totally digging this series so far!' Blogger Review, ★★★★★

'So engaging. I loved reading this book it was so easy to read and absolutely captivating. I cannot wait to read of the further adventures of Cassie and Flora!' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

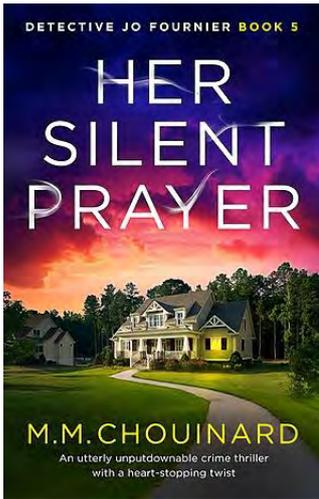
Genevieve Essig was born in Florida but, after many years of school and other shenanigans in the northeast and midwest United States, she now calls New Orleans, Louisiana, home. When she's not writing historical mysteries or getting lost down associated research rabbit holes, she spends her time practicing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



Crime Thriller

322 pages | Pub Date 1/4/2022 | 9781800196964 | Dawn Dowdle, Blue Ridge Literary Agency LLC

A Cassie Gwynne Mystery 2



Her Silent Prayer M.M. Chouinard

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

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Gregg Olsen

Editor's Note

In M.M. Chouinard's latest novel, fan favourite Detective Jo Fournier faces a twisted serial killer targeting single mothers in an utterly pulse-pounding race against time. Readers will be thrilled to find that a case from Chouinard's bestselling debut returns to confront Jo in a gripping finale. The pace never lets up and the twists keep coming from the first page to the last, and I was completely addicted all the way through. I can't wait for fans and new readers alike to discover this chilling, atmospheric and truly unputdownable crime thriller - guaranteed to keep you reading late into the night!

Retail Description

"“Help!” she screams, kicking as hard as she can against the closet door. But it’s nailed shut, and nobody can hear her. She drops to her knees and curls into a ball like she did as a little girl, praying someone will find her before it is too late...

When the body of single mother Melissa Rollins is found trapped inside a bedroom closet in her immaculate suburban home, Detective Jo Fournier races to the scene. The small town of Greenfern is sweltering in a heatwave, and Jo is horrified to find that Melissa’s heating was turned up to the max whilst she died of thirst. Who would kill a devoted mother in such a cruel way?

Searching the house for clues, Jo’s team discovers that the front door was locked from the inside. And with no sign of a break-in, they realise the killer must be someone Melissa knew. But everyone in the frame has an alibi...

As she delves deeper into the case, Jo uncovers a link between Melissa and a recent cold case: another single mother who was tied up and brutally murdered. Someone is on a mission to kill local mothers, and Jo knows they will claim their next victim soon.

But as temperatures continue to rise and the team works around the clock to stop a twisted killer, someone from Jo’s past catches up with her. They’re watching her family’s every move, and they will stop at nothing to get revenge... Can Jo save the people she loves and catch the killer before it’s too late?

Reviews for M.M. Chouinard

“Wow, what a book!! I don’t think I drew a full breath for the entire time I was reading... I took it everywhere I went... I needed to read it at every opportunity!... Unbelievably twisty... I loved every word of it!” Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

“Wow!!! What did I just read!!!! An intense, gripping thriller filled with suspense, twists and turns that will keep you at the edge of the seat!... So gripping... I almost couldn’t believe it!!! What a twisted ending!!!!... Will keep you up all night!” Tropical Girl Reads Books ★★★★★

Author Biography

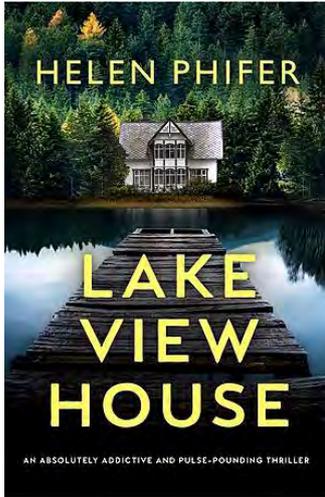
M.M. Chouinard’s first fiction story was published in her local paper when she was eight, and she fell in love with Agatha Christie novels not long after. While pursuing a Ph.D in psychology and helping to found the first U.S. research university of the new millenium, the stories kept rattling around 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

374 pages | Pub Date 7/4/2022 | 9781800199903 | Lynnette Novak, The Seymour Agency

Detective Jo Fournier 5



Lakeview House Helen Phifer

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

For fans of Lucy Foley, Lisa Gardner and Ruth Ware

50,000 copies sold of The Girl in the Grave, the first book in the Beth Adams series. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

Eerie remote setting with secrets to uncover? Check.

Down-to-earth, relatable heroine caught up in events outside her control? Check.

Sadistic killer who'll stop at nothing? Check.

All leading to one absolutely unputdownable novel that had me tearing through the pages until the final heart-stopping conclusion!

Retail Description

Icy water laps against the wooden jetty. But the girl doesn't notice the cold as she slips slowly under the freezing surface...

Running from a devastating relationship that almost cost her everything, Madison Hart impulsively accepts a job as a live-in caretaker at imposing Lakeview House. She has no memories of having visited the crumbling mansion on the banks of Lake Thirlmere before, but when she arrives, something about the house feels familiar...

The more time Maddy spends in the house, the more unsettled she feels. Why does the local story about the last woman who lived here, who drowned on her wedding day, chill Maddy to the bone? By day, Maddy works tirelessly clearing out the dusty rooms, but in the dead of night it's hard to explain away the eerie noises or crackly radio she hears hours after she turned it off. Slowly, Maddy begins to fear that her worst nightmare is coming true, has her past caught up with her...?

When a soaking wet wedding dress is left on Maddy's doorstep she feels completely trapped. It is her exact measurements. Is her ex trying to send her a message? Or has Maddy's digging uncovered an even deadlier secret? Will this perfect escape become the perfect trap?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Wow!!!!... I just couldn't put this one down, loved all the characters and what a great ending..... 5*' Goodreads reviewer,



'I couldn't put it down. Every spare moment I had I was reading, had to find out who the villain was.' Goodreads reviewer,



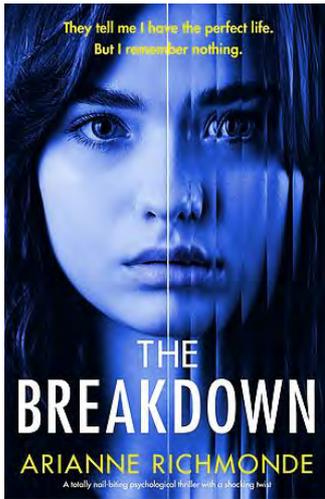
Author Biography

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

316 pages | Pub Date 8/4/2022 | 9781803144061 | Unagented



The Breakdown Arianne Richmond

Previous Translation Publishers
Nemesis Kitap (Turkish)

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

Arianne's books have sold over 500,000 copies

Editor's Note

Arianne Richmond is the queen of psychological suspense. Twisty and with heart-stopping endings, she writes beautifully crafted, US-set psychological thrillers which always leave fans gasping for more. This is our fourth book with this USA Today bestselling author, and it's a corker. *The Newlyweds* has been Arianne's most successful book so far, selling over 56k copies in eight months. We have sold 100k copies across all three titles and sold rights to her third book, *The Guilty Sister*, in Turkey.

Retail Description

One day she had the perfect life. The next it was gone...

I stand at the very edge of the cliff face, looking at the roaring ocean below my feet. I'm in no danger, in fact my husband and his sister talk just feet away from me, watching my every move.

Behind them sits a place my husband refers to as our summer house. Apparently it's my favourite place in the world, not that I can remember. Since the car accident, I've struggled to remember a lot of important things in my life, like giving birth to my daughter, Violet, just days after the crash. Or how perfect my marriage is.

As I stare at the huge expanse of blue before me, I have a flashback to the crash—a detail so small it might seem insignificant to some, but to me it's everything. So why is it so different to what everyone around me is telling me? Beads of sweat gather on my neck. If my memory is true, my life and my children's lives could be in danger. What really happened the day of the accident? And is there anyone left who I can trust?

Readers who enjoyed *Gone Girl*, *The Wife Between Us* and Mark Edwards's *Here to Stay* will love this unputdownable thriller from USA Today bestselling author, Arianne Richmond. *The Breakdown* will have you hooked!

Reviews for Arianne Richmond

"Wow... Grabbed my interest from the first few pages and did not let go. What a thrilling and exciting read!" Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

"Absolutely amazing thriller." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

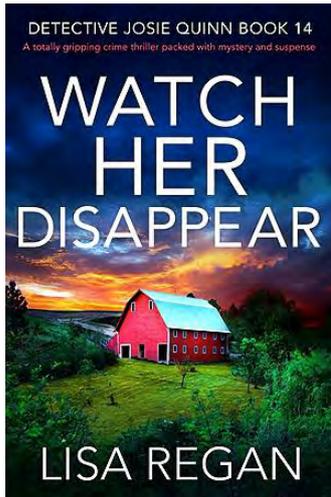
Author Biography

Arianne Richmond is a half British, half American, USA Today bestselling author, who lives in France with her husband and four-legged family. Surrounded by vineyards and sunflower fields in an old stone farmhouse they restored, she fills her days creating twisty novels full of suspense and intrigue. When she isn't writing she loves to travel, especially to warm, exotic countries, all in the name of research. She used to be an actress so likes nothing more than to immerse herself in the minds and lives of her characters.



Crime Thriller

314 pages | Pub Date 11/4/2022 | 9781803141787 | Unagented



Watch Her Disappear Lisa Regan

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine.

Fourteenth in the Detective Josie Quinn series (2.4M). From an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

Translation deals for Lisa Regan's Detective Josie Quinn series are coming in fast, with rights sold in 8 territories so far. With over 2 million copies sold, this series is one of Bookouture's highest earning and best reviewing to date. The retention rate book to book is like nothing I've ever seen before, and 14 books in, Lisa's fans are addicted as they were at book 1, Vanishing Girls.

Retail Description

The girl's prom dress, the color of champagne, shimmers in the dying light. A corsage of pink roses decorates her wrist. She is perfectly still, lying on the ground like a delicate china doll, trapped forever in a sleep from which she will never wake... When a call comes in about a young girl found dead at a high school prom—her life drained away from a fatal stab wound—Detective Josie Quinn drops everything to attend the scene. Taking in the girl's neatly braided hair, Josie feels a flicker of recognition. But no one comes forward to identify this innocent child, murdered on what should have been the happiest night of her life.

Trawling missing persons files, Josie realizes where she has seen the girl before. Gemma Farmer disappeared a few months ago, shattering her family. But why would her body appear now, on her sixteenth birthday? Josie's only clue is the five neat little cuts on Gemma's pale arm. Days later, another missing girl shows up, tucked neatly into her bed on the morning of her birthday, her favourite teddy beside her, her skin as cold as ice—and the autopsy reveals scars on her arm matching Gemma's.

Her head spinning, Josie fears the marks are a serial killer's twisted way of counting his victims. But where are the other girls he's killed, and how many more could follow? The case takes a terrifying turn when a local teen goes missing just days before she turns sixteen.

Clock ticking, Josie turns the town upside down in search of answers. But when her own chief comes forward with a missing piece in this devastating puzzle spanning decades, will it be enough to get inside the mind of the most unexpected and elusive killer she has ever encountered, or will another precious life be taken?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

'AMAZING... Love this author. Love this series. Love this book... I was on the edge of my seat.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'You will find yourself addicted as soon as you read the first chapters, and with a lightning-fast pace and an abundance of action and plot twists you will find it very hard to stop reading... a true rollercoaster ride... really packs a punch. If you enjoy intense and fast detective thrillers, you should definitely meet Josie Quinn!' It's All About Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

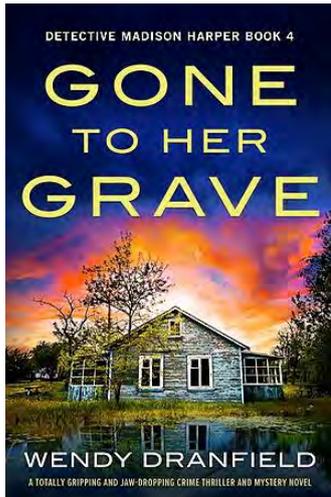
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

356 pages | Pub Date 12/4/2022 | 9781803143194 | Unagented

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Gone to Her Grave Wendy Dranfield

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

Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine, Melinda Leigh, Lisa Regan and Robert Dugoni.

Detective Madison Harper series sold 30,000 copies

Editor's Note

This crime thriller has the most gripping intro I have ever read, and the thrills just keep coming! This incredible series, with two of the most compelling and intriguing main characters in the genre, reads like a Netflix series with an amazing cast of characters and a small-town setting that feels SO REAL. Oh, and the twist at the end LEFT MY JAW ON THE FLOOR.

Retail Description

In the golden morning light, a beautiful young woman lies diagonally across the bed, dressed for a night out, her long lashes pressed against her cheeks as if she's sleeping. But the crimson that creeps across the sheets tells the story of an innocent woman who has drawn her last breath...

Detective Madison Harper is pulled away from Thanksgiving preparations when a local care worker, Terri Summers, is found dead in her home on the outskirts of Lost Creek, Colorado. Terri's inconsolable mother can't understand who would hurt such a kind soul who had dedicated her life to helping others. But analysis of the blood spatter at the scene indicates Terri knew her attacker, that she looked them right in the eye before her life was taken.

The awkward way Terri's body is positioned catches Madison's attention. Carefully moving her, she finds a bracelet—possibly a child's—with a single red bead clenched in the woman's fist, as if she was hiding it. It's the lead Madison so desperately needs, but the sudden death of one of her own team sends the investigation into a tailspin.

With her coworkers crumbling around her, Madison must work day and night to trace the bracelet and crack the case. But when she's dragged back into the disappearance of a woman and child from years ago, and finds a link to someone in her own family, can Madison stop this twisted killer before another precious life is taken? And at what cost?

Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

'Woohoo!... I was totally blown away... so shockingly, incredibly, amazingly good... OMG!... I never saw that coming... I barely had the time to pick up my jaw from the floor... Great, great book!' B for Bookreview, ★★★★★

'Oh man, what a rollercoaster of a ride... jaw-dropping and edge-of-the-seat... couldn't put it down till it was finished!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

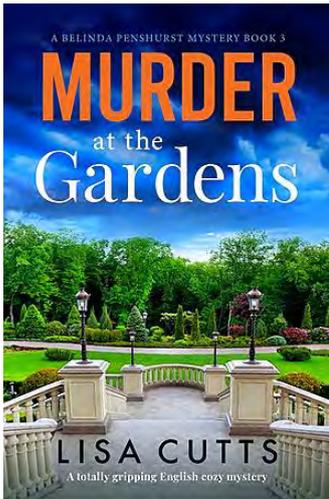
Wendy is a former coroner's assistant turned crime writer who lives in the UK with her husband. She is the author of several crime novels and has numerous short stories published in various UK and US anthologies. She has also been shortlisted and longlisted for various competitions, including the Mslxia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



Crime Thriller

368 pages | Pub Date 13/4/2022 | 9781803142326 | Unagented

Detective Madison Harper 4



Murder at the Gardens Lisa Cutts

For fans of M.C. Beaton, H.Y. Hanna or Emily Organ

Editor's Note

Lisa Cutts has been previously published to great acclaim by Mira and Simon & Schuster, with a gritty procedural series. A real-life detective, Lisa is taking a break from her day job by writing a cozy series set in the Kent village of Little Challham. The series has been getting great reviews and the first two books have now sold 5000 copies in just four months. The series contains everything a cozy crime reader longs for: the amateur detective who lives in the local castle and knows everyone; her sidekick, a former detective, who she runs rings around; intriguing murders to get your teeth into and a welcome tinge of humour. In the third book, sidekick Harry gets a job at the local zoo... but realises man is the most dangerous animal when an irritating visitor is found dead. Belinda and Harry are on the case, and their banter (and the spark between them) drives an

Retail Description

Belinda Penshurst has always loved Brabourne Gardens. A keen animal lover, she enjoys walking its winding paths and listening to the excited squeals of schoolchildren encountering the kind of wildlife you don't normally find in England. So when one of the visitors is found strangled, she's determined to learn whodunnit – and why.

The victim, Simon Carter, had a reputation for making trouble... But surely that's not a good enough reason to want him dead. Together with retired detective Harry Powell, Belinda investigates the goings-on behind the scenes, and learns that some of the staff are more savage than the animals.

Is it Estelle Samuels, the anti-social owner, who clearly has something to hide? Or the security guard who takes his job too seriously? Most worrying of all, Belinda's ex Ivan was there when the body was found, and she's determined to clear his name. As suspicions swirl, one thing's for sure: if Belinda keeps following the killer's tracks, she might find herself in their sights...

Can she sniff out a murderer, before she becomes prey?

Reviews for Lisa Cutts

'Wonderful... I absolutely adored this book! Had me reading and finishing the book in no time! I highly recommend this book! Stunning, a page-turner which stays long in the memory!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Absolutely fantastic... A page-turning, non-stop, addictive, hilarious cosy mystery... Perfect for the beach or in front of a fire, a fantastic start to what promises to be a riveting series!!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

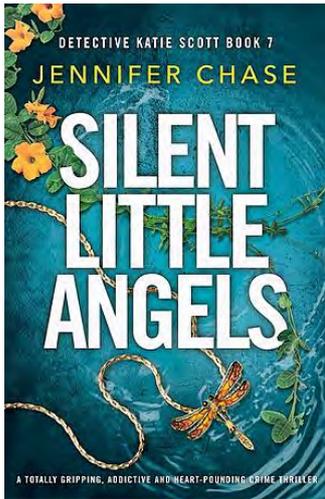
Lisa Cutts is a full-time detective constable investigating murders for a living. When off duty she writes a fictitious version of her day job. She writes a monthly column, Behind the Tape, for Writing Magazine answering police procedural questions from other writers. As well as being on BBC Radio 4's Open Book, Lisa has twice appeared on This Morning to chat about TV crime dramas Broadchurch and Line of Duty.



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 14/4/2022 | 9781803142043 | Unagented

A Belinda Penshurst Mystery 3



Silent Little Angels Jennifer Chase

For fans of M.J. Arlidge and Karin Slaughter

Seventh in the Detective Katie Scott series (275,000). First title in the series, *Little Girls Sleeping*, reached the Top 100 on the Kindle CA, UK and US charts

Editor's Note

Over a quarter of a million copies sold of this breakout crime series. Packed with nail-biting suspense, Chase delivers yet another hooky and absolutely gripping thriller. Detective Katie Scott's battle with anxiety and PTSD bring a real depth to this series that makes it stand out from the crowd, and readers adore the unbreakable bond she has with her trusty service dog, Cisco.

Retail Description

The water ripples as the girl's body escapes the reeds and floats silently upwards. Her beautiful face—blue eyes frozen open, skin as white as snow—breaks the surface. But it's too late, this innocent soul has taken her final breath...

When camp counselor Carolyn Sable's body is found floating in a lake beside Eagle Ridge Summer Camp, Detective Katie Scott must dig deep to stay focused. As a child, Katie spent many happy weeks at that camp toasting marshmallows on the fire with her best friend Jenny... until the day Jenny disappeared. The loss will always haunt Katie, but Carolyn's inconsolable family need answers.

Searching the area, the devastating discovery of two more bodies sends the case into a tailspin. Suddenly on the hunt for a serial killer, Katie's blood turns to ice when she finds newspaper clippings about her own past cases planted near one of the bodies. Was this twisted killer banking on Katie taking the lead? And why?

Carolyn was adored by children and staff at the camp, so Katie thinks her sudden resignation is key to cracking the case.

Uncovering a tragic accident involving a group of children the weeks before Carolyn left, Katie knows she's getting close.

But when the carefully laid trap Katie sets to catch Carolyn's killer backfires, Katie finds herself in unthinkable danger and unable to even trust her own team. Can she stay alive long enough to crack the toughest case of her career, and how many more innocent lives will be lost before she does?

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, ★★★★★

'Brilliant! Brilliant! Absolutely freaking brilliant!!!... Fantastic and so real.' Shalini's Books & Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

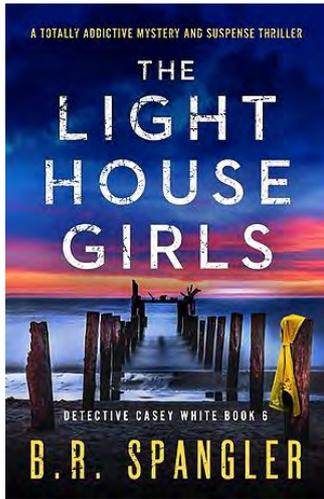
Jennifer Chase is a multi award-winning and best-selling crime fiction author, as well as a consulting criminologist. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in police forensics and a master's degree in criminology & criminal justice. These academic pursuits developed out of her curiosity about the criminal mind as well as from her own experience with a violent psychopath, providing Jennifer with deep personal investment in 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

376 pages | Pub Date 19/4/2022 | 9781803142302 | Unagented

Detective Katie Scott 7



The Lighthouse Girls B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Sixth in the Detective Casey White series (100,000), Where Lost Girls Go (50,000), reached the Top 15 on the Kindle US chart.

Editor's Note

B.R. Spangler does it again in this action-packed and addictive read! Immersing us in the atmosphere of the Outer Banks islands, the author throws us into Detective Casey White's world and a harrowing double case: a murdered teenage girl, and her missing younger sister. With the lighthouse of the murder scene towering over the setting, it's impossible to put this book down until Casey discovers the twisted truth. One of my favourite things about publishing Casey White mysteries are the incredible reviews: book 5 has an amazing 4.6* rating on Amazon and I know The Light House Girls will get the same amazing reaction. There's an army of fans waiting for the next instalment of this series and it's been a true privilege to see it go from strength to strength!

Retail Description

The girl shivers in the boat, trying to hold back her sobs as the man silently rows them towards the lighthouse under a dark sky. She thinks desperately of her big sister, how they'd laughed just a few hours before as they rode the Ferris wheel at the funfair. Will she ever see her again?

When the body of a teenage girl is found abandoned on a beach by a lighthouse in North Carolina's Outer Banks, Detective Casey White is first on the scene. Breaking the news to the heartbroken parents, Casey is distraught to learn of a second tragedy: the girl's eight-year-old little sister Shawna is missing too.

Searching the lighthouse building, Casey soon finds traces that Shawna was kept there: her clothes, a teddy bear. Someone has been keeping her alive, but where have they taken her?

When she learns that the girls were together at a visiting funfair the night they were taken, Casey races to interview the workers, but is only met with silence and turned backs. Digging into old cases, Casey's blood runs cold as she realises there's been a murder in the same location as the travelling fair going back years.

Now the funfair has disappeared without trace. Thinking back to a shadowy figure by the hall of mirrors, Casey is certain when they find the fair, they will find the killer hiding in plain sight. But with the whole town terrified for their daughters, can Casey hunt them down before it's too late for little Shawna?

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

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

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

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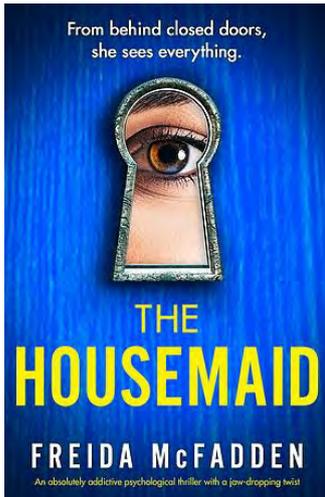
By day, B.R. Spangler pushes pixels, typing lines of code. When he's not developing software, or elbows deep in hardware, he is writing stories, plotting thrillers, or reading. B.R. Spangler lives in Virginia with his wife and kids, as well as five cats, a parrot, a finch, a lizard.



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 22/4/2022 | 9781803143583 | Unagented

Detective Casey White 6



The Housemaid Freida McFadden

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

Editor's Note

Freida McFadden has had a stellar self-publishing career and it's an enormous privilege to be publishing her first novel with Bookouture. I absolutely raced through *The Housemaid* and it has everything that I know Freida's fans love: her trademark sharp wit and dark humour, TOTALLY shocking twists, and a flawed, complex, badass protagonist who we can't help but root for. *The Housemaid* pulls readers in to a dark, claustrophobic world and each page truly ramps up the tension. At 50% in, there's an UNBELIEVABLE twist, and after that point the punches just keep coming until the high-octane ending! I've already pressed this book into the hands of countless friends and family members. It's one of my absolute favourites for 2022 and I can't rave about it enough. Guaranteed to keep you up all night!

Retail Description

"Welcome to the family," Nina Winchester says as I shake her elegant, manicured hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own...

Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor.

I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband.

I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late.

But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am.

They don't know what I'm capable of...

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, ★★★★★

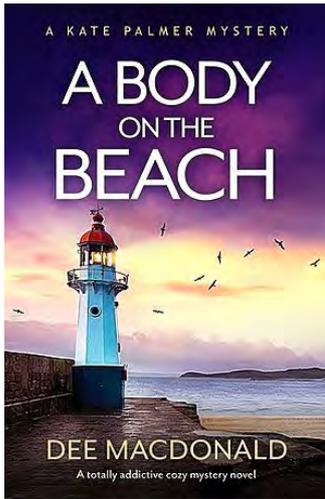
Author Biography

#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

332 pages | Pub Date 26/4/2022 | 9781803144375 | Unagented



A Body on the Beach Dee MacDonald

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Clare Chase

Dee MacDonald has sold over 185,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Amateur sleuth Kate Palmer returns in the addictive fifth 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.

Nurse Kate Palmer is Cornwall's answer to Miss Marple! But when the tables are turned and Kate is accused of murder, can she solve the crime and prove her innocence? Or are her days as super sleuth over?

Retail Description

Nurse Kate Palmer is Cornwall's answer to Miss Marple... but when she finds herself in the wrong place at the wrong time can she prove her innocence and solve her most puzzling case yet?

Kate Palmer thought the Cornish seaside village of Tinworthy would be perfect – how wrong she was! Kate finds herself tangled up in a feud with local celebrity Sienna Stone...

After a showdown between the two women, Kate discovers Sienna's body on the white-sand beach. Rumours swirl around the community and all eyes are on Kate. When the tables are turned and Kate is accused of murder, can she solve the crime and clear her name?

Kate finds herself investigating those closest to Sienna. Plenty of people disliked her but would any of them go so far as to kill her and frame Kate? Could it be Sienna's long-suffering husband Irving? Her jealous sister Sally? Or the local chef Sienna put out of business?

Just as she's getting closer, Sienna's keenest fan and suspect, Timmy, is found dead. Could this mean Kate's the next victim... or put her one step closer to jail! With time running out, Kate needs to find out the truth. Can she solve the case and save herself?

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

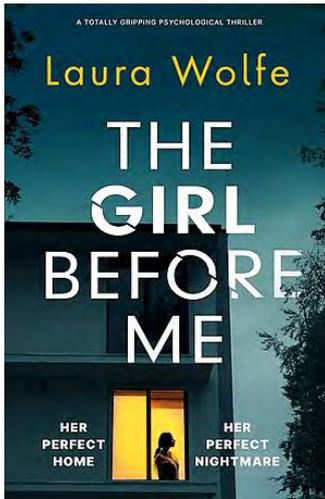
Aged 18, Dee arrived in London from Scotland and typed her way round the West End for a couple of years before joining BOAC (forerunner of British Airways) in Passenger Services for 2 years and then as a stewardess for 8 years. She has worked in Market Research, Sales and at the Thames TV Studios when 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 28/4/2022 | 9781803141282 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates

A Kate Palmer Mystery 5



The Girl Before Me Laura Wolfe

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena and Gillian Flynn

Author's previous title sold over 10,000 copies within a month of being published

Editor's Note

OMG - this is a psychological thriller you won't want to miss. Laura Wolfe's new novel is set in a small apartment block in Chicago, where a young single mother has managed to escape a terrifying marriage, with plans to start a new life. But then she discovers the girl who lived there before her disappeared without a trace and she begins to wonder if she herself is safe. It's amazingly gripping, and she layers in complex relationships and deception so brilliantly. The twist will also blow your mind!

Retail Description

When Rachel moves into a city apartment with her young daughter, Lily, it's with a huge sense of relief. After escaping an abusive marriage, this perfect downtown fourth floor rental, with minutes walk from the lake, feels like the new beginning the two of them deserve.

It's a place to call home. A place for them to grow together. A place for them to heal. And, as Lily starts at the local elementary school, and Rachel begins to develop feelings for her neighbor, Alex, who lives just down the hall, she dares to hope that their life is looking up.

But handwritten letters begin to arrive for someone called Annie. Alex says she was just the tenant who lived there before, who moved out one day without a word. Tentatively Rachel opens the first letter, intending to return it to the sender if there's an address in there. But the note just says 'Annie. I'm scared for you. You're not safe there. You know you have to get out. Before it's too late.'

Something happened to Annie. And Rachel is not nearly as safe as she thinks she is...

Reviews for Laura Wolfe

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!! WHAT HAVE I JUST READ!?!?!? ... The most heart-racing book I've read in a long time, if not ever!!! It had me hook, line and sinker from the first page... I started this yesterday afternoon and finished it at approx 2am... and although I'm knackered today it was 1000000% worth it!!!... MASSIVE BOMBSHELLS which will leave you absolutely shocked!!! I can hand on my heart say that I cannot remember when I was so gobsmacked by a book twist... AN EXPLOSIVE READ!!!'
Bookworm86, ★★★★★

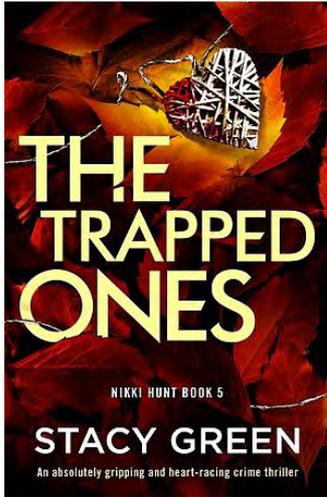
Author Biography

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

308 pages | Pub Date 29/4/2022 | 9781803142708 | Unagented



The Trapped Ones Stacy Green

For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

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

Editor's Note

The next gripping instalment in Stacy Green's Nikki Hunt series – Nikki is tested to her limits once more when the bodies of a close-knit family are found murdered in an isolated farmhouse. The fifth book in a USA Today bestselling series, The Trapped Ones will keep readers turning the pages late into the night.

Retail Description

"She raced across the woods. Cold wind hit her face, and her heart pounded so fast she could almost feel the panic rushing through her veins. She knocked on the door knowing she didn't have much time. Fear gripped her. "Please, help," she whispered.

Rushing to the scene of a homicide at a farmhouse surrounded by thick, dark woodland, Special Agent Nikki Hunt is shocked to find four victims. A mother and father have been stabbed, their son, Bryce, is fighting for his life, and a young woman's body is lying near the front door, her wrists bound with heart-shaped bunting. Nikki has never seen such a complex scene, but despite recovering from her own painful loss, she will do whatever it takes to bring this killer to justice. Nikki soon identifies the woman as missing student Jessica Chandler and finds Bryce's initials woven into the jumper she wore the night she died. It seems like they were a couple, and that the Webers were a happy family. So who would want them dead?

The murders have all the hallmarks of a serial killer: all the evidence suggests the murderer was watching them, turned the security cameras off as they entered and fled the scene from the front door. But then Jessica's friends tell Nikki she was uncomfortable around Bryce, and when two of Bryce's friends go missing along Stillwater river, and the girlfriend is found, she claims her boyfriend tried to kill her. Are Bryce and his friends hiding a dark side? Nikki knows she must dig deeper to find out their secrets, but can she uncover the truth before the killer takes another life?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"I literally couldn't read quick enough. Edge of your seat thriller ride that I didn't want to get off of. Stacy Green has once again outdone herself... will grab anyone's attention right from the start." Rubie Reads, 5 stars

"AWESOME BOOK!!!!... You literally cannot stop reading... I read this book in one sitting because I simply could not put it down. I will definitely be reading this author again!" Poised Pen Productions, 5 stars

Author Biography

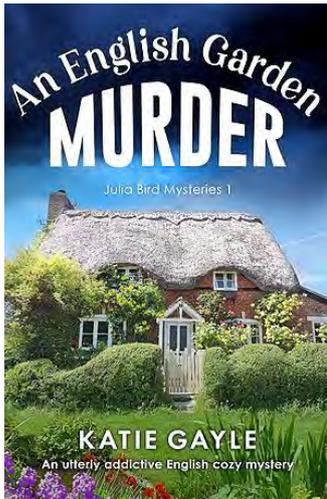
Stacy Green is the bestselling author of more than 10 award-winning novels and nonfiction short stories. The Erin Prince series has been optioned for television by a major production team. All Good Deeds (Lucy Kendall #1) won a bronze medal for mystery and thriller at the 2015 IPPY Awards. Tin God (Delta 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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Nikki Hunt 5



An English Garden Murder Katie Gayle

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

Author sold just under 1000 copies in less than 1 month of publishing their previous title

Editor's Note

No one makes murder fun in quite the same way as Katie Gayle. They (South African writing duo Kate Sidley and Gail Schimmel) manage to create the perfect blend of humour, escapist charm and fiendish twists in their cosy novels – together with sleuths you can't help but take to your hearts. In this new series, retiree Julia Bird moves to the Cotswold village of Berrywick to live the rural dream. But her bread won't rise, the jam is burnt to the bottom of her best pan, and to cap it all off, when digging up the old shed in her garden to make her vegetable patch, she finds a dead body buried under it! But it will take more than a corpse to stop Julia, and soon her determination to get her garden back and her strong sense of justice combine to put her on the trail of a murderer who has been hiding in Berrywick for years.

Retail Description

Julia Bird's picturesque Cotswolds cottage has everything she could want. Rustic charm, cosy fireplaces, and, it turns out, a dead body in the garden...

Recently divorced and reluctantly retired, Julia Bird has fled London to enjoy idyllic rural life in the Cotswolds. Determined to have the perfect English garden, her first job is to tear down the old shed, where she unearths much more than she'd bargained for... A body, apparently buried for decades. But who could it be, and who killed them? The police draw a blank, and even the gossip-fest that is the local bookclub can't remember anyone going missing in the village.

Unable to get on with her garden until the mystery is resolved, Julia decides to conduct her own clandestine investigations. So, together with her wayward chocolate Labrador puppy Jake, Julia begins a whirlwind tour of the local residents. And everyone, it seems, has something to hide in this village. As she gets closer to the truth, Julia uncovers something even more shocking... Another body, this time of someone she actually knows.

Determined to unmask the killer and find out what connects the two dead bodies, Julia – newly nicknamed the Grim Reaper – ups the stakes and hones in on the most likely suspect. But if she hasn't deduced correctly, then there is someone else in the village who has killed twice already. Will they be prepared to make it third time lucky to keep their secret safe?

Reviews for Katie Gayle

'Fantastic... I can't say enough good things about this book. I just loved every minute of reading it.' Fireflies & Freekicks

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

Author Biography

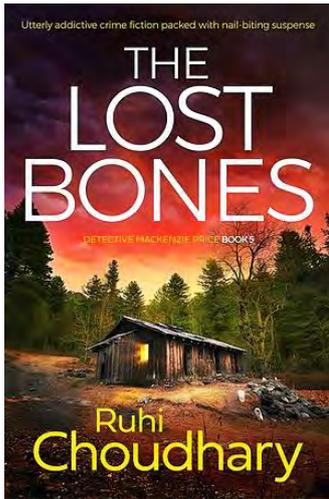
Katie Gayle is the writing partnership of best-selling South African writers, Kate Sidley and Gail Schimmel. Kate and Gail have, between them, written over ten books of various genres, but with Katie Gayle, they both make their debut in the cozy mystery genre. Both Gail and Kate live in Johannesburg,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



Crime Thriller

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Julia Bird Mysteries 1



The Lost Bones Ruhi Choudhary

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Karin Slaughter

Previous titles *Our Daughter's Bones* and *Their Frozen Graves* reached top 50 in US and AUS Amazon charts and #55 in the US Amazon chart respectively

Editor's Note

Ruhi Choudhary is back with an absolutely pulse-pounding crime thriller which sees Detective Mackenzie Price take on her most personal case yet. I read this in one breathless sitting and cannot wait for Ruhi's fans to read this. Ruhi has an amazing skill for completely throwing her readers off the scent, packing her books with twist after twist and Mack Price is a detective that readers everywhere have taken to their hearts; not to mention her partner in crime, Nick. The novel opens with Mack discovering the body of a missing woman in the trunk of her car and it soon transpires that Mack is hunting a serial killer who believes they are protecting Mack with each and every kill. As the body count rises, can Mack discover the killer in time before they harm the people she loves the most?

Retail Description

When Detective Mackenzie Price discovers the body of her fellow detective Austin Kennedy's missing girlfriend in the trunk of her car, her first fear is that someone is trying to frame her. But a closer look at the note pinned to the woman's clothing reveals an even worse motivation: this murder has been committed for her. She had hoped for months that Sophie would be found—and now she has been, but at a terrible cost.

Two days later, the body of Mack's childhood bully is found dead, another note on her body—and traces of glitter and yarn in her hair lead the police to Mack's old school. It seems anyone who has ever crossed her is at risk.

Tracing a car seen arriving at the school on the night of the second murder finally provides the police with a lead. But just as Mack feels they're getting somewhere with the case, a reporter who has publicly criticized Mack goes missing, and Lakemore PD fear the worst.

In a desperate attempt to buy time to save this third victim's life, Mack makes a public plea to the culprit to come forward. But there's a fine line between love and hate – can Mackenzie catch this killer before their obsession turns sour, and she's next in their sights?

Reviews for Ruhi Choudhary

"I read late into the night to find out whodunit, and was totally surprised when all was revealed... An excellent, fast paced, first class read." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"The best Mackenzie Price so far... Suspects are everywhere, so many twists and turns. Just when you think you know who the killer is, something happens to throw you off course. A real edge of your seat ride." Jo Lambert Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ruhi Choudhary discovered her passion for writing when she was seven years old and wrote her first Star Trek episode. After trying her hand in different genres, she found her calling in crime thriller. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Bioengineering from University of Toronto.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Mackenzie Price 5



Six Graves 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 Val McDermid, Mark Billingham, Karin Slaughter

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

Editor's Note

The sixteenth book in the Detective Kim Stone series is every bit as heart-stopping and brilliant as we've come to expect from The Queen of Crime. The book opens with a funeral. We don't know who has died but we do learn that while Kim's team are present, she is not... Angela deftly weaves together two intriguing plot lines - the complex case of a family found dead in their beautiful home and the hunt for a killer who has escaped prison and is after Kim to seek revenge. The bestselling series has now sold over 5 million copies and been translated into 28 languages.

Retail Description

When Detective Kim Stone rushes to the scene of a house fire, she's shocked to discover it's claimed the lives of two teenage children and their parents. But this tragedy is not quite as it seems. Each body is marked by a gunshot wound and the mother, Helen Daynes, is holding the gun.

The case sparks painful childhood memories for Kim who suffered at the hands of her own abusive mother. As she begins to untangle the dark web of secrets within the Daynes family, Kim and her team discover Helen had a history of clinical depression. But could it have driven her to murder her loved ones? Then Kim uncovers a tiny, vital clue in Helen's bedroom that throws the investigation wide open. Could someone else have killed the Daynes family?

With the case only just underway, a deadly threat is made to Kim's own life. Years ago, she rescued two little girls from the clutches of a dangerous psychopath who has just escaped prison and is coming for her. A witness protection officer glued to her side, Kim must bite back her fear, as she keeps digging into the Daynes's background and soon hits upon a shocking secret from Helen's past that could crack the case. With the remaining family members in danger, Kim is under pressure like never before.

The monster circling Kim raises the stakes when he threatens the life of another innocent victim. He's leading Kim straight to him. Forced to go against direct instructions from her superiors, will that one fateful decision cost her more than her job?

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'OMG what a page turner. Heartbreaking, chilling and utterly compulsive... Hooked from the first to the last page, constantly holding my breath... another explosive addition to this gripping and very addictive series.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMFG... Nail biting, thrilling, and riveting the author has pulled out all the stops...deliciously satisfying.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

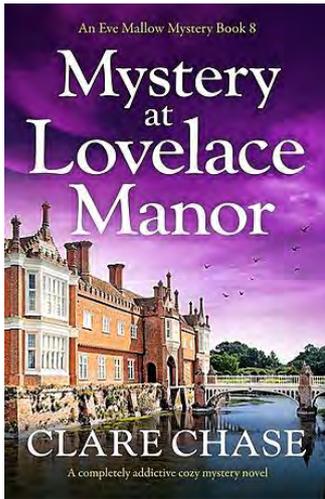
Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her long-term partner, Julie, two bouncy Golden Retrievers and a potty-mouthed African Grey parrot. It has taken many novels to find that one character who just refused to go away. And so D.I. Kim Stone was born. The Detective Kim Stone series has now sold 4.3 million copies, repeatedly hitting the #1 spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into 28 languages.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series 16



Mystery at Lovelace Manor Clare Chase

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

For fans of Frances Evesham, J.R. Ellis and Betty Rowlands.

**Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 230,000 copies to date, top
15 Amazon US and CA author**

Editor's Note

This is the eighth novel in the charming Eve Mallow cozy series set in a small village in Suffolk. Eve is an obituary writer, and when her subjects are murder victims she finds herself interviewing the suspects - and then cracking the crime before the police. The series has now sold over 130,000 copies for over £300k 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. Aside from the puzzle element, the series has beautiful locations, cake to die for, and a delightful dachshund sidekick. Each book also features a unique, fun element: in this one, a famous TV historian meets her end in a hot-air balloon! In any markets where cozy crime is of interest, this series is worth taking seriously. It's one of our top, consistent sellers - and

Retail Description

Lovelace Manor has a famous past... but when a historian becomes history at its annual open day, amateur sleuth Eve Mallow is on the case!

Everyone in Saxford St Peter flocks to Lovelace Sunday, the festival celebrating the romantic history of Lovelace Manor. This year will be even more exciting, as famous TV historian Cammie Harington is planning a stunt with a hot-air balloon for her new show. Eve Mallow jumps at the chance to volunteer. But she soon realises there is no love lost between Cammie and the family who own the manor... so why did Cammie agree to come?

When Cammie's hot-air balloon tumbles from the sky, Eve feels sure this is no accident. Alongside dachshund Gus, she sets to work investigating the mystery, piecing together all the odd things she's seen and heard. Could the killer be Diana, lady of the manor, who fell out with Cammie years ago? Or Diana's brother Sebastian, whose dark secret Cammie knew? Why was the gardener following Cammie around? And had Cammie uncovered something explosive about the manor's past?

When a priceless Lovelace heirloom goes missing, Eve is sure she's on the right track... but can she solve the case, before the killer brings her crashing down?

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

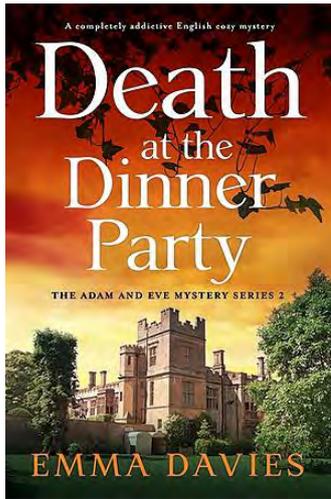
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As 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

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An Eve Mallow Mystery 8



Death at the Dinner Party Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Previous series, The Little Cottage series, has sold over 115,000 copies

Editor's Note

The second in a brilliant cosy crime series featuring a caterer extraordinaire who solves murders while baking up a storm. It has all the elements of a country-house murder story, but with the added enjoyment of wonderful cooking and a plot that twists and turns faster than you can say 'magimix'.

Retail Description

Francesca Eve, caterer extraordinaire, has come to Claremont House to work for the cream of society. A full breakfast spread? Simple. A glorious picnic lunch? Easy as pie. But a dead body for dinner was definitely not on the menu...

No sooner has Francesca Eve turned up for a jam-packed weekend of gourmet catering at a posh country house than she realises how challenging this event is set to be. Not only are the hosts wealthy – and demanding – beyond her wildest dreams, but each of the guests are more difficult than the last. But never in her wildest dreams did she expect the host to turn up dead...

Suspicion falls on everyone in the house – could there be a murderer in their midst? Is the incredibly glamorous, and now extremely rich, widow really as upset as she's making out? What secret is the housekeeper hiding? Whose money troubles are now forgotten? As the only person without a motive, Fran's intimate knowledge of the house party puts her in prime position to help the police.

As rumours swirl and guests' pasts come to light, someone else is found dead. But when the police arrest their chief suspect, Fran becomes convinced they have the wrong person – the evidence is almost too neat to be true. So she decides to strike out alone, in the country house where the killer is still staying... Someone has killed twice to keep their secret safe. Will Fran be able to unmask them, or will this weekend turn out to be her deadliest job ever?

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

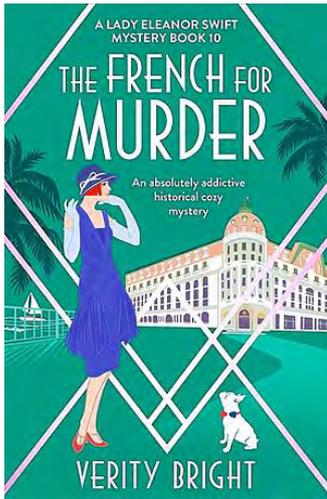
Emma once worked for a design studio where she was asked to provide a fun, humorous, and not necessarily true anecdote about herself for their website. She wrote the following: 'I am a bestselling novelist currently masquerading as a thirty-something mother of three.' Well the job didn't work out but 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

0 pages | Pub Date 27/5/2022 | 9781803142920 | Unagented

The Adam and Eve Mystery Series 2



The French for Murder Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian), City Editions (French)

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

Top UK 100 bestselling author

Editor's Note

The latest instalment of this bestselling series sees Lady Swift and co off on holiday in the French Riviera. Of course, their trip is upended before it has even begun by the discovery of a dead body. Think glitzy parties on yachts, lots of delicious French food, and an art smuggling deal gone wrong...

Retail Description

A grand villa, croissants for breakfast and a dead body in the wine cellar... Lady Swift can't seem to take a vacation from murder!

Summer 1923. Lady Eleanor Swift is finally persuaded by her butler, Clifford, to take a villa in the south of France for the season. She plans to do what a glamorous lady abroad should: long lunches on the balcony followed by lazy afternoons lounging by the pool. Even Gladstone the bulldog is looking forward to a daily paddle in the ocean.

But when Clifford examines the wine cellar, he discovers there are no decent reds but there is a very dead body. The victim is famous American movie star Rex Armstrong. Poor Rex seems to have been stabbed with a sword from the film set. So how did he end up in Eleanor's villa? Before Eleanor even has time to change out of her travelling suit, her beloved butler is arrested for the crime. At sea without her right-hand man, Eleanor must gather her wits if she's to outsmart a murderer and save Clifford.

Attending a glitzy party at the luxurious Hotel Azure with the film's cast and crew so she can question her main suspects, Eleanor overhears the director having a most unsettling telephone call that throws all her theories out of the water. Can Eleanor unmask the true killer before her time abroad is cut murderously short?

Reviews for Verity Bright

'What a great cozy mystery! 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

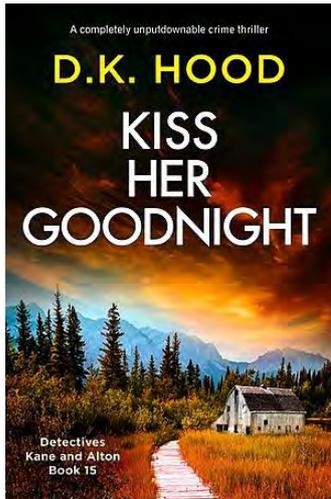
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors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



Crime Thriller

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A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 10



Kiss Her Goodnight 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 950,000 copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the fifteenth book in the bestselling Kane and Alton series. D.K. Hood is a USA Today bestselling author who always delivers dark, twisted, thrilling crime books. 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. D.K. Hood has sold over 900k copies across the entire series, three box sets and two prequel short stories. She lives in Australia.

Retail Description

When the body of a local woman is discovered on the carousel at a local fair ground, Black Rock Falls Sheriff, Jenna Alton, and deputy David Kane are called in. Wearing just a thin nightgown, the victim faces the sky above her, as if praying for help. Jenna knows she must get the very best team together to find out what monster killed the young woman and left her like this.

When the body is examined, small red puncture marks are discovered all along her spine. Jenna fears that only a twisted killer would torture someone in this way, but with nobody reporting the victim missing, and no distinguishing features on her body to identify her, Jenna and her team are at a loss as to who the killer is.

When another body is found just days later, slumped against the fence of a local landfill site, with the same puncture wounds along her spine, Jenna's fears are confirmed. A serial killer is in town and they're picking off their victims one by one.

As a third victim is left, carefully placed against the town's welcome sign, Jenna finally gets the breakthrough she needs. Dirt found underneath the women's finger nails leads her to a local cave network, which locals believe is too dangerous to venture into. Did the killer leave this clue on purpose? And once Jenna ventures into the dark, windy cave network, will she find the person responsible for the deaths and take them down, or did she just walk into the killers trap?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

'WOW WOW WOW!!!! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!!... From literally the first page you're hooked and gripped!! Kept on the edge of my seat throughout I just couldn't put it down... my new all time favourite author!!!... I just wish I could've given it more than five stars!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'WOW!!! I read this book in one sitting... gripping... I was swept away... I simply can't wait for the next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

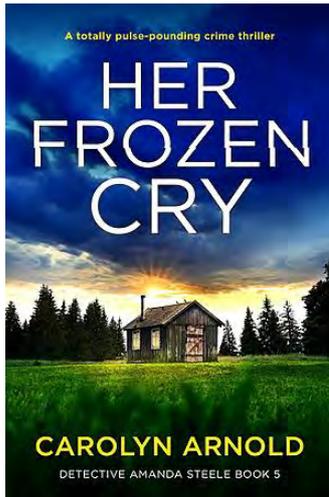
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could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



Crime Thriller

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Detectives Kane and Alton 15



Her Frozen Cry 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

Wow! I have been completely blown away by this book! Once again, Amanda Steele reaches deep into her past to find out the truth behind a truly devastating murder. An amazing addition to the series!

Retail Description

When beautiful wife and mother Alicia Gordon is found dead in a remote woodland cabin, Detective Amanda Steele is shocked to discover that she knows the husband. Amanda hasn't spoken to Tony since she lost the love of her own life seven years ago, and seeing tragedy tearing her old friend's family apart brings back so many painful memories.

Alicia was alone when she died, but she was so young, and Amanda can't help feeling suspicious. Then she discovers that Alicia's sleep medication had been tampered with, slowly poisoning her over several days. Amanda wants to trust that the sorrow on Tony's face is real, but the more she digs into his marriage, the more it seems that he had opportunity, and motive...

Interviewing one of Alicia's old colleagues, Amanda is shaken to her core when the woman suddenly collapses in her arms, dying in seconds from a lethal dose of the same poison that killed Alicia. But what could link this woman to Tony?

With her partner blaming Amanda for not arresting Tony immediately, she needs to prove that he isn't the killer, or accept that the second woman's death could be on her hands. She's running out of time and leads when she discovers threatening messages sent to both victims. It's the final clue to unmasking the most twisted killer Amanda has ever come up against, and to stop them she'll have to risk everything...

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

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

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

Author Biography

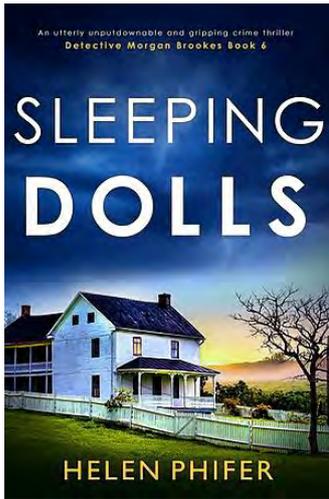
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books,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



Crime Thriller

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Detective Amanda Steele 5



Sleeping Dolls Helen Phifer

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Rachel Abbott

50,000 copies sold of *The Girl in the Grave*, the first book in the Beth Adams series. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

I read this fast-paced thriller in one sitting! Morgan is without a doubt my favourite fictional detective and this new case is possibly her best yet! The twists come thick and fast, and I don't know how Helen came up with the shocking crime Morgan uncovers! An incredible story which I can't wait to get into readers' hands!

Retail Description

The beam shines around the dark room, lighting up the woman in sky-blue pyjamas lying on the couch. But she doesn't wake under the bright glow, she isn't sleeping at all...

When a concerned neighbour reports a woman missing, Detective Morgan Brookes squeezes through the stiff front door to find the woman dead. At first, the case appears unsuspecting, but something about the scene unsettles Morgan. Every clock in the house has been stopped, every mirror covered, and the woman seems physically unharmed except for one missing lock of hair.

Shirley Kelly was loved by her friends and hated by her ex-husband and his new wife, but they have an iron-clad alibi, and Morgan is certain that the scene-staging holds a vital clue. She's devastated to be proved right when another woman is killed, and her home arranged in the same way. The only difference is that the second victim has been stabbed, using a knife from Shirley's own kitchen...

The team can't find a connection between the two women, but Morgan is sure that there is a deadly pattern to the killer's actions. She hunts through each woman's past until she finds the link: years ago, they both worked for a woman called Evelyn Reynolds, before tragedy struck her young family. But what has made them targets now? Morgan knows this twisted case is far from over, can she find the final clue before the clock stops for the next name on the killer's list?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

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

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

Author Biography

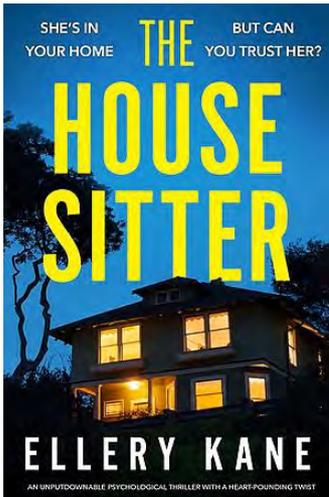
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Morgan Brookes 6



The House Sitter Ellery Kane

For fans of Mark Edwards, Minka Kent and Lucinda Berry

Ellery Kane has sold over 30,000 copies in the Rockwell and Decker series to date

Editor's Note

The House-Sitter is a thrilling psychological thriller from crime writer, Ellery Kane. We have previously published Ellery's Rockwell and Decker series and now Ellery is bringing her fantastic characterisation and epic twists to psychological thrillers. In this book, elderly San Francisco resident Iris takes in a young couple down on their luck to be live-in house-sitters, and it soon becomes clear that the couple aren't telling the truth about their situation. But neither is Iris...

Retail Description

She's in your home. But can you trust her?

Newly pregnant and down on her luck, Lydia thinks her fortunes have changed when a customer at the café where she works offers her a job and a room in her plush Pacific Heights home.

It's been years since Iris's husband Dean died in his sleep and Lydia soon becomes the daughter Iris never had – making her cups of tea, helping her with the bills, and taking charge of Iris's daily medications now that her memory has begun to fail.

Then one night, someone makes an emergency call from the telephone in the pristine kitchen. The police arrive to find the house has been turned upside down and no sign of Iris or Lydia. Dark and cold, this isn't the welcoming family home it once was, and why has the telephone line been severed?

As the police unravel what happened that night, they discover a clue in Iris's past that makes them question whether the two women met by chance after all. But who has everything to lose? And who is really in danger?

Reviews for Ellery Kane

'WOW, what a read, it's the type of book you will get lost in and won't put down... so pull up a chair, get a drink and a snack, and sit back and enjoy the story.' Spooky's Maze of Books, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Boyfriend Kerry Wilkinson

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

For fans of Lisa Jewell, The Hunting Party and Shari Lapena.

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

When Jodie discovers her missing boyfriend's t-shirt in the attic of her father's house, a chain of events unfolds that makes her question everything she thought she knew about her hometown, and about the man who raised her. Kerry has written so many amazing thrillers that it can be hard to keep up, but this is truly one that stayed with me: the ending is as shocking and twisty as ever, but made me cry when I was editing and felt like one of the most heart-wrenching endings to a psych thriller I'd read in a long time.

Retail Description

Trembling with shock, she picks up the old t-shirt. Her boyfriend had been wearing it – her Ben, handsome Ben – the day he went missing. The last time anyone saw him alive.

After her dad's funeral, all Jodie wants is to clear out her childhood home as quickly as possible and get back to her own son. But a terrifying discovery changes everything she knows about her smiling, happy father – a man who'd do anything for the community.

Her boyfriend Ben went missing when they were just teenagers. His parents still stare out the window desperately waiting for him to come home. So how did the t-shirt he was wearing when Jodie saw him walk away from their last date, end up in her father's attic?

The search for answers leads Jodie to a journalist who knows her father kept secrets. It leads to her brother, and the real reason their dad left everything to Jodie, not him. But as she gets closer to the truth, strange things happen: a fire at her dad's house. A stranger following her. It's clear somebody out there knows what really happened to Ben...

And when her own son is put in terrible danger, Jodie realises too late how far they will go to protect their secret forever.

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'I DID NOT EXPECT THAT ENDING! UTTERLY SHOCKING AND COMPLETELY UNPUTDOWNABLE!... I can't stress hard enough how much I loved it... outstanding... brilliant... an awesome author and he knows how to keep you on the edge of your seat, biting your nails until the last twist... I loved every single page.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I absolutely loved it... twists and turns throughout... I did not see the ending coming at all... kept on the edge of my seat to the final page... I highly recommend The Blame.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

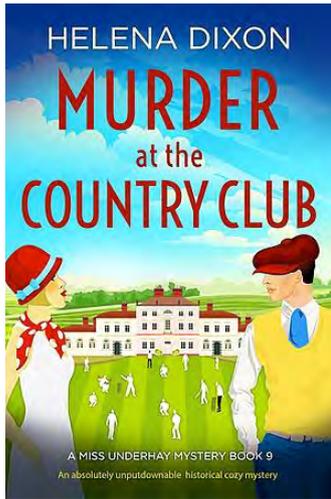
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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Murder at the Country Club 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

Try as she might, Kitty Underhay just can't seem to help from - literally - tripping over dead bodies! And we wouldn't have her any other way! Aided by her fiancé Matt, and his delightful new spaniel, Bertie, Kitty uncovers sibling rivalry and passionate love affairs in sleepy Devon. It's her trickiest sleuthing mission yet and the perfect new addition to this bestselling series!

Retail Description

Kitty Underhay is playing doubles... with death.

Kitty Underhay is accompanying her fiancé, Matthew Bryant, and Bertie, his new cocker spaniel, on an outing to Torbay Country Club. However, the delightful day soon turns to disaster. Walking Bertie in the shaded grotto after an exhilarating archery demonstration, Kitty makes an unsporting discovery: the body of their host, Sir William Winspear, with an arrow in his back.

When the local inspector falls foul interviewing female witnesses, Kitty steps up to the mark. And she quickly discovers that Sir William had threatened one of the guests, a dashing Russian dancer dependent on him for patronage. When Kitty overhears a damning conversation between Ivan and his sister, the case seems clear. But the next day Ivan has been disqualified as he is found face down in the pool...

The race is on for Kitty to find the real killer, but she must keep her head in the game if she is to outwit this cunning murderer. And when the final score comes in, will it be 'killer: three, Kitty: zero'...?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

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

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

Author Biography

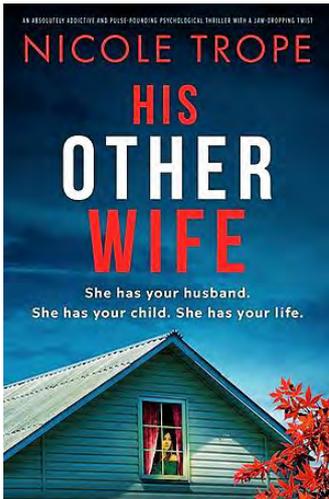
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

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A Miss Underhay Mystery 9



His Other Wife Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Filia (Polish), Marcador Editora (Brazil)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and Adele Parks.

From the author of *The Boy in the Photo* (over 240,000 copies sold)
and Amazon US bestseller (#2)

Editor's Note

International bestseller Nicole Trope returns with another razor-sharp psychological thriller, with enough twists and turns to make you dizzy! *His Other Wife* is powerful exploration of motherhood, mental health, and the horrifying lengths we're capable of going to for those we love. It's such a thought-provoking read and, as always with Nicole, the writing is exceptional!

Retail Description

She has my husband. She has my child. She has my life.

I never thought I would end up here. Alone, in a cold one-bedroom apartment, only seeing my precious daughter once a week.

Another woman is living the life that was once mine. I wish I was still married to my ex-husband, the love of my life. I dream of tucking my five-year-old child into her ballerina bed sheets every night. I miss living in a beautiful house, the perfect family home, with a winding staircase and a sprawling garden.

I'd do anything to be with my family again. To start over and prove to them that I've changed, that I won't lose control like before.

But when I get my second chance, the vicious messages come. The noises at night. The feeling of being watched. It's happening all over again. I know I'm not going mad, but no one will believe me. I don't know if I even believe myself.

All I wanted was my life back. But now my life is under threat – and my darling little girl is in danger...

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,
★★★★★

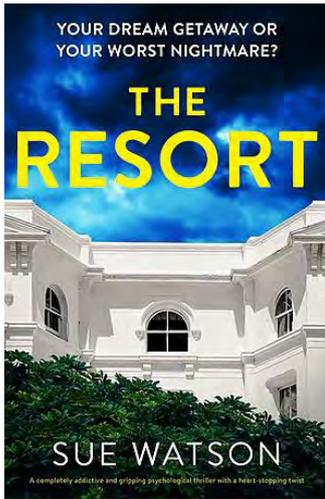
Author Biography

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

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The Resort Sue Watson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Gone Girl, The Hunting Party and The Girl on the Train

Over 160,000 ebook and 65,000 audiobook copies sold of previous title Our Little Lies and reached the top 30 in Amazon US and The Sister-in-Law, also sold over 175,000 ebooks and reached the top 2

Editor's Note

Sue Watson is the Queen of Psychological Suspense! She has sold over 1 million copies, including over 245k copies of Our Little Lies. Her last book, The New Wife reached number 5 in the UK Amazon charts and stayed in the top 100 for a month. We have had Italian and Polish deals for Our Little Lies and The Sister in Law and Polish deals for First Date and The Woman Next Door. This is another thrilling book from Sue. Three couples are staying in a remote island hotel near Devon when a young waitress is found dead on the beach. Someone knows what happened to the young girl - someone killed her...

Retail Description

You've been excited about this trip for months – at last a chance to reconnect with your husband on a secluded island resort, far away from the stress of life, not to mention the controlling whims of your mother-in-law. But when he calls you from the beach, you hear the urgency in his voice. Something is very wrong.

The beautiful waitress from the restaurant last night has been found dead on the beach. And the police want to question your husband about it.

Sure, you saw him glance at her over dinner a few times, but you trust that he didn't have anything to do with the poor girl's death. So why is he asking you to tell the police he was with you all night? And where did he go in those missing hours?

When he comes back up to your beautiful seaside view room, accusations fly and you both reveal things you've never spoken about before.

Can you really trust the man you married? And when the police come knocking at your door, can he trust you?

Reviews for Sue Watson

'I LOVED it!... Had my mind going in a million directions trying to figure out what was going on. The twists and turns almost gave me whiplash!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wooweeeeee... My head was spinning... And that ending!!!!... Fantastic.' 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 Ex-Husband Samantha Hayes

Editor's Note

This is Sam's most intense psychological thriller to date. Written from one woman's POV as the gaslighting ex-husband she thought she's escaped moves in next door, it's an unrelenting read-in-one-sitting rollercoaster of emotions that will leave your jaw on the floor. It has a real 'no way out' feel for the reader, which is what the main character is also experiencing, and that's what is going to have readers gripped from start to finish.

Retail Description

Leah peers through the curtains as a removals van unloads boxes into house next door. She hasn't lived on this street long, and there are cracks in the walls and peeling wallpaper all over rundown little house, but the kids are safe and happy. Anywhere would feel idyllic after the nightmare marriage she's just escaped. But everything changes the moment she sees her ex walk up the drive and into the house next door...

He pretends it's just a coincidence, that they can all get along and be good neighbours, but all day Leah has to endure the sound of laughter and love-making through the thin wall that separates the two houses. And all night she lies awake wondering if her ex's new girlfriend is safe alone with him.

Certain this is no accident, and that she her children are in danger, she rifles through their trash and peers through cracks in the walls into the house next door.

As her new and happy life turns into a nightmare, Leah finds herself telling a friend, in a desperate drunken rant, that the only solution is to kill her ex. Of course, she doesn't really mean it. Does she?

Reviews for Samantha Hayes

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

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Missing Angel Roger Stelljes

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Robert Dugoni and Melinda Leigh

Over 100,000 copies sold of the Agent Tori Hunter series. Over 670,000 copies sold of the self-published McRyan Mystery Series

Editor's Note

The fourth book in this firecracker of a crime series is another hugely gripping adventure for Agent Tori Hunter and her long-time love interest Detective Braddock. In the small town of Manchester Bay, Minnesota, an 11-year-old girl is snatched from the street in broad daylight. Tori takes every case to heart, but this one is even more personal: her stepson Quinn was walking along right beside Isabella. Roger Stelljes is the king of plot and pace, and I can't wait to share this incredible read with the world.

Retail Description

Isabella pedals her bright red bike, wondering if she can have her favorite dinner as she cycles the familiar route home. But half an hour later, she still hasn't made it. All her frantic parents find, is her little red bike discarded on the sidewalk. When ten-year-old Isabella Farner disappears, Agent Tori Hunter races to the scene. Witnesses saw a man throw her into the back of his blue van and speed away. With her own traumatic past always near the surface, Tori knows every second counts in the hunt for a missing child.

Isabella's distraught parents insist no-one would want to harm their perfect family. But searching their home, Tori finds a terrifying video of Isabella alone in a warehouse, her brown eyes wide with fright, holding a piece of paper saying '24 hours'. The Farners believed if they told police about the ransom demand, Isabella would be gone for good... but what else are they hiding?

Then a local woodworker who specialised in beautiful hand-carved toys is found dead. Local police say it's a random murder... but as Tori rushes to the warehouse where Isabella's video was made, she finds an ornate, wood-carved doll. Unable to trust Isabella's parents, as Tori closes in on the truth she realises this case has roots in her own harrowing past. Can she confront her demons and find Isabella before 24 hours are up, and this innocent girl disappears forever?

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

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Agent Tori Hunter 4



Unforgivable Natalie Barelli

For fans of Shari Lapena and CL Taylor

An Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

He takes my hand and tells me I'm the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Down on one knee, he asks me to marry him, and I think my heart will burst with joy. He promises me that I can trust him, and I will never be hurt again. But he doesn't know my secret, and that I have never been less safe...

My name is Lauren, and my perfect life is a lie.

The family business I inherited is drowning in debt.

My best friend says she's there for me, but won't pick up the phone.

My fiancé has been missing since the day he heard about the baby.

And worst of all, I think I only have myself to blame...

Reviews for Natalie Barelli

'Wow just wow!! Nail-biting and suspenseful in the best way possible! What a ride!... I devoured this book in one sitting... I could feel my adrenaline surging through my veins the closer I got to the end. I was having palpitations with every twist!' Mrs Leifs, ★★★★★

'WOW, where to even begin? I LOVED this book... I did NOT expect that ending... I was gripped right from the very first page... I could not put it down... YOU WILL LOVE this book... one of my favourite books of 2020.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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A Perfect Stranger Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Over 1 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

'There's something I need to tell you...'

Emily Jenkins can't believe what her husband is saying. They've been together forever, since they were teenagers, and they've never had any secrets. Until now.

But when Aiden sits her down and confesses he's made a terrible mistake her world implodes. They are nice, normal people. Things like this just don't happen to them.

But now their family is in danger...

And she will do whatever it takes to keep them safe...

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!... loved every word... completely gripping. I had to read in one sitting because it was impossible to put down... The ending was out of this world... mind blowing!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'WHAT A THRILLER!!!!... This one caused me sleepless nights because I couldn't put it down!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

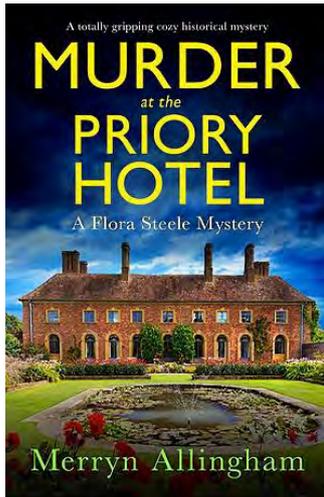
Author Biography

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).



Crime Thriller

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



Murder at the Priory Hotel Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

Over 20,000 copies sold, UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

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

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

Retail Description

Sussex, 1957: When Flora Steele attends the grand re-opening of The Priory Hotel with handsome crime writer Jack Carrington neither of them are expecting the event to be interrupted by the sudden death of the feisty female singer in the band.

Shaken by the shock demise of poor Beverly Russo, Flora tries to take Jack's advice to stay well away from the murder investigation... But she just can't help herself, especially as the stand in Detective Sergeant leading the case is so clueless...

As Flora makes her enquiries, she realises that Beverly was a complicated character and there's more than one suspect residing in the beautiful Sussex village of Abbeymead. But who had the biggest motive? Was it a crime of passion by Beverly's ex-boyfriend Tommy May? A revenge killing by her agent Dominic Lister? Or was it the hotel owner, Sally Jenner, a jealous rival?

Flora's quest for the truth has her running all over Abbeymead village with Jack. But the puzzling case takes an unusual twist when one of the many suspects is found dead in the woods behind The Priory Hotel.

Flora knows she must unmask the culprit before someone else gets hurt. Can she unravel the baffling mystery? Or will her curiosity put a dangerous spotlight on both her and Jack?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Wonderful book! I absolutely adored this... had me reading and finishing the book in no time! I highly recommend!!!!... I was drawn into the murder mystery plot instantly.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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A Flora Steele Mystery 4

Her Payback Emma Tallon

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jacqui Rose

Emma Tallon's previous series sold over 150,000 copies

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

She has everything to lose, but she's not backing down...

Lily Drew is a woman on a mission. After almost losing the family firm just three months ago, she's determined to put the Drews on the map. So she's planning on taking over the turf of another family business – and she needs everyone on board.

Lily's daughter Ruby is on a mission of her own – to get revenge on her cousin Scarlet. After all, Ruby is older, so she should be the one sitting alongside her mother making important decisions. As she follows her younger cousin every day, she uncovers Scarlet's biggest secret, and she'll stop at nothing to expose it, even if it means destroying everything Lily has worked for.

Scarlet has been secretly dating her police officer boyfriend John for months. But if anyone found out, they could both end up in prison. But little does Scarlet know, someone has been watching her every move for months.

As the Drews push to make the new business work, they find themselves battling with another firm, and it's only a matter of time before the whole business comes crashing to the ground. Can Scarlet stop her secret from being made public? And when Lily finds out what her daughter has done, will she be able to make an impossible decision to save the firm?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'What a fantastic, gripping read... You will find yourself addicted to reading this... Exceptional.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'369 pages of pure gold adorned with diamonds! My heart sopped a few times. My heart broke a few times.' B for Book Review, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Drew Family Series 4



Liar Liar L.G. Davis

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

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

As I pour wine for my neighbours at our monthly book club, I can see their envy as they look around my immaculate home. They think I have it all: a gorgeous, adopted son who has given me the chance to be a mother, and a husband who would do anything for me. But what they cannot see is that my perfect life is a lie...

My husband, the man I thought would always protect me is having an affair. When I found out, I was furious and broken. Most women would throw his clothes out of the window and leave. But I need to do whatever it takes to save our marriage. He's the only person who knows my darkest secret, and he could take my happiness away in an instant. So, in that moment I decide to give him the one thing that will keep him by my side. Even if it means hiding the truth from him, hoping desperately that he will not find out...

But then our neighbour goes missing and I find blood in our bathroom sink. And I know that I'm not the only person with a dark secret in this marriage. But I can't tell anyone what I know. Because if the police find out what I did, I will lose everything.

We are both lying. But when the truth comes to light, who will survive?

Reviews for L.G. Davis

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

'Wow... I read this in less than a day. Could not stop reading.... Truly enjoyed from page 1 to the end. Omg loved it.' 5 stars

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 22/7/2022 | 9781803146683 | Unaged



Find Me Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Meulenhoff (Danish)

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

Over 500,000 copies sold in series to date, top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

The morning of the anniversary of Jessica's disappearance started like every other – a rushed school run, a cold cup of coffee and a quick scan of the news to see if there was any update. But it wasn't until Kate's phone beeped with a message from an unknown number that everything changed.

I know what happened to Jessica.

Finally, Kate thinks she's closer to finding her sister and answering the questions she's had burning in her mind for so long. Why was her mother so angry that day? How did her father sleep through his daughter's abduction? And when the police car came screeching towards the pier, why did nobody in the small town see a single thing?

As Kate drives her young family into the small seaside village to meet the mystery messenger, just like her parents did twenty years before, she has a sense of unease. This little town is full of secrets and someone knows what happened to Jessica. But before Kate gets the answers she's wanted for so long, history repeats itself and Kate's world is thrown upside down once more.

What happened to Jessica? And can Kate uncover the web of lies holding this little town together before anyone else is taken?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'Wow! Carla Kovach hits it totally out of the park!... Grabbed me from the start and didn't let go.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Fantastic, fantastic and fantastic.' NetGalley 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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The Mother-in-Law Karen King

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

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

Author has sold over 85,000 copies to date and reached the Amazon
UK Kindle top 50

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

He loves you now. But he loved her first.

I've fallen in love with a man called Sam. And he's perfect, just perfect.

But until we can get our own place, while we save for our dream wedding, we have to move in with his parents. He says his mother is the sweetest person. He says she can't wait to meet me.

But when we get there, she's strangely protective over Sam. She wants to know where he is all the time. She wakes us up in the morning, bustling into our room like he's a small child, not a grown man. She doesn't seem to want to allow me to be alone with him.

Then I discover her secret. It changes everything I thought I knew about her, Sam, and the family I'm marrying into.

And from that moment, I know, if I want to make it to my wedding day, I need to be very careful indeed...

Reviews for Karen King

'I couldn't put it down to the point I read this in less than 24 hours. I was not stopping until I knew the whole story!... Currently shopping for more books written by Karen King because this was amazing!' Books With Loz, ★★★★★

'One of the best thrillers I have read this year... will leave readers on the edge of their seats... I was hooked from the first few pages. Grab this book!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

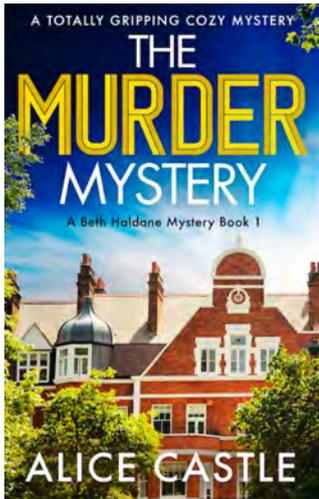
Author Biography

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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The Murder Mystery Alice Castle

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

Editor's Note

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

Retail Description

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

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

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

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

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

Reviews for Alice Castle

Author Biography

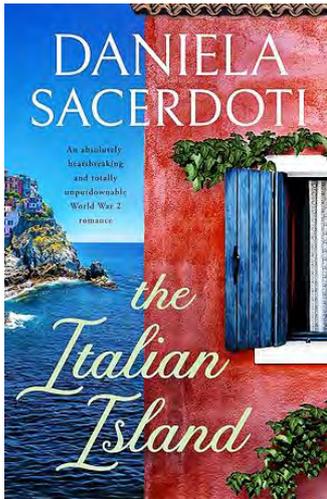


Crime Thriller

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A Beth Haldane Mystery 1

Historical



The Italian Island Daniela Sacerdoti

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French)

For fans of *The Forgotten Village* and *The Letter*

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

Editor's Note

The follow-up to the Amazon US number 1 bestseller, *The Italian Villa* which has sold over 100k copies. Escapist women's fiction with a WW2 secret at the heart, readers adore the romance and heartbreak of Dani's incredible novels.

Retail Description

My darling girl, don't make the same mistakes as I did. Now that my life is coming to an end, take your grandmother's bracelet, unlock the secret of our family history, and discover who you are...

As the sun sets on golden sand, twenty-year-old Annie arrives on the stunning Sicilian island of Galatea, her father's final wish heavy on her heart: she must solve the mystery of her grandmother who disappeared during World War Two. Her only clues are the delicate gold band around her wrist and directions to Villa Onda - House of the Waves - where her grandmother once lived.

As she climbs the road to the cliffside villa, Annie's path collides with local fisherman, Salvo. His eyes sparkle with recognition at her bracelet, and Annie can't tell if it's his warm touch or the villa's vine-covered splendour that takes her breath away. Swept into the warm arms of Salvo's family, it's not long before she finds herself dancing the night away and finally beginning to heal.

But one afternoon she finds an old gramophone hidden in her grandmother's bedroom. Setting the needle, she unlocks a secret... And, through Salvo's mother, unravels the truth about the bracelet and her grandmother's heart-shattering wartime sacrifice.

With Salvo's first kiss on her lips, Annie knows she must dig deeper into the scars that haunt this beautiful island. But can her fragile new-found love with Salvo survive uncovering the truth? Will she ever be able to move on with her life until she does?

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, ★★★★★

'I fell in love with this book! It was beautiful and captivating from start to finish. I loved Callie right from the beginning, she is such a relatable character. You laughed with her and cried for her throughout... Absolutely loved this entire book!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

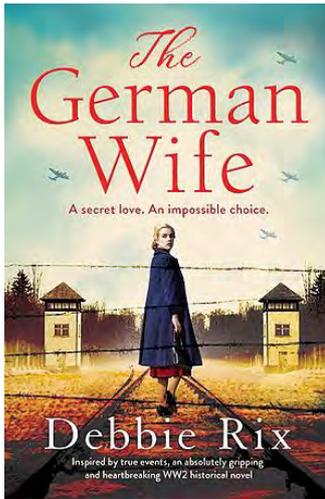
Author Biography

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

220 pages | Pub Date 11/1/2022 | 9781800195493 | Unagented



The German Wife Debbie Rix

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Grada (Czech), AST (Russian)

For fans of Orphan Train, The Tattooist of Auschwitz and My Name is Eva

Author has sold over 185,000 copies. #1 Amazon CA and top 50 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is Debbie Rix's seventh historical novel with Bookouture. We've sold over 170k copies of her epic, compelling and heart-breaking novels. Her latest is set in World War Two Germany and follows the heart-wrenching story of a German woman who fell in love with a Russian prisoner of war.

A heart-wrenching and unforgettable tale of love, betrayal and survival. Fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Rabbit Girls* and *The German Midwife* will be absolutely gripped by this emotional Second World War novel.

Retail Description

Germany, 1939: Annaliese is a doctor's wife, living in an elegant stone grey house with ivy creeping over the balcony. But when her husband is ordered to work at the Dachau labour camp, her ordinary life is turned upside down by the horrors of war. And Annaliese finds herself in grave danger when she dares to fight for love and freedom...

America, 1989: Turning the pages of the newspaper, Annaliese gasps when she recognizes the face of a man she thought she'd never see again. It makes her heart skip a beat as a rush of wartime memories come back to her. As she reads on, she realizes the past is catching up with her. She must confront a decades-old secret – or risk losing everything...

Germany, 1942: Annaliese's marriage is beginning to crumble. Her husband, Hans, has grown cold and secretive since starting his new job as a doctor at Dachau. When a tall, handsome Russian prisoner named Alexander is sent from the camp to work in their garden, lonely Annaliese finds herself drawn to him as they tend to the plants together. In snatched moments and broken whispers, Alexander tells her the truth about the shocking conditions at the camp. Horrified, Annaliese vows to do everything she can to save him.

But as they grow closer, their feelings for each other put them both in terrible danger. And when Annaliese falls pregnant she has to make an impossible decision between protecting herself and saving the love of her life...

Reviews for Debbie Rix

'Exceptional... gripped me right from the very start... heartwrenching... so beautifully written with real moments of bravery and hope... heart-breaking... I loved this book and I wish I could reread it again for the first time as it truly is that special. Five stars just isn't enough.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Heart-stopping, unforgettable tale of ordinary people fighting for survival in the darkest of times... kept me glued to my Kindle through the whole book! I definitely recommend reading this book!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Debbie Rix has had a long career in journalism, including working as a presenter for the BBC. Her first novel, *The Girl with Emerald Eyes* was set around the building of the tower of Pisa and she has since released *Daughters of the Silk Road* and *The Silk Weaver's Wife*. Debbie writes heartbreaking historical novels about love, tragedy and secrets.



Historical

402 pages | Pub Date 13/1/2022 | 9781800195479 | Unagented



The Daughters of 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

Australian number one bestseller Pam Howes is back with another heartbreaking family saga in her acclaimed Liverpool series. Bella Rogers's children and nieces are beginning to take centre stage, with burgeoning careers of their own. Torn between nursing and singing, Diana is trying to navigate life in Liverpool and find her place in the world. With television taking over, she must decide if she wants to take her chance in the spotlight or stay close to home? Packed with historical details including the Queen's coronation and the true story of HMT Windrush, Pam's fans will be utterly captivated by this uplifting saga novel!

Retail Description

A heart-breaking and uplifting historical novel about a community pulling together in the shadows of war, and one young woman's fight to make her mark on the world.

1952, Liverpool. The Second World War has cast a long shadow over Victory Street and who knows if the remaining families will ever fully recover?

In the face of hardship, Bella Harrison is determined to see the bright side. She is back recording songs with her singing trio The Bryant Sisters, and against all odds, Bella and her husband Bobby are finding ways to muddle through life as newlyweds whilst raising little Levi; Bella's child with black American pilot Earl Franklin Junior. Meanwhile Earl's daughter Dianna is adjusting to her new life in Liverpool. Determined to forge her own path, she has her heart set on becoming a nurse. However Dianna soon discovers that the reality of nursing is long hours of gruelling work, performed under constant scrutiny from the dreaded Matron – who seems to take pleasure in making Dianna's life miserable. When a handsome art student catches her eye, Dianna finds herself at the crossroads between ambition and love.

But just as the young women settle into their new lives, the close-knit community of Victory Street is rocked once more. Can the daughters of Victory Street face their challenges together, and seize a chance at happiness now that it is finally within reach?

Reviews for Pam Howes

'Gripped me from the first page... Tearful at times, but equally filled with joy at others... I really enjoyed this book and once started I found it difficult to put it down!... Would definitely recommend!!!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Utterly impossible for me to put down. A heart-breaking story... I really haven't been able to put this one down and found I had devoured the entire book in just one sitting... I have loved this book so much, I wish I could give it five hundred stars.' Little Miss Book Lover 87 ★★★★★

Author Biography

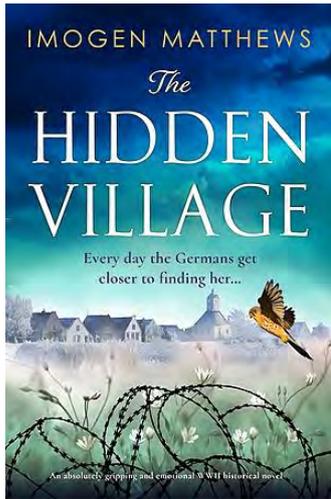
Pam is a retired interior designer, mum to three daughters, grandma to seven assorted grandchildren and roadie to her musician partner. The inspiration for Pam's first novel came from her teenage years, working in a record store, and hanging around with musicians who frequented the business. The first 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

222 pages | Pub Date 14/1/2022 | 9781800197480 | Unagented

The Bryant Sisters 4



The Hidden Village Imogen Matthews

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovský (Czech), Uitgeverij De Fontein (Dutch), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Fiona Valpy, The Tattooist of Auschwitz and The Choice

Imogen Matthews is a Kindle bestselling author

Editor's Note

Based on the incredible true story of Berkenhout, the hidden village in the woods in Holland, where Jewish people fled during the Nazi-occupation. Imogen's previously self-published novel *The Hidden Village* is a heartbreaking tale of survival, through the eyes of two innocent young children, who endured true atrocities and never gave up hope.

Retail Description

Nazi-occupied Holland, 1943. A heartbreaking tale based on the true story of an entire town who put themselves in incredible danger to keep strangers safe in World War Two...

In the quiet Dutch countryside fifteen-year-old Sofie returns home from school to find two armed men in her home. One is holding the barrel of his rifle to her father's temple, and the other is ransacking her mother's purse. Although the Nazis find no proof that the family are Jewish, Sofie knows that this means they will have to leave... Although they find safety concealed in a neighbour's attic, they cannot stay there forever. As the war intensifies, the sound of air raids grows louder and more soldiers begin knocking on the door. In the darkness the family huddle together with no idea of what to do. But a resistance has been growing, and the town has built a village deep in the woods where they've been hiding Jewish people. Although the Nazis have heard of its existence, they haven't been able to find it. And when Sofie's mother finds out that they have one space left, Sofie is told to go.

Sofie is given the secret location. To get there she just has to make sure she evades the soldiers patrolling the woods. And if she makes it, no matter how much she wants to help the rest of her family, she must stay hidden. But how long can she stay in the darkness when her loved ones are at risk?

Reviews for Imogen Matthews

'Unbelievable... Drop everything as you will not want to put this down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Powerful, inspiring, heartbreaking... An inspiring story about the bravery and kindness of ordinary people... It had me in tears.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

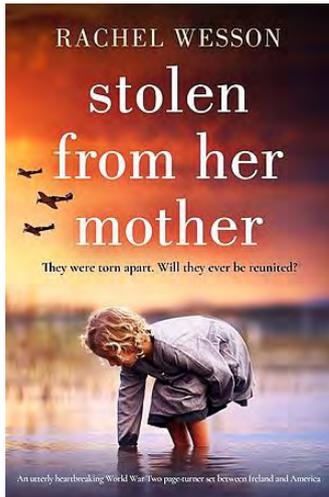
Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with an interest in forgotten stories from WW2 Holland. Imogen was born in Rijswijk, Holland, to a Dutch mother and English father who moved the family to England when Imogen was very young. All her life, she listened to her mother's stories about her life in Holland, in particular the hardships she faced during the Hunger Winter in 1944-5, which has had a profound impact on her writing.



Historical

344 pages | Pub Date 17/1/2022 | 9781803142944 | Unagented

Wartime Holland 1



Stolen from Her Mother Rachel Wesson

For fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *The Orphan Train* and *Diney Costeloe*

From the author of *The Orphans of Hope House* series (over 38,000 copies sold), Rachel's self-published titles have sold 200,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Books don't get more heartbreaking than this! Exploring the shocking and devastating world of Magdalene Laundries in wartime Ireland, this is a tale like no other. It made me weep – I genuinely had to edit it with a box of tissues – and by the end, I was beaming. It's a rollercoaster of a read, in the very best way, and an unforgettable story.

Retail Description

With a broken heart, she sinks to the ground. Tears run down her face as the truth hits her. "You can't do this. She's my daughter, my flesh and blood. I'll never stop looking for her. Never. No matter what you say or do, I'll find her."

Galway, Ireland. 1941: While war rages across the world, Kate struggles on her family farm by the wild Atlantic Ocean. Living off rations and looking after her sick father, she doesn't dare dream of falling in love. But when she meets American airman, Tony, whose blue eyes are as stormy as the sea, her life collides with the war in ways she never imagined... They fall madly in love, stealing kisses in the rolling fields, and Tony vows to make her his wife.

Their time is cut short when Tony leaves for war, promising to come back for her. Only then does Kate learn she is carrying his child—but when her family find out, she is shunned and banished to a Magdalen Laundry. Imprisoned in the home for unmarried mothers, where the windows are covered in barbed wire, the girls survive on scraps and sleep in a cramped dormitory. Kate writes to Tony to tell him about their child, but she never hears back... Is he even still alive?

And when she gives birth to baby Eva, Kate's worst nightmare comes true: her precious child is sold to a stranger. But she made a promise to her darling daughter, and she'll never stop looking for her. Can Kate escape, save her child and reunite her family before it's too late?

Reviews for Rachel Wesson

"Love love love this book!!! I laughed, I cried and it really touched me." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Tissues! I cried... A masterpiece of truth! Eye-opening! I would give this book more stars if I could! I'd definitely recommend this book to everyone!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

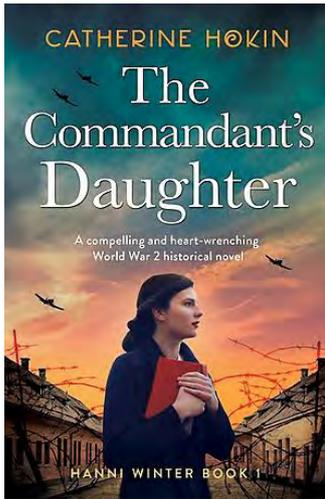
Author Biography

Rachel was born in Kilkenny, Ireland but considers herself to be from the capital, Dublin, as that's where she spent most of her life. She lives in Surrey with her husband and three children, two boys and a girl. When not reading, writing or watching films for 'research' purposes, Rachel likes to hang out with her family. She also travels regularly back home – in fact she should have shares in BA and Aerlingus.



Historical

350 pages | Pub Date 21/1/2022 | 9781803140902 | Unagented



The Commandant's Daughter Catherine Hokin

Previous Translation Publishers

Dobrovsky (Czech), JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian), Kossuth (Hungarian)

For fans of We Were the Lucky Ones, The Alice Network 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 185,000 copies

Editor's Note

This novel has Layers! Upon layers, upon layers. In this extraordinary story, Catherine propelled me into a dark, emotional and gripping world where we move seamlessly between the terrible experience of the war, and then the brutal, disorganised chaos of the aftermath. I was engrossed not only by the emotional character arcs, but also the thrilling murder mystery at the heart of the novel. An unforgettable story!

Retail Description

1933, Berlin. Ten-year-old Hanni Foss stands by her father's side watching the torchlit procession to celebrate Adolf Hitler as Germany's new leader. As the lights fade, she knows her safe and happy childhood is about to change forever. Practically overnight, the father she adores becomes unrecognisable, lost to his ruthless ambition to oversee an infamous concentration camp...

Thirteen years later. As the Nazi regime crumbles, Hanni hides on the fringes of Berlin society in the small lodging house she's been living in since running away from her father's home. In stolen moments, she develops the photographs she took to record the atrocities in the camp – the empty food bowls and hungry eyes – and vows to get some measure of justice for the innocent people she couldn't help as a child.

But on the day she plans to deliver these damning photographs to the Allies, Hanni comes face to face with her father again. Reiner Foss is now working with the British forces, his past safely hidden behind a new identity, and he makes it clear that he will go to deadly lengths to protect his secret. In that moment Hanni hatches a dangerous plan to bring her father down, but how far she is willing to go for revenge? And at what cost?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'The best historical fiction book I've read this year! I was awake until the early morning hours finishing it, because I could not put it down!... Heartbreaking.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I was totally absorbed in the story... 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

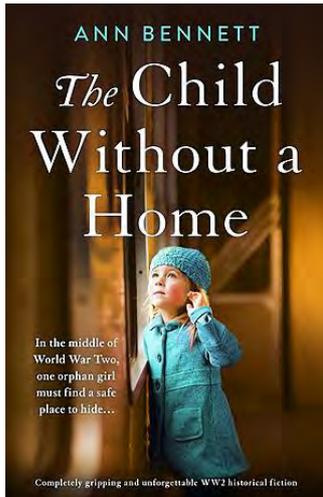
Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition. She is a lover of strong female leads, a good quest, and very loud music!



Historical

312 pages | Pub Date 26/1/2022 | 9781800197008 | Tina Betts, Andrew Mann Literary Agency

Hanni Winter 1



The Child Without a Home Ann Bennett

For fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *The Orphan's Tale* and *The Orphan Train*

Previous title *The Orphan House* reached #2 in the Amazon US Kindle chart and the top 50 in the UK

Editor's Note

US bestselling author of *The Orphan House*, Ann Bennett, returns with a beautiful, haunting tale of one young girl's life in WW2 and the secrets she keeps for a lifetime. Time-slip and set between Cambridge and German-occupied Prussia, it's about family, sacrifice, and ultimately... survival.

Retail Description

Inspired by the lives of the forgotten orphans of World War Two, this heart-wrenching and moving tale is about fighting for your loved ones when all hope is lost...

East Prussia, 1944. When the war comes to twelve-year-old Agnes' village, she finds herself stuck between two terrifying armies. Every man she's ever known has been forced to fight for the Nazis, and as the Red Army approaches every innocent woman and child is made to leave their home. Then tragedy strikes and she and her brother Dieter find themselves alone in vast, isolated woodland, and Agnes must protect Dieter at all costs...

Cambridge, present day. When her beloved grandfather dies, Freya is distraught. Not only has she lost the man who helped raise her, but she knows the story of his time as a pilot in World War Two, and her family's history, is gone forever. But then Freya meets her new next-door neighbour Agnes, whose accent is just like her grandfather's. She has a framed picture of a snow-covered castle that looks strangely familiar, and a weather-beaten image of a little blonde boy in braces and boots.

But though Agnes' past may hold the key to unlocking Freya's family secrets, it's also a painful story Agnes vowed never to tell. It's about the brother Agnes fought to protect, the young boy who risked everything to protect her, and it will change everything Freya has ever known about her family...

Reviews for Ann Bennett

'Oh my goodness. What an amazing story... Awe inspiring. I honestly am left reeling. This is my first book from this author, although it definitely will not be my last. Thank you for a journey that I will not soon forget.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'An amazing and spellbinding read. Exceptionally well done. I hated when it ended.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

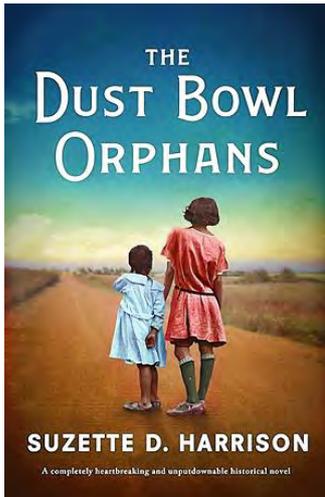
Author Biography

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

316 pages | Pub Date 28/1/2022 | 9781800197657 | Unagented



The Dust Bowl Orphans Suzette D. Harrison

For fans of Lisa Wingate, Christina Baker Kline and Laila Ibrahim

Suzette D. Harrison is an award-winning author.

Editor's Note

Grab hold of your tissues, they'll be needed! No one breaks my heart quite like Suzette, and her latest novel, *The Dust Bowl Orphans*, takes emotional devastation to another level. This incredible historical novel about two young girls trying to survive in the American dust bowl is guaranteed to grip readers until the final, unputdownable page!

Retail Description

Oklahoma, 1935. Fifteen-year-old Faith Wilson takes her little sister Hope's hand. In worn-down shoes, they walk through the choking heat of the Dust Bowl towards a new life in California. But when a storm blows in, the girls are separated from their parents. How will they survive in a place where just the color of their skin puts them in terrible danger?

Starving and forced to sleep on the streets, Faith thinks a room in a small boarding house will keep her sister safe. But the glare in the landlady's eye as Faith leaves in search of their parents has her wondering if she's made a dangerous mistake. Who is this woman, and what does she want with sweet little Hope? Trapped, will the sisters ever find their way back to their family?

California, present day. Reeling from her divorce and grieving the child she lost, Zoe Edwards feels completely alone in the world. Throwing herself into work cataloguing old photos for an exhibition, she sees an image of a teenage girl who looks exactly like her, and a shiver grips her. Could this girl be a long-lost relation, someone to finally explain the holes in Zoe's family history? Diving into the secrets in her past, Zoe unravels this young girl's heartbreaking story of bravery and sacrifice. But will anything prepare her for the truth about who she is...?

Reviews for Suzette D. Harrison

"My, My, My and Wow, just Wow!... What an excellent and amazing story!... From the first word until the last, I was so enthralled and riveted... Whew!!... Hallelujah!! This is an awesome book!! A definite must-read!!" Geri's Things, ★★★★★

"If I could increase the ratings on this I would... I was literally blown away by this story... I can't see anything surpassing this. I need more books like this." Read Along with Sue, ★★★★★

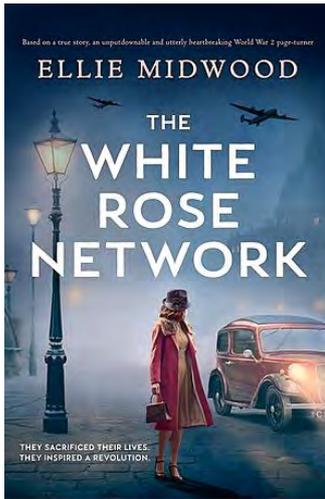
Author Biography

Suzette D. Harrison, a native Californian and the middle of three daughters, grew up in a home where reading was required, not requested. Her literary career began in junior high school with the publishing of her poetry. The award-winning author of *Taffy is a wife and mother of two teens*, and she holds a culinary degree in pastry and baking. Mrs. Harrison is currently cooking up her next novel... in between batches of cupcakes.



Historical

360 pages | Pub Date 7/2/2022 | 9781803140797 | Unagented



The White Rose Network 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 200,000 copies, with over 7.1 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

The White Rose Network is a triumph of a page-turner that truly has it all. Intrigue, secrecy, deception and lies. Love, revenge and loathing. Bravery and fear, darkness and light. It's a story about people coming together instead of turning against each other, the triumph of good over evil – and the sheer power of each of us to make a difference. Despite it being a true story set in World War Two Munich, it's a tale every single person today can learn from – and one that will never be forgotten.

Retail Description

Would you risk your life to save countless others? *The White Rose Network* tells the incredible true story of Sophie Scholl who stood up in the face of evil and refused to back down...

As snowflakes fall on a frosty February morning, blanketing the streets of Germany, Sophie has a plan. Standing on the top floor of her university, she scatters the atrium with anti-war leaflets. Calling for resistance, they condemn the Nazi regime: "they deserve their destruction".

Arrested by the Gestapo, the interrogator refuses to believe that the model German youth could be a member of *The White Rose*, the rebel group responsible for the illegal propaganda and the graffiti scrawled around Munich proclaiming "Freedom" and "Down with Hitler".

But to his horror, Sophie confesses proudly to the crime. What follows is one of history's most inspirational stories, forged by a heroine determined to lead a revolution against darkness.

Based on an inspirational true story, this beautiful novel proves that even in the face of the greatest evil, we all have a choice...

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'Wow! Just wow... Utterly heartbreaking... I'm speechless.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'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

250 pages | Pub Date 9/2/2022 | 9781803140889 | Unagented



The Girl with the Scarlet Ribbon Suzanne Goldring

Previous Translation Publishers

AST (Russian), Corint Books (Romanian), Living (Albanian), Meuncher (German), Newton Compton (Italian), JP Politikens (Swedish & Danish)

For fans of The Alice Network and We Were The Lucky Ones

From the author of international bestseller My Name is Eva, which has sold 300,000 copies. My Name is Eva has been a top 20 bestseller in the US and a top 5 bestseller in the UK

Editor's Note

From the author of ebook bestseller My Name is Eva comes a heartbreaking story of Francesca, a fourteen-year-old spy working for the Italian resistance, who will do anything to protect her family.

Retail Description

Florence 1943. As the bells toll in the solemn dark streets and enemy soldiers loiter by the city's beautiful bridges, schoolgirl Gabriella is racked with guilt. She is ashamed of the crush she had on a soldier that allowed a secret notebook to fall into the hands of the enemy. As a result, her father is arrested and her younger brother Riccardo devastatingly injured. Faced with her brother's haunted eyes and the prospect of never seeing her father again, Gabriella is determined to make things right. She seeks out her old schoolfriend Stefanina, an unlikely member of the Italian resistance with her beautiful curls and scarlet ribbon.

Soon Gabriella is criss-crossing the river with deadly information in her bicycle basket, and learning everything she can from Stefanina. But one terrible day, Stefanina doesn't appear at their meeting point and Gabriella, desperate to find her, goes where she shouldn't, into the shadowed corners of the city...

Years later Sofia, mourning the loss of her famous painter father Riccardo, carries out his last request to find his long-lost sister Gabriella in Florence. When she meets her aunt, an elegant old woman living in a palazzo filled with roses, she is shocked when Gabriella tells her about the dark stories behind her father's art. And when Sofia learns of a missing painting that has not surfaced since the war, a shocking and tragic story begins to unfold – the story of an independent, courageous young woman, with a scarlet ribbon in her dark hair, whose youth and beauty was no protection from the enemy. Will Sofia finally understand why her father could never speak about the war, and piece together the shocking events that inspired his missing painting?

Reviews for Suzanne Goldring

'OH MY GOD! What a book. I was hooked right from the start... the plot twist at the end just left me bawling. Words won't do justice to this book. Please pick it up and read it asap.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'A captivating and emotional wartime saga, a tale of love, loss, and courage. I couldn't put the book down. It is exciting and tragic at the same time. I absolutely loved this book! I laughed, I cried, I cheered.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

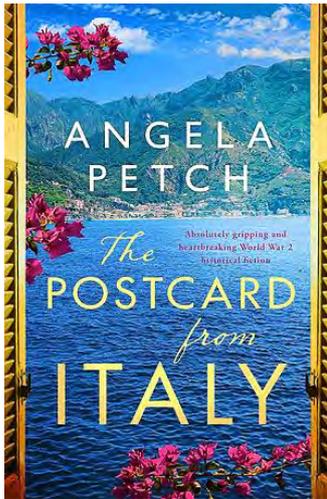
Author Biography

Following an eventful career as a public relations consultant, specialising in business and travel, Suzanne Goldring turned to writing the kind of novels she likes to read, about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Whether she is working in her thatched cottage in Hampshire or her seaside home in North Cornwall, Suzanne finds inspiration in the secrets hidden by everyday life.



Historical

380 pages | Pub Date 25/2/2022 | 9781803140100 | Heather Holden Brown, HHB Agency Ltd



The Postcard from Italy Angela Petch

Previous Translation Publishers
Athenaeum (Hungarian), LIST (Bulgarian), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Kathryn Hughes, Fiona Valpy and Victoria Hislop.

Previous title *The Tuscan Secret* has sold 160,000 copies and reached the Top 100 on the Kindle CA, UK and US charts

Editor's Note

Nobody brings Italy to life quite like Angela Petch. The vivid sights, incredible food, and heady romance of this beautiful country simply spring off the page. This time, we're departing from her native Tuscany and heading to the gorgeous coastline of Puglia. Pulling us with skill between the past and present, Angela weaves a heartbreaking tale of a family mystery stretching back to the Second World War. A true tearjerker that will also leave every reader filled with joy and hope.

Retail Description

Italy, 1945. 'Where am I?' The young man wakes, bewildered. He sees olive trees against a bright blue sky. A soft voice soothes him. 'We saw you fall from your plane. The parachute saved you.' He remembers nothing of his life, or the war that has torn the world apart... but where does he belong?

England, present day. Antique-shop-owner Susannah wipes away a tear as she tidies her grandmother's belongings. Elsie's memories are fading, and every day Susannah feels further away from her only remaining family. But everything changes when she stumbles across a yellowed postcard of a beautiful Italian stone farmhouse, tucked away in Elsie's dressing table. A message dated from World War 2 speaks of a secret love. Could her grandmother, who never talked about the past, have fallen for someone in Italy all those years ago?

With Elsie unable to answer her questions, Susannah becomes determined to track down the house and find a distraction from her grief. Arriving at what is now a crumbling hotel by the sparkling Italian sea, she feels strangely at home. And after an unexpected encounter with handsome wine waiter Giacomo, she can't tell if it's his dark eyes or his offer to help solve her mystery that makes her heart race.

Together they find a dusty chest tucked in a forgotten corner of the building. The white silk of a World War 2 parachute spills out. And the Royal Air Force identity tag nestled in the folds bears a familiar name...

With Giacomo by her side, and before it's too late for her grandmother, can Susannah discover the truth behind a shocking wartime secret at the heart of her family? Or will it tear her apart?

Reviews for Angela Petch

'This beautifully woven story had me captivated from the start... I could not help but LOVE the descriptions of Tuscany, the countryside, the people and the food.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'A fabulous historical fiction story... wonderful... Angela Petch is now added to my favourite author list... The rich details of the story are captivating. A must read.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

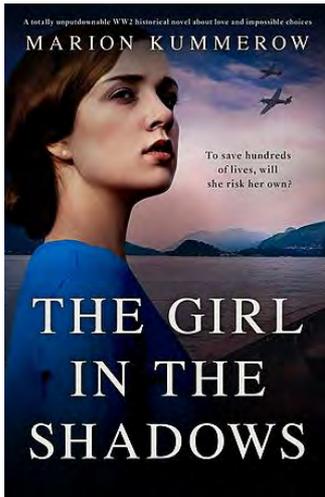
Author Biography

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

372 pages | Pub Date 16/3/2022 | 9781800199620 | Unagented



The Girl in the Shadows Marion Kummerow

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Fortuna (Slovak & Czech)

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *All the Light We Cannot See* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Author has sold over 70,000 copies to date and her previous title *From The Dark We Rise* amassed over 6,000 preorders

Editor's Note

Without a doubt, Marion Kummerow is becoming THE name to watch in this genre. And the third novel in the bestselling Margarete's Journey series might very well be my favourite so far. The heroine has really come into her fierceness and we are with her every gripping, devastating step of the way. There's also a love story that got my heart fluttering in hope for her, and her future. It's unforgettable, and this series is something absolutely magical.

Retail Description

1943, Germany: Two years ago, fate gave a beautiful young Jewish woman named Margarete Rosenbaum the chance to survive the Nazis, by pretending to be one of them, hiding in plain sight. Now she must make a terrifying decision...

Margarete lives as Annegret Huber would have, in a beautiful rural mansion by a forest in northern Germany. She is the heiress to the entire Huber fortune—one which she has devastatingly discovered includes a factory and Nazi prison camp. Margarete has done everything she can to help improve conditions, and to reduce suffering for the prisoners who remind her so much of her own lost family. However, as the war rages on and the Nazis become more brutal in their treatment of Jews, she realizes she must do more. She has to help the prisoners escape to real safety.

She's heard of a route to freedom through Sweden. Although that means secretly reaching out to the resistance. With the risk of betrayal at every turn, her enquiries lead her to a man named Stefan, who she instantly feels a powerful connection to. But she fears he will never trust her... unless she reveals the secret that keeps her safe. At the same time, a Nazi officer begins to show romantic interest in her, making it harder to keep her identity a secret. If he finds her out, not only will her plan be at risk, but also her life and those of everyone she cares for. But can she let that fear stop her? She knows she herself could so easily be one of the faces on the other side of the fence. And, in the darkest times, sometimes the only person who can rise up is the girl in the shadows...

Reviews for Marion Kummerow

'Awesome!!!... WOW... Completely and utterly amazing... I cannot explain how much I enjoyed reading this... I highly highly recommend this story!!!... Simply amazing!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Absolutely gripping and devastating... A race against time. Will Margarete be discovered? Will she be able to make a difference? Will she live? A WWII page-turner that I loved until the last minute.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

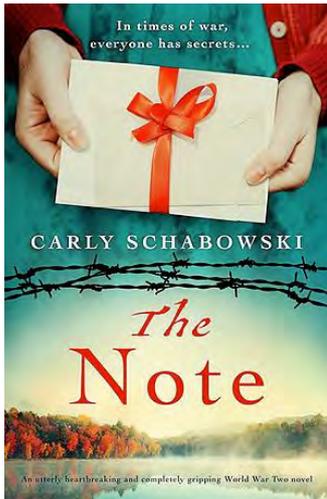
Marion Kummerow was born and raised in Germany, before she set out to "discover the world" and lived in various countries. In 1999 she returned to Germany and settled down in Munich where she's now living with her family. Her books are filled with raw emotions, fierce loyalty and resilience. And she never forgets to include humor and undying love in her books, because ultimately love is what makes the world go round.



Historical

280 pages | Pub Date 23/3/2022 | 9781803142166 | Unagented

Margarete's Journey 3



The Note 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 *We Were the Lucky Ones*.

Carly's two biggest-selling titles are *The Rainbow* (over 48,000 copies) and *The Watchmaker of Dachau* (over 43,000 copies)

Editor's Note

Carly Schabowski is back with another unforgettable wartime tale. A heartbreaking, gripping and poignant novel that explores the desperate decisions we're all capable of making – and how secrets haunt you forever... Be warned, it's a tearjerker, and best read with a lot of tissues!

Retail Description

Auschwitz, 1942: On a summer's day in Paris, Jozef and his wife Adi are captured by the Nazis after going on the run. Forced onto a train with countless others, they spend days travelling to Auschwitz. They are torn from each other, their arms inked with prison numbers. In the death camp, their days are numbered—will they ever see each other again?

1953, South Carolina: On the night of her thirteenth birthday, Alice is woken up by the sound of sirens. The body of a teenage girl, Nancy, has been found in the lake. Suspicion falls on Jozef, a German refugee who now lives in the small town. When one of Alice's friends breaks a window in his house, Alice is wracked with guilt. She writes a note apologizing—a note that changes everything.

As Alice and Jozef form a friendship, Jozef opens up about his painful past: he is an Auschwitz survivor. Hearing about the desperate choices people were forced to make, and the hunt for freedom amongst so much heartbreak, Alice starts to see her own life—and the death of her friend—in a new light.

As their bond deepens, Alice uncovers Jozef's secret—one that has followed him from Auschwitz, and could now shatter Alice's world. When a long-awaited storm breaks the suffocating heatwave, the truth finally comes out, and Alice's life will never be the same again...

Reviews for Carly Schabowski

"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, ★★★★★

"Wow!! Just wow!!!... This book is brilliant! More than brilliant, amazing!!!!... Absolutely gripping, addictive and captivating... I was absolutely hooked from the first page to the last." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

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

290 pages | Pub Date 28/3/2022 | 9781800199576 | Jo Bell, Bell Lomax Moreton



The Pilot's Girl Catherine Hokin

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovsky (Czech), JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian),
Kossuth Kiadó (Hungarian), City Editions (French)

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 190,000 copies

Editor's Note

With the Hanni Winter series, Catherine has created a historical series unlike anything I've ever read! With stunning, lyrical prose, Catherine paints an unforgettable picture of Germany during the Second World War and the aftermath, and weaves this together with an absolutely gripping plot full of intrigue and mystery. I could not put this book down!

Retail Description

'Smile, nod, and don't breathe a word of what happens here. Or I'll put you on the next train to Auschwitz myself.'

Four years later. Hanni Winter shivers in her thin coat as she hurries through the empty Berlin streets to her job. Despite the freezing winter and poverty all around, her cheeks flush when she meets the man she is photographing today, charismatic Tony Miller, the American pilot risking his life to bring food and provisions to the starving people of the city. But her rush of joy turns to ash as she sees the man behind him...

It's been years since Hanni fled her terrible past, but seeing Reiner Foss now brings back harrowing memories of the man they called The Showman, and of the concentration camp he commanded. The last time she tried to expose him, Hanni almost died, can she dare to try again? Or should she seize the chance she sees in Tony's sparkling eyes to leave the horrors of the war behind?

Hanni is no longer the frightened child she was when the Nazis devastated her life beyond repair. She vows to avenge every person who suffered at Reiner's hands. But does her attraction to Tony leave her vulnerable? Can Hanni protect her loved ones from her past, or will the cost of fighting her demons ultimately prove more than she can pay?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'The best historical fiction book I've read this year! I was awake until the early morning hours finishing it, because I could not put it down!... Heartbreaking.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I was totally absorbed in the story... 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

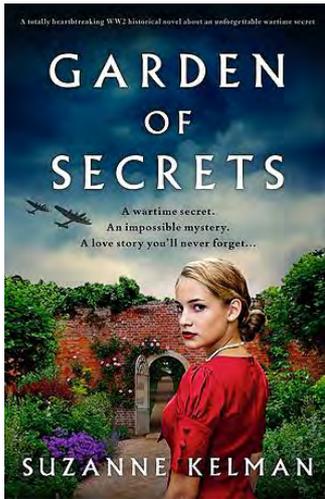
Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition. She is a lover of strong female leads, a good quest, and very loud music!



Historical

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Hanni Winter 2



Garden of Secrets Suzanne Kelman

Previous Translation Publishers

Planeta (Portuguese), IPC Könyvek (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Moba (Czech), City (French)

For fans of Rhys Bowen's *The Victory Garden* and Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*

Author's previous titles have sold over 260,000 copies and have been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon

Editor's Note

Sometimes as an editor, you sit down to edit a novel and get so carried away, you have to keep pinching yourself that reading books this good is your actual job! *Garden of Secrets* is one such novel. I was unbelievably swept away by every part of this story, and the treasure hunt for the truth about the WW2 characters absolutely transported me. Quite simply one of the best historical novels I've ever read.

Retail Description

1940, Russia: When a beautiful English-speaking young woman named Anya is recruited to be a Russian spy working with the Nazi party, her first thought is that it means she can escape an increasingly terrifying situation at home. But when she finds herself sent to work as a land girl in a beautiful corner of England and begins to make friends – ones she knows she may have to betray – she fears she's made a terrible mistake.

The only person she can turn to is her fellow informer, Nikolai, and she finds herself impossibly drawn to his soulful blue eyes and his quiet intensity. But being together increases the risk to them both – if one of their secrets is exposed, their cover could be compromised. So they devise a plan. If they're ever separated, they will find their way back to each other. They just have to follow the messages they've left each other...

Now, England: Laura has escaped her troubles, moving to rural Norfolk to restore a beautiful secret garden in the grounds of an English stately home. But when she finds a box buried under the garden's weeping willow tree, she is spellbound by its contents – a key and a note. As Laura begins to piece together the fragments of a love story that stretches across wartime Europe, she doesn't realise it but she is embarking on an unforgettable journey. One which will change her own life forever.

Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

'OMG! I felt the fear and the terror within the pages as if I was there living it... It is heartbreaking... By the end of the story I was so moved and in tears.' Confessions of a Bookaholic ★★★★★

'Absolutely heart-breaking... Filled with sadness, love, courage and sacrifice – I couldn't put this book down.' Stardust Book Reviews ★★★★★

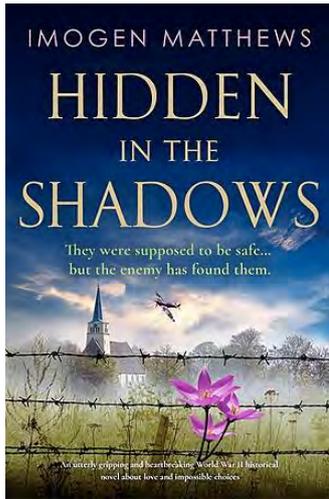
Author Biography

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

376 pages | Pub Date 13/4/2022 | 9781803140582 | Unagented



Hidden in the Shadows Imogen Matthews

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovský (Czech), Uitgeverij De Fontein (Dutch), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Fiona Valpy, The Tattooist of Auschwitz and The Choice

Imogen Matthews is a Kindle bestselling author

Editor's Note

Based on the incredible true story of a hidden village in the woods in Holland, where Jewish people fled during the Nazi-occupation, this is the second in the series. It follows the heartbreaking separation of a young couple deeply in love, and their determination to find each other despite having to hide from the Nazis. Imogen weaves their stories together beautifully, presenting the horrors that Jewish people in Holland went through so sensitively you feel like you're living with them. It's an unmissable addition to the genre.

Retail Description

The hidden village was meant to keep them safe, but the Nazis have found it... There's no time to lose. Laura gathers the children and whispers to them to be brave. The smallest covers in her arms as they hear the crack of gunshots outside. Laura knows they'll have to run if they are to survive...

Nazi-occupied Holland, 1943: In a makeshift village in the middle of the woods, hiding from Nazi soldiers, a beautiful young Jewish woman named Laura thought she was safe. By day she remained out of sight, but as darkness fell, she began to fall in love with a resistance fighter named Wouter. Until everything changed, on the day the village was stormed...

Desperate to protect the six small and terrified children in her care, Laura races towards the church spires of the nearest town in the distance. Wouter is stuck on the other side of the village when the German officers start shooting. As he desperately scrambles through the woodland, he has no idea whether Laura has made it out alive.

Wouter spends his days delivering food and transporting people to safety. But he never gives up hope of finding the woman he loves. Even when he hears the rumours about the Nazis cramming Jews onto cattle trains for deportation to brutal work camps, he can't believe she's gone forever. How could he live if Laura was amongst them? And if he does find her, will their love have survived the ravages of everything they've been through?

Reviews for Imogen Matthews

'Literally gave me shivers... Absolutely heartbreaking... Gripping... This one really got to me, I was in tears... Will stay with me for a very long time.' Echoes in an Empty Room, ★★★★★

'Unbelievable... Drop everything as you will not want to put this down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

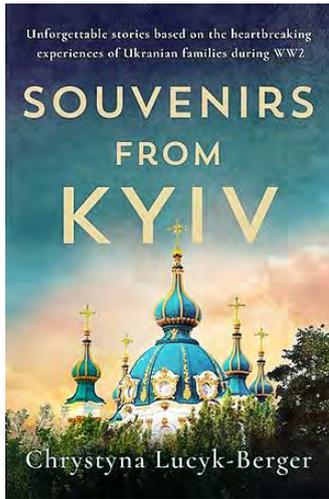
Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with an interest in forgotten stories from WW2 Holland. Imogen was born in Rijswijk, Holland, to a Dutch mother and English father who moved the family to England when Imogen was very young. All her life, she listened to her mother's stories about her life in Holland, in particular the hardships she faced during the Hunger Winter in 1944-5, which has had a profound impact on her writing.



Historical

274 pages | Pub Date 20/4/2022 | 9781803143743 | Unagented

Wartime Holland 2



Souvenirs from Kyiv Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian)

Souvenirs from Kyiv was awarded 2nd Place in the 2014 HNS International Short Story Award and the collection won the silver medal in the IPPY Book Awards 2020 for Military and Wartime

Editor's Note

A collection of unforgettable stories exploring the experiences of Ukrainian families during World War II. Based on the true accounts of the author's own family, and collated over a ten year period, this collection celebrates the endurance of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable odds. Threaded with love, resilience and hope, this heartbreaking narrative comes to life through characters that will stay with you long after the last page. The stories of Mykhailo, Larissa, Marusa leap off the page and bring to life a little-known, and often misunderstood, period of history. Updated with a new author introduction, the author describes this collection as her moment to throw her stone at Goliath, which makes this collection of stories not only timely, but required reading for anyone watching the unfolding war in Ukraine.

Retail Description

'Russia has been trying to wipe Ukraine off the world map for thousands of years. They haven't succeeded yet. Now, I'm picking up my stone and throwing it at Goliath. I want people to understand. I want to save this country.' Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger, March 2022

Larissa is a renowned embroiderer, surviving in occupied Ukraine during World War II as a seamstress in her ruin of a workshop. Surrounded by enemies, she expresses her defiance by threading history into her garments. But at what cost?

Mykhailo is a soldier on leave, returning to Ukraine from the front on Christmas Eve. As he travels through his country, he is confronted by the hardship the war has brought to his fellow countrymen. Will what he sees this Christmas change the course of his life forever?

Marusia and her family are woken one morning by the arrival of the Nazis, who have come to search for her partisan brother. As the soldiers move through their house, her family has just moments to make choices that will determine their survival.

Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger's stories bring to life the true history of her Ukrainian family who fought to survive World War II. Laced with hope, *Souvenirs from Kyiv* celebrates the endurance and resilience of the human spirit.

Reviews for Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

'I am stunned by the sad beauty. I feel like I've gotten a present. That's how I feel after reading a really brilliant book or story'
Marina Osipova, *How Dare the Birds Sing*

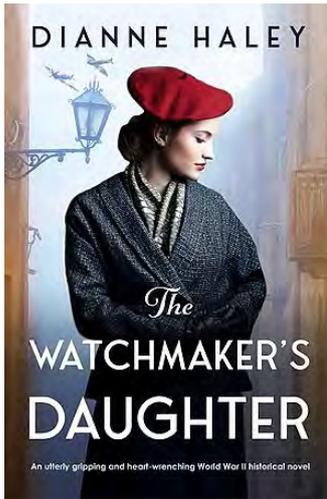
Author Biography

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

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The Watchmaker's Daughter Dianne Haley

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *We Were the Lucky Ones*

THE WATCHMAKER'S DAUGHTER was longlisted for the Mslexia novel competition and won a prize at the Edinburgh Writers Club

Editor's Note

I am incredibly excited about Dianne Haley's debut, a stunning historical novel set in Switzerland during World War Two. The first in a series about Resistance fighter Valérie and her childhood sweetheart Philippe, this powerful story draws inspiration from true historical events including the stories of Jewish refugees escaping over the Swiss border from occupied France. *THE WATCHMAKER'S DAUGHTER* is breathtakingly gripping and heart-wrenching, and I guarantee it will have readers turning the pages late into the night.

Retail Description

'I have to help them,' Valérie says, her eyes filling with tears at the thought of the frightened children hiding from the Nazis. 'I know you do,' Philippe replies, 'And I love you so much for that. But will you promise to be careful?'

1942: Gazing out of her shuttered bedroom window towards the snow-covered Alps, Valérie Hallez feels like a traitor to her beautiful country. France has fallen to the Nazis, and Switzerland could be invaded next. But her father Albert is a local watchmaker who relies on German trade. As she helps him entertain German customers, she sees their Nazi insignia sparkling in the firelight. And guilt fills her heart as she hears of terrible camps in Germany. So when a friend asks her to hide Jewish refugee children who will be sent back to the Nazis if they are discovered, Valérie knows she must join the fight against evil... In defiance of her father, Valérie smuggles messages for the French Resistance, hidden among his watch deliveries. And when darkness falls, she runs through narrow cobbled streets to hide children in his old workshop. Her heart is broken by their terrified faces, and it pains her to feel so distant from her father. But she finds comfort in letters from Philippe, her childhood sweetheart who is a soldier based in secret military fortresses in the mountains.

Then a hidden document tells her that Philippe is in grave danger, and Valérie faces an impossible choice. Will she betray the Resistance to save the man she loves? And when she discovers a secret about her father that could alter the course of the war and change her relationship with him forever, will her love for Philippe prevent her from rescuing him too?

Reviews for Dianne Haley

Author Biography

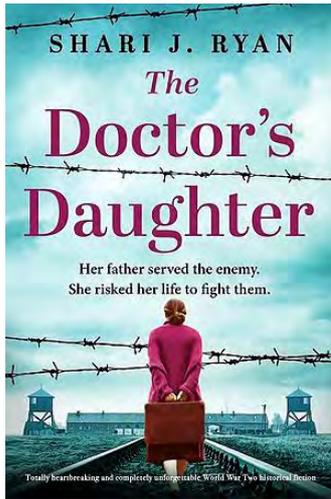
Originally from the north of Scotland, Dianne lives with her husband in Edinburgh and has two grown-up children. Dianne and her family have been visiting the area around Lake Geneva since 1992 and love the Alps in all seasons. The inspiration for her WW2 series came from a drive through Geneva's old town on a rainy October evening, the cobbled lanes a perfect setting for secrets and hiding places.



Historical

280 pages | Pub Date 25/4/2022 | 9781803142432 | Unagented

The Resistance Girl 1



The Doctor's Daughter 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)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Choice*, and *Orphan Train*

Shari's previously published titles have sold over 100,000 copies, with 8.5 million pages read on KU

Editor's Note

Shari J. Ryan has spun another stunning novel. It's as beautiful as it is dark, as heartbreaking as it is hopeful. She's a phenomenally talented writer, with a magical, hypnotic quality to her prose, that pulls the reader right in and almost puts you in a trance. It's incredibly filmic, carrying the reader away, and it makes for such a powerful and immersive reading experience. I know that it is going to be cherished by readers across the world

Retail Description

Auschwitz, 1941: It was her father's job to save the lives of the SS. But she chose to risk everything and save the lives of prisoners.

In Nazi-occupied Poland, Sofia cannot look her father in the eye. Sofia's mother, her papa's cherished wife, is Jewish—how dare he work as a doctor for the SS? She cannot forgive him, even if the bargain was made to spare their lives.

In the middle of the night, Isaac emerges from a packed train with hundreds of others. The SS decide prisoners' fates on the spot—and Isaac is chosen to work, rather than to die. Every day, Isaac and his fellow inmates are sent to a nearby farm. Every breath feels like it could be Isaac's last, so when he sees a beautiful auburn-haired girl peering out of the farmhouse window, it feels like a dream...

Sofia refuses to accept what she is seeing. Disobeying her father, she risks her life to sneak a letter to the boy outside. She explains that she has hidden them food, and that she'll do everything in her power to save them. This secret exchange sparks an escape that should have been impossible—and a love story that is unforgettable. But is love enough in the face of evil? And when Sofia and Isaac are concealed underground, holding their breath as the Nazis hunt them, will they survive?

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"I couldn't put it down, even when I thought my heart would burst out of my chest and I had tears pouring down my face. I will think about this book for a long time." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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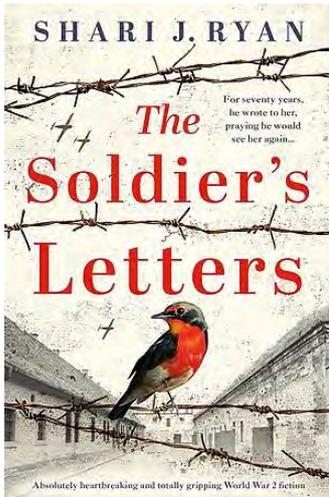
Author Biography

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Historical

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The Soldier's Letters 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)

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Editor's Note

If Nicholas Sparks wrote a World War Two novel, it would be like this! This beautiful page-turner tells the devastatingly romantic story of a soldier and his forbidden love – a love that spans decades. It made me swoon, it made me laugh, it made me cry – it really is the definition of ALL THE FEELS.

Retail Description

“Survive for as long as you can, fight until you can’t fight any longer, and if this war ever ends, I want you to run as far from here as you can and never look back...”

Nazi-occupied Prague, 1941: On a foggy winter’s day, a soldier called Charlie is ordered to murder an elderly Jewish woman. He refuses, but that doesn’t stop another Nazi shooting her. As the woman’s daughter cries out, “Mama, no, please don’t leave me!” Charlie knows that he is not a killer. He vows to save as many lives as he can.

In Theresienstadt concentration camp, he sees the same sapphire-eyed girl with beautiful auburn hair. Her name is Amelia. He escorts her to Block B and memorizes her prison number. They are meant to be enemies but, in that instant, he falls in love.

Yet in such hell, love isn’t meant to exist and they are destined to be torn apart. Despite this, Charlie never stops looking for Amelia, writing letters to her and keeping them safe. But what are the chances of her surviving the war? Will the soldier’s letters remain unread forever?

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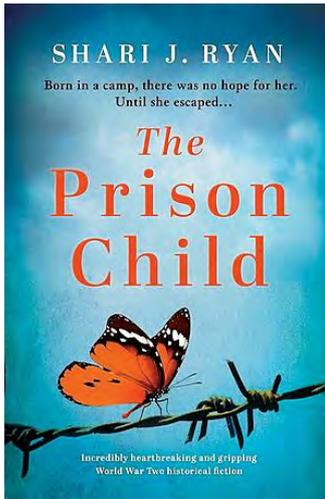
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Historical

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Last Words 3



The Prison Child 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)

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Editor's Note

If you like a book that makes you sob, yet one that leaves you grinning by the end, and wanting to hold your loved ones close, this is it! This heart-wrenching and unforgettable tale is about hope in the darkest of times and love overcoming evil. It may break your heart, but it will 100% piece it back together!

Retail Description

How will we get by the guards? It seems impossible. Yet we will be dead by the end of the week if we don't—my precious girl and I have nothing to lose by trying.

Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, 1943: In Theresienstadt concentration camp, a brown-eyed baby girl is born in darkness, surrounded by barbed wire. The innocent new-born has no hope of surviving—unless, by some kind of miracle, she is able to escape...

In New York, over a decade later, Annie listens to her mother and father's urgent whispers on her twelfth birthday. "They're going to find out that she doesn't belong to us. She'll be taken away."

The little girl's world crumbles. That day, her search for answers begins...

Everything in Annie's life is a lie. As she grows older, she pieces together the fragments of her past. With a broken heart, she uncovers a story of bravery in the face of evil, hope amongst darkness, and forbidden love—the kind of love that takes immense courage.

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

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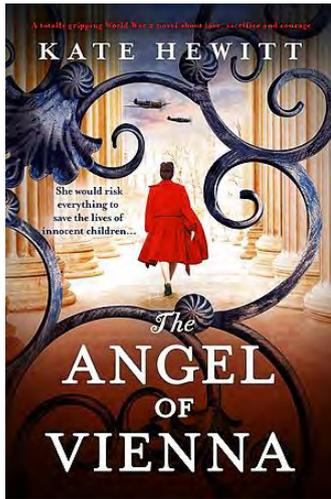
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Historical

278 pages | Pub Date 24/5/2022 | 9781803146096 | Unagented

Last Words 2



The Angel of Vienna Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of My Name is Eva, All the Light We Cannot See and The Tattooist of Auschwitz

Author has sold over 640,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

I don't think I've ever cried so much! This novel is, quite simply, one of the most powerful WW2 novels I've ever read. Based on a true story, our heroine is a nurse who knows she is the only person who can save defenceless children from a murderous Nazi death programme. It's impossible not to be moved beyond words, as we see the darkest of humanity, but also the most beautiful light of hope in that darkness. This book is downright unmissable!

Retail Description

"Nobody wants to die, Hannah. But these children... they haven't even lived yet. And you have a chance to save them. The question is just: are you brave enough?"

Nuremberg, 1946: A serene, darkly-dressed woman in the back row sits in the courtroom, listening alertly, her face hidden. As the judge pronounces the verdict against the white-haired man on the stand, she silently slips out outside in tears...

Berlin, 1940. Hannah Stern is a twenty-seven-year-old nurse and midwife, who takes a job at Vienna's esteemed hospital Am Steinhof. At first the hospital seems like a safe haven—a beautiful, airy, spacious place of healing and recovery. She forms a close bond with a small boy named Willi, who is put in her care, and she begins to hope for a future beyond the war.

But the hospital has secrets. And they are darker than Hannah could ever have imagined. Children are disappearing. Not to the "better place" being promised. But somewhere else.

And when Willi is taken, Hannah knows she must act. She discovers one of the other nurses is also trying to help patients escape, she becomes determined to help in any way she can. But she is only one person. And to save even one life, she must risk her own...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'Had me crying bucket loads... Don't forget your tissues, a totally gripping read.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'I loved this story and the storytelling so much... This is a novel you must not miss. It is a 5* hit... excellent in every way.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

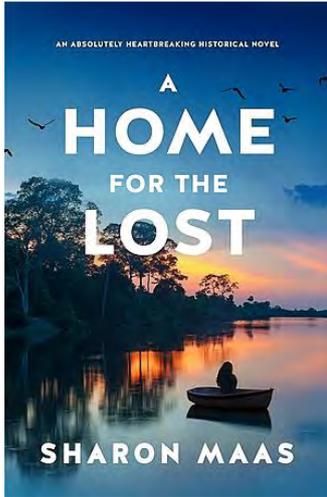
Author Biography

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



Historical

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A Home for the Lost Sharon Maas

Previous Translation Publishers

Fingerprint (Indian), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (Hungarian), Corint Books (Romanian)

For fans of *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *Before We Were Yours* and *The Girls*

Sharon Maas has sold over 300,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture.

Editor's Note

Inspired by the heartbreaking events of The Jonestown Massacre, *A Home for the Lost* is a tragic and beautiful novel based on a true story about a forgotten chapter in America's history.

Retail Description

When journalist Zina Quint loses her husband and child in a tragic accident, she returns home to Guyana to grieve. But when she hears cries and music floating through the trees, her curiosity compels her to learn more about the Americans who have set up camp in a run-down village nearby. Their leader, Jim Jones, dark eyed and charismatic, claims to be a peaceful man who has promised his followers paradise.

But everything changes when Zina meets one of his followers, a young woman called Lucy, in a ramshackle grocery store. Lucy grabs Zina's arm, raw terror in her eyes, and passes her a note with a phone number, begging her to call her mother in America.

Zina is determined to help Lucy, but locals warn her to stay away from the camp, and as sirens and gunshots echo through the jungle at nightfall, she knows they are right. But she can't shake the frightened woman's face from her mind, and when she discovers that there are young children kept in the camp she has to act fast.

Zina's only route to the lost people is to get close to their leader, Jim Jones. But if she is accepted, will she be able to persuade the frightened followers to risk their lives and embark on a perilous escape under the cover of darkness? And when Jim Jones hears of her plans, could she pay the highest price of all?

Reviews for Sharon Maas

'If only I could give this book 100 stars rather than 5!... Captivated me right from the start. 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, ★★★★★

'A wonderful story!... drew me in and held my attention right to the end... one that will stay with me, it was heart-wrenching at times but so well done.' Donna's Book Blog, ★★★★★

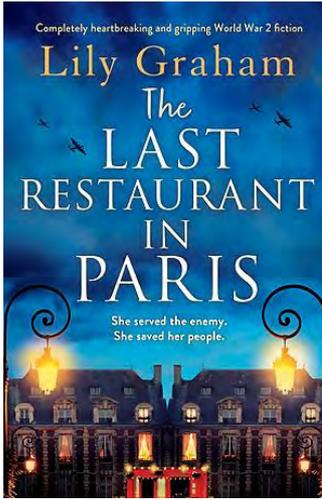
Author Biography

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.



Historical

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The Last Restaurant in Paris Lily Graham

Previous Translation Publishers

Editora Autentica (Brazilian), Heyne/Diana (German), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), 20/20 Editora (Portuguese), Foksal (Polish), Arkadya (Turkish), Minoas (Greek), City Editions (French), JP Politikens (Danish/Swedish)

For fans of The Nightingale, The Paris Library and The Alice Network

Since joining Bookouture Lily has sold 400,000 ebooks and has had six kindle top ten bestsellers.

Editor's Note

THE LAST RESTAURANT IN PARIS is set in enemy-occupied France, where a little restaurant has closed its doors for the last time. Scratched on the window are the words 'traitor and murderer'. The owner, Claudette, has disappeared without a trace... Years later, Sabine must discover what happened to her grandmother Claudette and if she was a traitor or in fact a heroine...

Retail Description

Paris 1944: In enemy-occupied France, a little restaurant has closed its doors for the last time. Scratched on the window are the words 'traitor and murderer'. The owner, Claudette, has disappeared without a trace...

Years later, Claudette's granddaughter, Sabine, stands under the faded green awning, a heavy brass key in her hand, ready to re-open her grandmother's abandoned restaurant. The locals crowd the street, staring at Sabine. Sabine's grandmother was a traitor and hated by them, and they cannot understand why she would want to purchase a place they believe to be cursed, where one of the worst tragedies of the war occurred...

But Sabine can remember her grandmother's smile, the laughter of the locals in the restaurant, and Claudette's country-style cooking scenting the air. Determined to renovate the restaurant and bring back the place her grandmother had been so proud to own, she is shocked when she discovers a secret compartment in the walls, containing hundreds of hidden passports belonging to different women from all over Europe. As Sabine dives deeper into her grandmother's past, it becomes clear that Claudette was not a traitor but a heroine. But where is she now and what happened to the woman who sacrificed so much for so many?

A haunting and compelling story of love, strength and sacrifice in Nazi-occupied Paris as one brave young woman risks everything to change the world around her.

Reviews for Lily Graham

'I absolutely loved this... heartbreaking and heart-warming... I was completely hooked... an absolutely amazing book, one which I was completely captivated by... will stay with you for such a long time after you've finished reading it.' Starburst Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Keep the tissues handy... By far the absolute best book I've read this year!... I devoured it in one sitting... a historical fiction masterpiece... Please keep writing, Lily Graham, the world needs more of your books!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

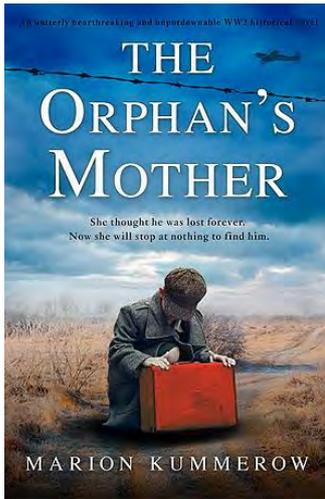
Author Biography

Lily has been telling stories since she was a child, starting with her imaginary rabbit, Stephanus, and their adventures in the enchanted peach tree in her garden, which she envisioned as a magical portal to Enid Blyton's Faraway Tree. She's never really got out of the habit of making things up, and still thinks of Stephanus rather fondly. She lives with her husband and her English bulldog, Fudge, and brings her love for the sea and country-living to her fiction.



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The Orphan's Mother Marion Kummerow

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Fortuna (Slovak & Czech)

For fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, My Name is Eva and Sold on a Monday

Author has sold over 90,000 copies to date and her previous title From The Dark We Rise amassed over 6,000 preorders

Editor's Note

I completely ADORED this truly outstanding new standalone novel from Marion Kummerow. Marion is a German author writing in English, who uniquely understands the experience of real Germans in the Second World War, and who has an extraordinary ability to shine a light on a lesser-known part of war in a unique and beautiful way. With this incredible novel, she captures a mother's total desperation, her love for her son, and his own experience as a refugee child in this time. I think it is also a story that resonates right up to the modern day, with powerful themes of displacement, motherhood, love and loss. An absolute MUST READ for historical fiction fans!

Retail Description

1945, the German-Polish border: With Nazis approaching from one side and Soviet forces on the other, a mother and her little boy are separated, and so begins a powerful tale of courage, heartbreak and motherhood in wartime.

As snow begins to fall, and word reaches their town that the Soviet forces are approaching, German-born mother-of-two Emma knows she has no choice: she must pack their meagre belongings and leave their home, in search of safety. Even if safety is within Nazi Germany.

But as the icy grip of winter tightens around them her son—her blue-eyed angel—four-year-old Jacob becomes ill. Desperate for him to get well enough to continue their journey, she takes him to a hospital, where she hands him to a kind nurse. But then their lives change forever as a terrible attack separates mother and son. And when she finally gets back to the hospital, she finds it deserted, her son gone. Though her heart tells her to risk her life to locate him, she can't possibly leave her daughter to search for him. So all she can do pray that he survived and that he is out there being cared for. Because she knows, as soon as she has found safety for her little girl, she will have no choice but to go in search of her beloved son, who she can never believe died that day. Because even in wartime, there is nothing more powerful than a mother's love...

Reviews for Marion Kummerow

'Awesome!!!... WOW... Completely and utterly amazing... I cannot explain how much I enjoyed reading this... I highly highly recommend this story!!!... Simply amazing!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'It made me weep... a roller coaster of emotions.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Marion Kummerow was born and raised in Germany, before she set out to "discover the world" and lived in various countries. In 1999 she returned to Germany and settled down in Munich where she's now living with her family. Her books are filled with raw emotions, fierce loyalty and resilience. And she never forgets to include humor and undying love in her books, because ultimately love is what makes the world go round.



Historical

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The Boy in the Attic Imogen Matthews

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovský (Czech), Uitgeverij De Fontein (Dutch), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Nightingale* and *Fiona Valpy*.

Editor's Note

This is a heartbreaking WW2 story of one woman's struggle to keep her Jewish lover alive in Nazi-occupied Holland. In a dual-timeslip story, the granddaughter she never knew she had is searching for her, to try and piece together her father's history - he was given up for adopted after the war. What follows is a beautifully compelling story of one woman's fight to survive the German occupation, starvation, privation and a secret liaison that will change her life forever.

Retail Description

Nazi-occupied Holland, 1945. As soldiers patrol the streets, eighteen-year-old Ilse is only just surviving the terrible famine and increasing danger. But when a young Jewish man called Levi, whose family are imprisoned in concentration camps, begs her for shelter, Ilse agrees to hide him in her attic.

It breaks her heart, but she knows she must keep him a secret from her best friend Daniel, who has been forced to join the Nazi party. Ilse knows that if Daniel finds Levi he will have to arrest him – and her too.

But as the war worsens and tensions rise in Holland, hiding Levi becomes more difficult, even as her affection for him grows. Then Daniel promises to marry her, and she knows that his love for her may be able to keep her safe. But when Ilse falls pregnant, she is forced to make an impossible choice...

London, present day. When Anna's father dies, he leaves her a ticket to Holland, a bent, silver sixpence on a delicate silver chain, and a note begging her to complete the journey he was never able to. To the village where he was born, to find out once and for all who his own father was. His mother's best friend. Or his mother's greatest secret.

Reviews for Imogen Matthews

'Literally gave me shivers... Absolutely heartbreaking... Gripping... This one really got to me, I was in tears... Will stay with me for a very long time.' Echoes in an Empty Room, ★★★★★

'Unbelievable... Drop everything as you will not want to put this down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with an interest in forgotten stories from WW2 Holland. Imogen was born in Rijswijk, Holland, to a Dutch mother and English father who moved the family to England when Imogen was very young. All her life, she listened to her mother's stories about her life in Holland, in particular the hardships she faced during the Hunger Winter in 1944-5, which has had a profound impact on her writing.



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