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Frankfurt 2021 Highlights

Dear all,

Welcome to Bookouture's Frankfurt 2021 Highlights list, fully updating our August-October catalogue to include highlights for the rest of the year and in to 2022.

We have an exciting range of new titles coming up in the next few months, whether you are looking for a propulsive crime thriller, an emotive historical tale or a fun-loving Christmas romcom.

The Bookouture Rights Team will be attending the Frankfurt Book Fair in person this year, so please do let us know if you are attending too – we would love to set up a meeting. If not: next year! But we would love to arrange a virtual meeting instead. Please do email to book in with us if you haven't done so already.

**Best wishes,
The Bookouture Rights Team**

ABOUT US

- Bookouture is a fast-growing UK publisher specialising in a broad range of fiction and non-fiction and building authors globally
- At just 9 years old, and with a team of 42 people, Bookouture has already scored 470 Amazon UK top-100 hits, and sold 50 million copies
- From only 903 books and 216 authors, we sold 10.2 million copies in 2020
- We published 264 new titles in 2020
- We have had over 57 UK top-five Kindle bestsellers and over 83 top-ten Kindle bestsellers

"Britain's hottest digital publisher" Publishers Weekly

WINNER Digital Business of the Year 2015, Bookseller Industry Awards

THE RIGHTS TEAM



Peta Nightingale
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I joined Bookouture in 2017. We are now four times the size as a company, and bringing the rights-selling process in-house is vital in order to optimise the opportunities for our titles in translation. My priority is to fully integrate the rights and editorial teams and maximise the rights potential of our acquisitions and IP development, in addition to growing translation rights for our titles.



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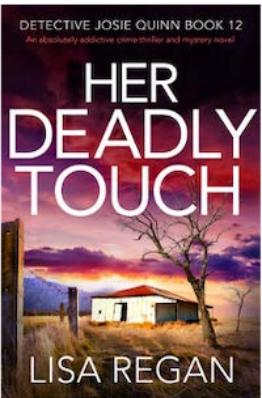
I joined Bookouture in 2021 after 10 years in the Rights team at Orion, where I sold a wide variety of rights, including translation and film/TV rights, across the entire Orion list. Now Bookouture has brought our rights business back in-house, I am the go-to person for translation rights in all territories and film/TV rights across the Bookouture catalogue.



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I joined the Bookouture team as Contracts and Rights Executive in 2020. I manage the sale of large print and audio rights, as well as handling contract and payment admin, and I'm delighted to be getting further involved in the rights selling process here at Bookouture.



Her Deadly Touch – Lisa Regan

In the aftermath of a personal loss that shattered Josie in the previous book, she must track down a twisted killer out for revenge as she battles her own crippling grief.

As the victims are picked off one by one, every second counts for Josie to save the lives of those who have already suffered the loss of those they treasured most...

Lisa Regan is an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author. Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine.

The series has sold more than 2 million copies.



The Hidden Girl – Roger Stelljes

In a vacation cabin by a lake in beautiful, remote Minnesota, a family is torn apart when a couple is murdered in a brutal way. As their surviving teenage daughter forges an unlikely bond with badass FBI agent Tori Hunter they are taken on the trail of a deadly killer: and there's no greater thrill than watching Tori close in.

Can Tori keep Cara, her one witness, safe from this vicious killer? And can she track him down before more innocent families are torn apart?

Fans of Kendra Elliot, Robert Dugoni and Lisa Jackson won't be able to put this down.

Previous Translation Publishers: Weltbild (Germany), Könyvmolyképző (Hungary), Grada (Czech Republic), Kariera Press (Russia)

Pub: 12/08/2021
Extent: 306pp

Roger Stelljes is the acclaimed New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of pulse-pounding murder mystery and suspense novels.

Pub: 07/10/2021
Extent: tbc

Hold your breath...



Stolen Ones – Angela Marsons

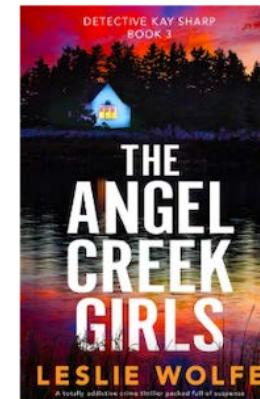
25 years ago he took a girl. Today he takes another.

Stolen Ones is the 15th novel in the bestselling Detective Kim Stone series which has now sold 4.5 million copies, and features the return of a popular and infamous character, Dr Alex Thorne.

Sold in 29 languages, Angela Marsons is a bestselling author around the world, with an incredible series character that readers have taken to their hearts. In July 2020 Angela won the prestigious Premio Bancarella award in Italy for *Dead Souls*, and her novel *Broken Bones* is currently in the top 10 in Italy. The French edition of *Silent Scream* has been shortlisted in the translated fiction category for the Pocket Prix Nouvelles Voix du Polar Award 2021.

Angela Marsons is Bookouture's top selling author. The Kim Stone series is sold in 29 languages and has reached #1 in UK and Italian bestseller charts.

Pub: 11/11/2021
Extent: tbc



The Angel Creek Girls – Leslie Wolfe

Detective Kay Sharp vows to get to the bottom of a heart-breaking murder that has rocked Mount Chester; a small town with a population of 3,823. A single mother has been brutally killed in front of her three daughters. The youngest, three-year-old Erin, is lying inches from the body, her pigtails loose, her face tear-stained. Eight-year-old Heather is discovered hiding under her bed. Sixteen-year-old Julie is nowhere to be found.

The peaceful community may never recover from the truth; that there is a serial killer hiding in their midst who preys on helpless girls.

The Angel Creek Girls is one hell of a thrill ride – fast paced, packed with twist after twist after twist, guaranteed to get you gasping and your pulse going like mad.

Previous Translation Publishers: Alma dos Livros (Portugal)

Pub: 19/08/2021
Extent: 336pp

Pretty Broken Dolls – Jennifer Chase

As day breaks over the fairground, Detective Katie Scott forces herself to take in another disturbing scene in front of her. A woman her age found slumped in the carriage of the Ferris wheel, red lipstick dragged across her lips, her throat cut.

Katie doesn't want to believe that the serial killer picking off women across the state has found their way to the small town of Pine Valley, California, but when her team finds a gold engagement ring hanging nearby, it's a terrifying, but undeniable fact. And what's worse is the vital link between the victims is Katie herself.

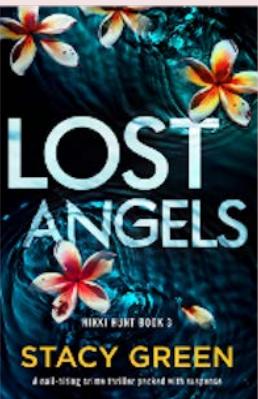
Fast-paced, addictive and totally gripping from beginning to end, *Pretty Broken Dolls* is one of our strongest performing crime launches in recent history, this series keeps going from strength to strength.

The first in the series, *Little Girls Sleeping* has now sold well over 100k copies, and reached the Top 100 on the Kindle CA, UK and US charts.

Pub: 05/08/2021
Extent: 302pp

Previous Translation Publishers: Computer Media (Czech Republic), Chambre Noire (France)

Pub: 06/09/2021
Extent: 150pp



Lost Angels – Stacy Green

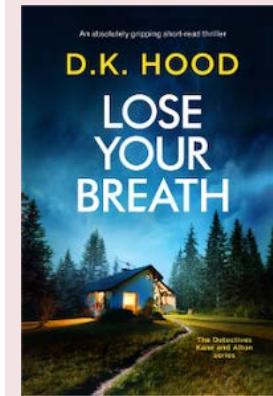
When Special Agent Nikki Hunt is called to the Boundary Waters near Stillwater, Minnesota, it's not just the cold that shocks her to her core: the body of a young woman has been found frozen beside a remote lake. Nikki is devastated to see the victim is her childhood friend Annmarie, and she recognizes the velvet ribbon tied in her hair as the hallmark of a serial killer who she has been hunting for years.

The third instalment in Stacy Green's new crime series sees Special Agent Nikki Hunt reliving past nightmares. The killer was one of her first ever cases, and she's desperate to stop him killing again. But Nikki soon realizes that he's someone she knows, that he's been in her life since she was a child.

Stacy has had readers captivated by Nikki's complex past, and in this explosive thriller, she unravels even more.

Stacy Green is the bestselling author of more than 10 award-winning novels and nonfiction short stories.

Pub: 27/08/2021
Extent: 268pp



Lose Your Breath – D.K. Hood

When secretary Annie Parkes is snatched from the street outside of her workplace, special forces soldier David Kane is tasked with finding her. Strong, highly skilled, and secretive, he's a loner and an outsider; the only one trusted to find Annie before her kidnappers make good on their promise to kill her.

But as Kane pulls Annie from a derelict building under a hail of gunshots, he realizes rescuing her is just the beginning. He needs to keep her close to find out who is behind her capture, and to keep her safe.

Focusing on Deputy David Kane, this gripping prequel takes us through his life before he came to Black Rock Falls as a US secret agent.

D.K. Hood has sold over 800K copies across the entire series. She lives in Australia.

Previous Translation Publishers: Computer Media (Czech Republic), Chambre Noire (France)

Pub: 06/09/2021
Extent: 150pp

Don't look now...



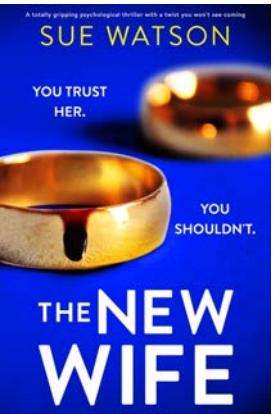
Her Dying Wish - Carla Kovach

Four female friends. Two dead husbands. Someone found out their secrets and is making them all pay.

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.

All books in the Gina Harte series can be read as standalone. For fans of MJ Arlidge.

Pub: 16/12/2021
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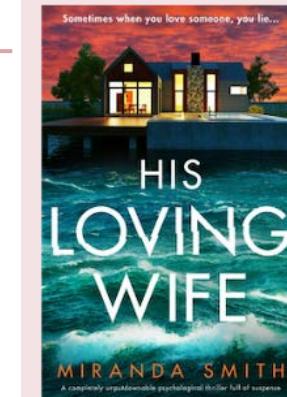
The New Wife – Sue Watson

My darling son, Sam, is marrying his childhood sweetheart, Lauren.

But weeks later, Lauren is dead and police cars fill the driveway of their idyllic countryside home. As they question Sam, I sense he's hiding something. And who does he rush off to meet as soon as the police are gone?

Desperate, I let myself into their bedroom and find that my son's beautiful wife was hiding a dangerous secret. Can I clear my son's name? And could my life be in danger now too?

Sue Watson is the queen of the psychological thriller and her books have sold over 968,000 copies.



His Loving Wife – Miranda Smith

A home invasion is the catalyst for a marriage breaking down, and as the husband seeks answers in increasingly extreme spaces online, the scene is set for a truly devastating twist.

The danger his loving wife fears is not an external threat but coming from the man she loves the most, who decides the only way to protect is family from the world... is to kill them.

It's both a mind-blowing page-turner and a really arresting rich read, unafraid to tackle big subjects and ask big questions.

Fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *Behind Closed Doors* and *Gillian Flynn* will be completely hooked.

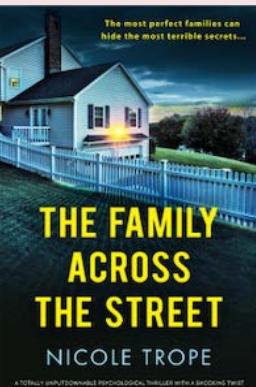
Previous Translation Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Filia (Poland)

Pub: 19/11/2021
Extent: tbc

Previous Translation Publishers: Filia (Poland)

Pub: 04/10/2021
Extent: tbc

How well do you *really* know them...?



The Family Across the Street – Nicole Trope

Every family has secrets, and on the hottest day of the year, the truth is about to come out on Hogarth Street in one of Sydney's serene suburbs.

As a tragedy unfolds behind closed doors – the new family is being held a gunpoint – and as the dawn chorus is split by the wail of sirens, one by one the neighbours who tried so hard to welcome the Wests to their neighbourhood begin to realise: Hogarth Street will never be the same again.

This is a standout thriller and change of direction for women's suspense author Nicole Trope, with exceptional characterisation and breathless tension. Her six previous novels have sold over 340K copies to date. Perfect for fans of Lianne Moriarty.



The Couple Upstairs – Shalini Boland

We'd invited our neighbours to our housewarming. I wanted to make a good impression – to show them we're exactly the sort of people they want living on their street.

But I hadn't thought about who they might be, the strangers I was letting in... I think of all the little things that had been going wrong since we moved in. Am I going crazy, or is someone trying to destroy us?

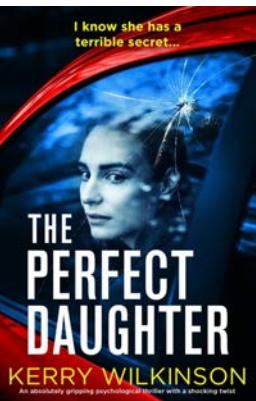
Shalini Boland has sold over a million copies since her first publication with Bookouture in November 2017 and is a USA Today Bestseller several times over.

Previous Translation Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Filia (Poland), Marcador (Portugal)

Pub: 06/08/2021
Extent: 248pp

Previous Translation Publishers: Muvett Nep (Hungary), Wydawnictwo Literackie (Polish), Eksmo (Russia) Weltbild, Hope Edizioni (Italy), Euromedia (Czech Republic), Legendary Television (TV/Film), RAO Distributie (Romania), Ersen (Estonia)

Pub: 13/09/2021
Extent: 258pp



The Perfect Daughter – Kerry Wilkinson

Rain pounds the windscreen in the pitch-black evening. She knows this winding country road like the back of her hand, dodges the potholes with ease. But then she hears a crunch. A thud.

The best psychological thrillers take an ordinary person and put them in a terrible situation. In *The Perfect Daughter*, Kerry explores how it takes just one moment, one awful decision, to tear apart a life. When our protagonist hits a woman in the road and makes the split-second decision to drive away, she is thrown into a world of guilt, blackmail, and lies. Kerry forces us to confront the dark side that's lying within all of us in a nail-biting thriller for fans of Shari Lapena, Lisa Jewell and *The Girl on the Train*.

Previous Translation Publishers: Mati (Greece), Newton Compton (Italy), Publish & More (Hungary)

Pub: 16/09/2021
Extent: 278pp



Missing Daughter – Kiersten Modglin

My husband says I've been struggling since Skylar was born. But I remember every moment of my daughter's party—including him locking the door after our family and friends left. Yes, we both had a drink, but I know I would have heard my child cry. A good mother always does...

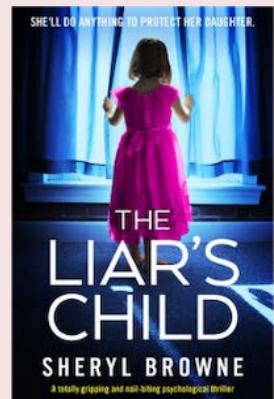
My therapist says I need to stand up for myself. She wants me to confront my husband about the woman I heard him talking to the other night when he thought I was asleep. And about the child's toy that I found that does not belong to Skylar. Is he hiding something? I can't trust him, but can I truly trust myself?

Missing Daughter is the second Bookouture novel by US author Kiersten Modglin, about every parent's worst nightmare, following up her sensationally twisted thriller *Just Married*.

Previous Translation Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), AST (Russia)

Pub: 8/11/2021
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What would you do?

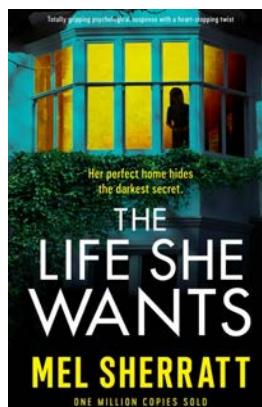


The Liar's Child – Sheryl Browne

When Kay's daughter Poppy comes home from school claiming a girl in her class is identical to her, Kay thinks nothing of it, but as she waits at the school gates the next day and sees Poppy and Olivia walking towards her, she freezes. That dark hair, those almond shaped eyes and that high pitch laughter – they're the same as her husband.

Kay begins to delve into Olivia's past, assuming her husband has had an affair, but what she discovers is far more devastating than that...

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, selling over 461k copies across all her Bookouture titles.



The Life She Wants – Mel Sherratt

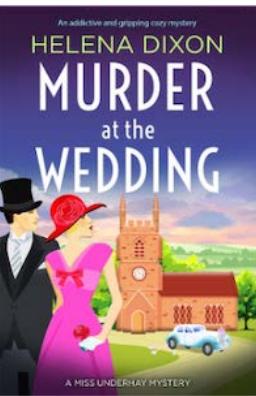
Mel Sherratt is the author of 15 crime novels, all of them bestsellers, and has sold over 1.5 million books. Her writing cuts to the dark heart of her characters whilst at the same time shining a light on the tragic circumstances which lead someone to tip over from leading a normal life to becoming either an innocent victim or indeed a psychotic killer. *The Life She Wants* is a pulse-pounding thriller about control and, like previous Bookouture novel *Ten Days*, puts strong female characters at the heart of the mystery and at the heart of the twist.

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

Previous Translation Publishers: Euromedia (Czech Republic), Garzanti (Italy), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Poland)

Pub: 21/09/2021
Extent: 326pp

Pub: 29/11/21
Extent: tbc



Murder at the Wedding – Helena Dixon

'Till death do us part may come sooner than they thought...

It should be the best day of cousin Lucy's life, but by the end of her wedding ceremony there are already two dead bodies, one of which is the best man.

The super sleuthing duo Kitty Underhay and ex-army captain Matthew Bryant are sure that there is a murderer within the castle walls. But can they untangle the victims' final hours and catch this killer before they strike again, or will the wedding bells be replaced by a death knell for Kitty herself?

***Murder at the Wedding* is yet another sensational murder mystery packed with the signature warmth, humour, quirky characters, and devilish plotting that Helena Dixon's fans adore in this wonderful series.**

Previous Translation Publishers: Vintage Editore (Italy)

Pub: 06/10/2021
Extent: 244pp



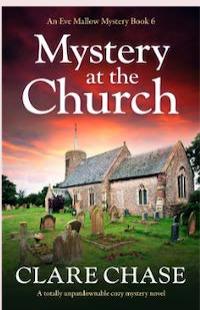
Death on a Winter's Day – Verity Bright

Lady Swift is spending Christmas at a castle in Scotland, but when a guest is found dead and they ask her to investigate, she has a mystery to solve. Verity Bright, the UK top 100 and Australia top 10 bestseller, is back with a fabulous new cosy novel filled with intriguing mystery, twisty red herrings and 1920s glamour. This is the perfect winter novel to curl up with by the fire – expect plenty of cosy Christmas details as Lady Swift and her sidekick Gladstone the bulldog come to the rescue once again!

The Lady Eleanor Swift mystery series has sold over 100,000 copies.

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Extent: tbc

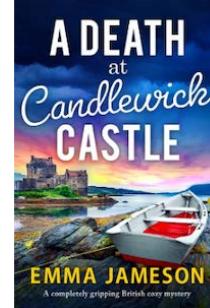
Super sleuths



Mystery at the Church - Clare Chase

The sixth 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. Each book also features a unique, fun setting: this one is behind the scenes at a TV series, before the director gets 'cut'!

The series has now sold over 80,000 copies with over £180k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book.

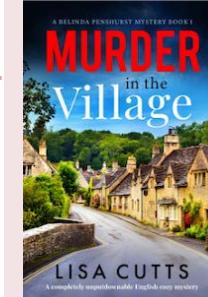


A Death at Candlewick Castle – Emma Jameson

Jemima Jago is back and entangled in another murder! Set in the Cornish Isles of Scilly, readers will be swept away by the beaches, endless starry skies and sea views.

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Emma Jameson's writing is witty, charming and hilarious. She knows exactly what cosy crime readers want.

Fans of M.C. Beaton, Faith Martin and Agatha Christie will adore A Death at Candlewick Castle.



Murder in the Village – Lisa Cutts

Belinda Penshurst loves her home village Little Challham, with its shady lanes, two pubs and weekly market, and she's determined to keep it peaceful. She may live in Challham Castle but she knows almost everything that goes on under her nose. So when irritable pub landlord

Tipper is found dead in his cellar, she's perfectly placed to investigate.

A charming cosy mystery full of laughs and eccentric character, perfect for fans of M.C. Beaton, H.Y. Hanna and Emily Organ.

Previous Translation Publishers: Bladkompaniet AS (Norway), Luebbe (Germany)

Pub: 04/08/2021
Extent: 282pp

Emma is a NYT and USA Today bestseller. Her previous novels have sold 500,000 copies.

Pub: 20/08/2021
Extent: 270pp

Lisa Cutts is a full-time detective constable investigating murders for a living.

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Extent: 284pp

The Mistletoe Pact – Jo Lovett

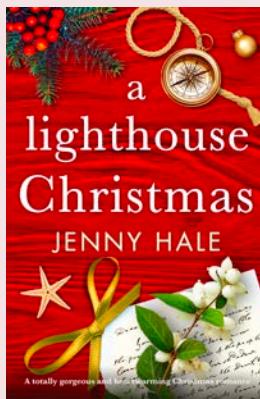
Nine years ago, Evie and Dan made a pact: if they weren't married by thirty-five, they were going to marry each other. Right before they shared that first amazing kiss under the mistletoe. But neither of them imagined that they'd actually seal the deal on Evie's thirtieth birthday. Because all the best decisions are made drunk and in Vegas, right?

Fall in love this Christmas with this feel-good story about love and second chances. Fans of *One Day in December*, *This Time Next Year* and Beth O'Leary will adore *The Mistletoe Pact*.



Jo was runner-up in the Good Housekeeping/ Orion First Novel Competition 2018 and shortlisted for the Comedy Women in Print Award 2019.

Pub: 01/10/2021
Extent: tbc



A Lighthouse Christmas – Jenny Hale

A wonderfully uplifting page-turner about everyone's favourite time of year—the beauty of being at home with family, believing in happy ever afters, and the magic of Christmas, when everything feels possible...

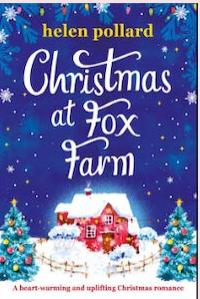
A Lighthouse Christmas is the perfect slice of Yuletide magic. Read it and escape to a rugged lighthouse in a quaint seaside village. Curl up with a warm mug of cocoa as you get swept away by a gorgeous love story, small-town secrets, and a happy ever after to give you ALL the feels. In a nutshell, it's festive perfection!

A shining star of the Bookouture list, bestseller Jenny Hale has sold nearly 1 million copies of her titles and has been translated into six languages and counting.

Previous Translation Publishers: Fanucci (Italian), Pegasus (Turkey), Hermes (Bulgaria), Bastei Lübbe (Germany), Newton Compton (Italy), Weltbild (Germany), Bladkompaniet AS (Norway), ERSEN (Estonia)

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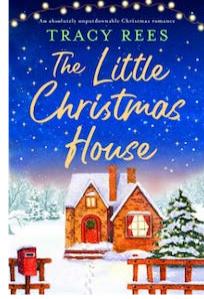
Feel good this Christmas



Christmas at Fox Farm – Helen Pollard

Living at Fox Farm, with its cosy café, beautiful pottery studio and charming gift shop, is a dream come true for thirty-one-year-old Daisy. The kindly owner, Jean, and the close-knit village feel like the home and family Daisy has never had. But this year they will need an extra pinch of festive magic to keep Christmas alive...

Grab a mug of hot chocolate and lose yourself in this utterly charming and romantic holiday tale that proves home is where the heart is. This is the book that will make your Christmas!



The Little Christmas House – Tracy Rees

Two broken hearts. A beautiful old house. And a Christmas to remember... Meet Holly and Edward - both newly single and moved to the charming village of Hopley. Can they learn to open up their hearts again before it's too late?

Curl up with this magical, feel-good Christmas read!

Perfect for fans of Trisha Ashley, Sarah Morgan and Carole Matthews. Tracy's previous novels have been published in 16 languages and she has sold over 450,000 copies worldwide.



Christmas in the Scottish Highlands – Donna Ashcroft

Christmas in the Scottish Highlands is Donna's fourth Christmas book with Bookouture and there's no one better at creating a cosy, inviting world that readers just want to step inside. You'll want to wander down the snowy streets of the picturesque Scottish village of Lockton and stop in at the

Apple Cross Inn for a mulled wine. Donna is fantastic at building a cast of loveable and quirky characters and involving romances that will have you racing through the pages to find your happy ending.

We've sold over 100k copies of Donna's books.



If Only – Angela Marsons

When one summer evening, over several glasses of wine, Cher, Sarah and Deb drunkenly make a wish, they don't think for one minute that it will come true. It's just three best friends having a laugh. Or is it?

But what if they are searching for happiness in all the wrong places? And is it time to stop wishing and start living?

Million-copy selling crime author Angela Marsons puts down her crime hat to return with a romantic comedy full of laugh-out-loud 'I've so done that' moments, and plenty of emotional twists and turns that will keep you refilling your wine and racing through to the end.



Champagne Problems – Danielle Owen-Jones

Six months ago, she was the heiress to a multi-million-pound soup empire. Now, she's standing in a giant bin.

After cycling through the five stages of grief following the implosion of her family's soup empire, and her parent's rage-quitting the country, Bella changes her surname on her CV and gets to work, landing a job at the local soup kitchen.

But 500 Prada handbags won't keep a girl warm at night, so Bella will do anything to keep hold of this job. But hiding her old identity from her new friends was never going to end well, and when Bella's old life comes calling, she'll have to decide where she really belongs.

A hilarious, feel-good rom com, perfect for fans of Schitt's Creek.

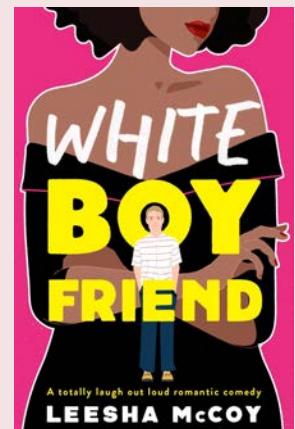
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Extent: 292pp

Debut author!

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Extent: tbc

Love and laughter



White Boyfriend – LeeSha McCoy

She's black, he's white. She's a workaholic, he's the definition of laidback. She knows exactly what she wants from life, he's never thought about it. Could they be any more different?

Nikki meets John – with whom she **really** doesn't have anything in common. Not only is he the only white guy she's ever been on a date with, he's kind of a dork... and a terrible dancer... and he smiles all the time (maybe they're all like this?). That doesn't stop him from being kind of sexy though, in a strictly no-strings-attached, this-is-definitely-not-serious way. Because two people as different as Nikki and John could never actually make a relationship work... right?

This funny, sexy, feel-good page-turner is perfect for fans of romantic comedies *The Friend Zone* and *The Hating Game*.



Greece Actually – Sue Roberts

Take one sea-view villa, add two dates with a Greek God, a few glasses of wine, a dash of accidental nudity, and a heavy dose of sunshine. Recipe for a perfect getaway... or an absolute disaster?

An absolutely laugh-out-loud summer rom-com guaranteed to give you THAT holiday feeling!

Sue Roberts' books have sold a very impressive 190,000 copies and they are perfect for fans of Carole Matthews, Jenny Colgan and Sophie Kinsella.

Debut author!

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Previous Translation Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Goldmann Verlag (Germany), Dressler Dublin (Poland), RAO (Romania)

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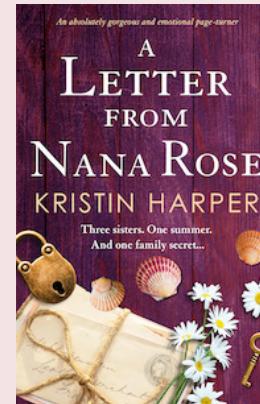


Find Me At Whisper Falls – Ellyn Oaksmith

When Freya Johanssen – newly-qualified vet and lifelong city girl – first arrives in Hazel Falls she has no idea just how much this charming small rural town will change her life.

Emotional growth, intergenerational friendships, strong women in all shapes and sizes and a sprinkling of romance: Ellyn Oaksmith delivers all of these in spades, along with sparkling humour and moments that will bring a lump to your throat.

Any fans of Netflix's *Virgin River* need Hazel Falls in their lives.



A Letter from Nana Rose – Kristin Harper

Kristen Harper fans absolutely adore the beautiful, escapist, beachside setting of Dune Island; and the way Kristin combines a gorgeous backdrop with the complex dynamics of family secrets is absolutely entrancing.

As three sisters try to decide what to do with their grandmother's beach house, they uncover a shocking revelation about their beloved Nana Rose which makes them question everything, including their relationship with each other.

Readers adored the feisty character of Aunt Ivy in Kristen's last beautiful read, and in *Nana Rose* they will meet another kind, loyal and tough older lady. *A Letter from Nana Rose* is spellbinding, powerful, and full of heart.

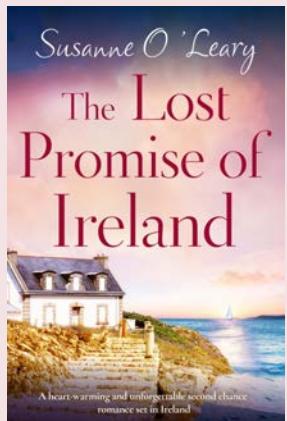
Ellyn Oaksmith is the USA Today and Kindle bestselling author of the Blue Hills Series.

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Kristin Harper's previous title *Aunt Ivy's Cottage* reached the Top 100 on the Kindle UK chart

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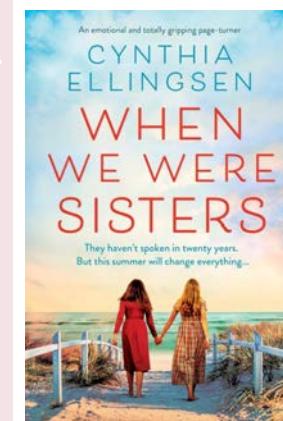
Be swept away...



The Lost Promise of Ireland – Susanne O'Leary

An enchanting summer romance set on the gorgeous Irish coast, where fresh starts are made, love beckons and secrets are sure to unfold...

The Lost Promise of Ireland is the third in Susanne's new bestselling warm, romantic series set in a small town in Ireland. The first book catapulted into the charts on release and is already reaching lots of new readers desperate to escape to the Irish coast. Featuring Ella, who has recently fled Paris, this story has a wonderful, charming hero and an intriguing older secondary character, eighty-five-year-old Lucille, who lives next door.



When We Were Sisters – Cynthia Ellingsen

Jayne hasn't seen her sister Charlotte since that last childhood holiday at their grandmother's North Carolina beach house. Separated after that summer by their parents in a bitter divorce, Charlotte has never forgiven Jayne for not fighting to stay together.

So when Jayne discovers that they have both inherited the beach house, and that their grandmother's last wish was for them to renovate it together, it feels like a miracle: one last chance to win her sister back.

But then Jayne discovers that Charlotte has kept a heart-stopping secret from their past from her. Can she find it in her heart to forgive her sister and keep their grandmother's dream of reuniting them alive—or are some wounds too big to heal?

The first title in the series, *The Lost Girls of Ireland* reached the Amazon top 40 chart in the UK, and sold over 20,000 copies within two months of publication.

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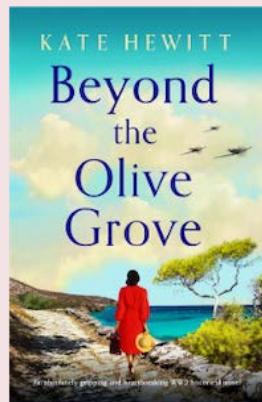
Previous Translation Publishers Ersen (Estonia)

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Extent: 280pp

The Girl on the Platform – Ellie Midwood

Berlin, 1939: this is the inspiring true story of Libby Schulze-Boysen, a German girl who refused to back down to the Nazis.

Ellie Midwood – now published in 12 languages – has written a stellar historical thriller in *The Girl on the Platform* – beyond gripping, taut with suspense, completely riveting until the shocking, climactic ending, and one of the most powerful love stories. Be transported to wartime Berlin, to the world of secret, smoke-filled jazz clubs and an underground resistance movement who risk their lives – who will risk everything.



Beyond the Olive Grove – Kate Hewitt

When Ava moves to Greece to inherit her grandmother Sophia's tumbledown house, she can't help but be drawn to Sophia's hidden past... even though the truth could change her own life forever.

Because Sophia's story is one of devastating choices she had to make during the Nazi invasion of her beloved country. It's a story of bravery, betrayal and tragedy. But most of all, it is a story about love...

Kate Hewitt is a major author for Bookouture and her titles have clocked up an incredible 690,000 copies sold to date. *Beyond the Olive Grove* is perfect for fans of Victoria Hislop's *The Island*.

Previous Translation Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), 20/20 Editora (Portugal), Publish and More (Álomgyár) (Hungary) + 8 more

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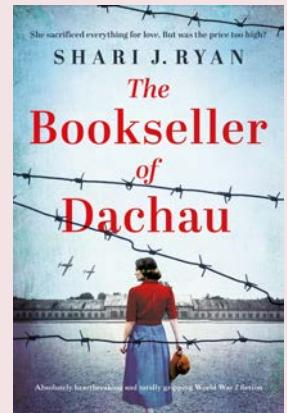
Pub: 13/08/2021
Extent: 276pp

Heroines of war

The Bookseller of Dachau – Shari J. Ryan

From modern-day New York to wartime Dachau, this beautifully spun dual-narrative novel is jam-packed with emotion: a bookshop faded with time, a forbidden love, a secret kept for generations...

This heart-wrenching yet hopeful tale will restore your faith in humanity, and in the power of love to triumph over evil. Fans of Kristin Hannah, Fiona Valpy and Kristin Harmel will be blown away by this breathtakingly gripping page-turner.



New Author!



When the Nightingale Sings – Suzanne Kelman

Based on an amazing true story...

1937, England: When an impossibly shy Judy Morgan finishes her studies at Cambridge University, she dreams of becoming a scientist, and changing the world for the better.

Meanwhile, a beautiful Jewish actress named Hedy Kiesler decides to flee her beloved Austria. The two women meet in London and – as they discover a shared passion for invention – an instant friendship is forged. But Judy holds a secret that could destroy not only their friendship but threaten the fate of the world forever...

Suzanne Kelman is the bestselling author of *A View Across the Rooftops*, which sold 134,000 copies for Bookouture and translated into five languages.

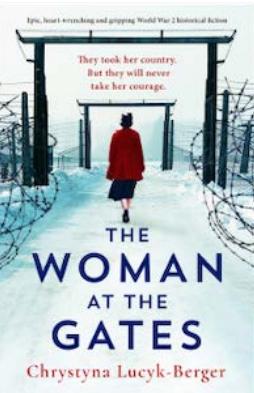
Shari J. Ryan is a USA Today Bestselling Historical Fiction writer. Previously titled *The Secret in the Attic*

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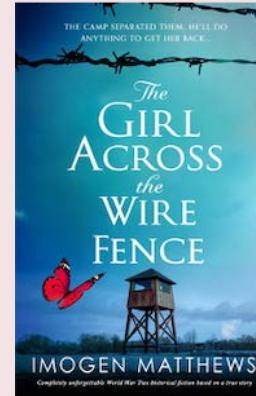
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Extent: 410pp

The Woman at the Gates – Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger



1944, Germany: Resistance fighter Antonia is out in the forest behind her family's beloved farm when the Nazi soldiers arrive. As she sees her sister Lena and her young nephews herded towards the trucks, guns pointed at their heads, she faces a split-second, heart-wrenching decision: to stay hidden, stay free and continue the fight. Or to give herself up and go with her family to protect them—no matter what lies ahead.

And now, Antonia's only thought is of how to escape...



The Girl Across the Wire Fence – Imogen Matthews

Imogen Matthew's first Bookouture publication is an unforgettable historical novel based on a true story. It's the story of Frans and Saskia, and a moment that changed their lives forever. When a prisoner in loose-fitting clothing thrust a letter into Frans' hands. A letter written in the dark in Amersfoort Concentration Camp, full of love and hope, that no one expected to be sent.

Set in Nazi-occupied Holland, in the darkest days of WW2, it is both utterly heartbreaking and completely uplifting.

New Author!

Inspired by the author's own family history and combining meticulous historical research with sweeping, emotional prose, this is the kind of historical fiction that will have you pressing copies of this book into the hands of everyone you know.

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Hope endures

From the Dark We Rise – Marion Kummerow

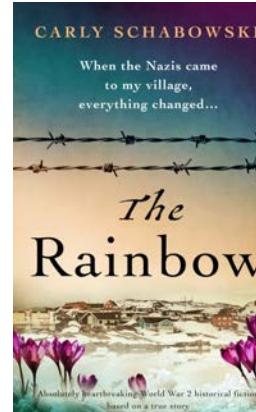
1942, Germany: When a young woman calling herself Annegret Huber unexpectedly inherits a huge fortune, including a house and factory just outside Berlin, her first thought is to try to see out the war quietly, avoiding the Gestapo and SS as best she can.

Because she can't risk being exposed for who she truly is. Not really Annegret. But a girl living a secret life. A girl who was once called Margarete.

But then an encounter with an escaped prisoner changes everything, as Margarete discovers what is happening at the factory and its attached labour camp. She must act.



From the Dark we Rise brilliantly continues the story of Margarete, a Jewish girl mistaken for a dead SS officer's daughter in *A Light in the Window*. Marion Kummerow is a German author living in Munich and has been previously self-published in German.



The Rainbow – Carly Schabowski

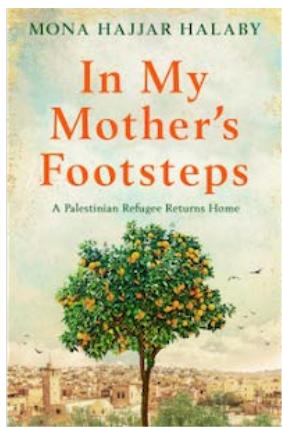
London, present day. Isla has grown up wearing her grandfather's rainbow scarf, a beloved memento from the Second World War, and hearing his stories about his time as a young soldier bravely fighting the Germans to protect his people. But as she is collecting photos for his 95th birthday celebration, she finds an old photograph of two men standing in Nazi uniforms, next to a folded piece of paper... a newspaper article, written in German. She knows that name.

Her grandfather is too weak to answer questions, so Isla begins her hunt for the truth.

Carly Schabowski is a rising star on the Bookouture list and is the author of *The Watchmaker of Dachau*, which is now translated into 4 languages and counting.

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In My Mother's Footsteps Mona Hajjar Halaby

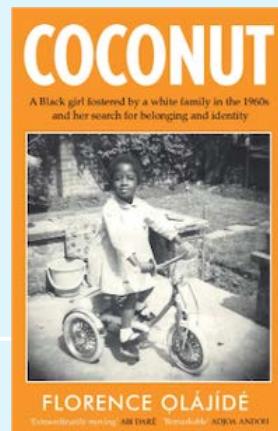
1948, Jerusalem. Zakia is forced to flee the only home she's ever known as war rips through the leafy streets and the bustling spice-filled souqs. Taking just one suitcase, Zakia thinks she'll be able to return soon. But within weeks, she realises she won't be allowed back to her beloved homeland.

2007, California. Mona grew up with her mother Zakia's memories of Palestine, imagining the muezzin's call for prayer and the medley of church bells her mother so vividly described to her. So, when Mona gets the opportunity to teach conflict resolution in Ramallah, she also embarks on a personal pilgrimage to find her mother's home in militarized and occupied Jerusalem.

In My Mother's Footsteps is a moving and heart-rending journey of a daughter discovering her roots and recovering her mother's beloved past. It's also an intimate and tender account of daily life for Palestinians as never seen before. Perfect for fans of *The Bookseller of Kabul* and *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*.

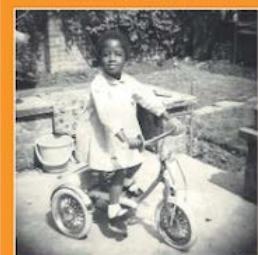
Mona Hajjar Halaby is a Palestinian-American educator, writer and social historian.

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COCONUT

A Black girl fostered by a white family in the 1960s and her search for belonging and identity



FLORENCE OLÁJÍDÉ

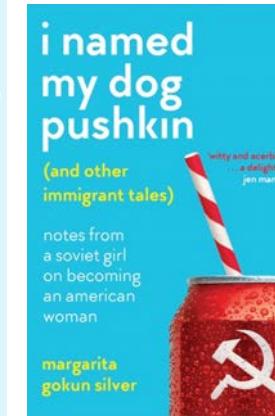
Florence's story is an unputdownable tale of loss and loneliness, surviving poverty, maltreatment and fighting to get an education. Most of all, it's a moving, uplifting and inspiring account of one woman's self-determination to discover who she is and find her way to a place she can call home.

Perfect for fans of Lemn Sissay's *My Name is Why* and Tara Westover's *Educated*.

Florence Olájídé is an educator and her passion is improving children's lives.

Coconut Florence Olájídé

A generation of Nigerian children were born in Britain in the fifties and sixties, privately fostered by white families, then taken to Nigeria by their parents. *Coconut* is the story of one of those children.

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notes from
a soviet girl
on becoming
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woman

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She finds herself changing her name to fit in, disappointing her parents who expect her to become a doctor, a lawyer, an investment banker and a classical pianist – all at the same time, learning to date without hang-ups (there is no sex in the Soviet Union), parenting her own daughter 'while too Russian', and not being able to let go of old habits (never, ever throw anything away because you might use it again).

Witty, sharp and unflinching, *I Named My Dog Pushkin* will have fans of David Sedaris and Samantha Irby howling with laughter at Margarita's catastrophes, her victories and her near misses as she learns to grow as both a woman and an immigrant in a world that often doesn't appreciate either.

I Named My Dog Pushkin Margarita Gokun Silver

When Margarita and her family arrived in the US, she had a clearly defined objective – become fully American as soon as possible and leave her Soviet past behind. But she soon learned that finding her new voice was harder than escaping the Soviet secret police.

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Margarita Gokun Silver is a freelance journalist, essayist, and novelist.

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