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# Women's Fiction



## Escape to the Little French Cafe

### Karen Clarke

Chick Lit

Previous series has sold over 130,000 copies to date. Amazon UK top 100 author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When thirty-one-year-old Natalie Bright's boyfriend dumps her and immediately gets engaged to his ex-girlfriend, she escapes her heartbreak and moves to the charming village of Chamillon on the Île de Ré.

She's determined to build a new life there: writing about farmer's markets for a local magazine, exploring the local vineyards on her bike, and taking advantage of the sunshine. And in the Café Belle Vie she finds a bustling community – including new best friend Charlie – and a near–constant supply of cakes.

All in all, things are looking pretty good.

So when a blast from the past – her teenage crush Jay Merino – suddenly turns up in Chamillon, Natalie's thrown. She's sworn off men ever since she moved to France, but she and Jay have a connection that stretches back years.

But could taking a chance on an old flame complete her new life - or ruin everything she's worked so hard for?

#### **REVIEWS**

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The Writing Garnet

'I absolutely adored this book and I definitely feel it is now one of my favourites of all time... brilliant from start to finish' 5 stars - Goodreads Reviewer

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

After giving up her job as a library assistant, Karen now writes full-time. She's had over 300 stories published in women's magazines in the UK and abroad, and has written three paranormal romantic comedies, published by Little, Brown/Corsair. When she's not writing she reads avidly, walks dogs at her local rescue centre, and is eagerly awaiting the next season of The Walking Dead. She lives in Buckinghamshire with her husband and three grown-up children.

#### **OPTIONS**



### Summer at the Little French Cafe

#### Karen Clarke

Chick Lit

Previous series has sold over 130,000 copies to date. Amazon UK top 100 author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Thirty-year-old Elle Matheson has decided it's finally time to find the mother who gave her up as a baby. With a faded postcard from the Café Belle Vie in hand – one of the very few things she has from her mother – she heads straight to the Île de Ré to begin her search.

With only the postcard and the ivory shawl she was wrapped in as clues, finding her mum is like trying to find a needle in a haystack, even with the help of friendly – and gorgeous – café–owner Charlie. And since Elle hasn't exactly told her younger sister what she's up to, the little white lies about where she is are starting to add up.

But Elle is really starting to feel at home on the beautiful island. The locals are welcoming, the café is homely, and Charlie is always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, and a pain au chocolat.

Is Elle about to discover not just where she came from - but where she belongs?

#### **REVIEWS**

'I about fell out of my chair laughing... It was hysterical... One of my favorite authors to turn to when I need a pick me up... Perfect... So many laughs my sides were sore after reading!... Hilarious' Novel Gossip, 5 stars

'Words cannot express how much I enjoyed this novel... hilarious... I couldn't put it down... I would 110% recommend this book. It's the perfect story to get you excited for summer... left me feeling all warm inside' The Cosiest Corner, 5 stars

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#### **OPTIONS**



### Little French Cafe Book 3

#### Karen Clarke

Chick Lit

Previous series has sold over 130,000 copies to date. Amazon UK top 100 author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Twenty-nine-year-old Kat Bailey loves Christmas. Except this year, because this is the year she was supposed to be getting married in a festive ceremony in the snow – until the relationship broke down and she found herself alone.

She's not really in the mood to be jolly or sing carols – in fact, what Kat really wants is to avoid the whole thing. So she's come to the charming village of Chamillon to stay with her Aunt Dolly at the Café Belle Vie.

But Kat's not the only person trying to ignore the festivities. Ryan Sadler is also hiding out at the café, and though there's a spark between then, Kat is determined to get through Christmas with no tinsel, no fuss – and definitely no romance.

With fairy lights covering every wall, a tree to equal the Rockefeller Center and, yes, mistletoe above every doorway, is Kat about to find that you just can't ignore Christmas spirit – and love – when it comes to call?

#### REVIEWS

What readers are saying about Karen Clarke:

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#### **OPTIONS**



### New Starts and Cherry Tarts at the Cosy Kettle

Liz Eeles

Chick Lit

Author's previous series sold over 20,000 copies

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

After yet another failed romance, twenty-six-year-old Callie Fulbright is giving up on love. She's determined to throw all her efforts into her very own, brand-new café: The Cosy Kettle. Serving hot tea, cherry tarts and a welcoming smile to the friendly locals proves to be the perfect distraction, and Callie feels a flush of pride at the fledging business she's built.

But her new-found confidence is soon put to the test when her gorgeous ex reappears in the quaint little village.

As Callie and Noah share laughter and memories, she starts to wonder if this could be her second chance at happiness. But when Callie discovers that someone is mysteriously trying to ruin the café's reputation, she has an awful suspicion that Noah knows who's involved.

Was she wrong to ever trust him again? And can she find out who's behind the lies and rumours, before it's too late for the Cosy Kettle?

#### **REVIEWS**

'I laughed my head off... Brilliant!... A touching, laugh out loud novel which is full of surprises, humour, but most importantly – the strength of those you love.' The Writing Garnet

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#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Audible, Rowohlt



# A Summer Escape and Strawberry Cake at the Cosy Kettle

Liz Eeles

Chick Lit

Author's previous series sold over 20,000 copies

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Flora has always lived in her handsome husband's shadow, and when she finds him entwined with a waitress half his age, she decides to escape. Leaving her hubby for good and investing in The Cosy Kettle café in the charming village of Honeyford is a leap into the unknown. But as the locals welcome her with open arms, Flora is proud that she made her escape and is following her own dreams.

She's soon growing close to café regular Daniel. As they share strawberry cake on walks together through the blossom-scented woods of Honeyford, both start to open up about past hurts, and the way his smile lights up his face makes Flora forget all her troubles.

But when Daniel goes silent, Flora is confused, and starts to wonder if he's hiding something. And with her ex turning up at the café, begging for her to come home and putting off customers, Flora feels torn. Should she return to the comfortable, safe life she had before? Or, this summer, should she escape for good?

#### REVIEWS

What readers are saying about Liz Eeles:

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#### **OPTIONS**

Audible, Rowohlt



### Cotswolds Book 3

Liz Eeles

Chick Lit

Author's previous series sold over 20,000 copies

COVER ART PENDING

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Liz Eeles:

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#### **OPTIONS**

Audible, Rowohlt

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### Sorry Not Sorry

Sophie Ranald

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Is this all there is? I scraped the last dregs of Caramel Chew Chew ice cream out of the bottom of the tub with my finger and licked it. It left a sticky smear on my phone's screen when I typed into Google, "How to find love, sex and happiness."

Charlotte has always been a good girl. But being good is getting boring...

She's not just stuck in a rut – she's buried in it up to her chin. The only company she has in bed is the back catalogue of Netflix and falling in love feels like the stuff of fairy tales. So when she stumbles across a popular podcast, 'Sorry Not Sorry', which challenges women to embrace their inner bad girl, she jumps at the chance to shake things up.

Old Charlotte would never ask for a stranger's number, go on a blind date or buy lacy lingerie... But New Charlotte is waving goodbye to her comfort zone (with a side order of margaritas). And it turns out that good things happen to bad girls...

#### **REVIEWS**

'Absolutely brilliant… I devoured it in a few hours because it was impossible to put down… Be prepared for a rollercoaster of emotions… Had me laughing all the way through… Perfect.' Goodreads Reviewer

'OMG THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST ROMANCE BOOKS I'VE EVER READ… I literally laughed out loud because it is just too relatable and too funny… Reminds me of Sophie Kinsella… CANNOT wait to read more books from this author!!' Bookish Bibliophile, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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. She lives in south-east London with her amazing partner Hopi and Purrs, their adorable little cat.



### It's Not You It's Him

### Sophie Ranald

Chick Lit

Previous title SORRY NOT SORRY has sold over 36,000 copies and reached the top 15 on Amazon UK

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

It's been ten days, two hours and forty-three minutes since Tansy got dumped.

Since then, she's spent every evening scrolling through their old photos, drunk texted Renzo twenty–six times (he stopped reading after five), and lost count of how many packets of Kleenex she's cried her way through.

That's where Operation Get Renzo Back comes in. She ropes in a new wing-woman, maxes out her credit card and accidentally-on-purpose bumps into him at every opportunity. Oh, and she finds a fake boyfriend, as you do…

But while she's busy pretending, Tansy's plan is thrown a major curveball. She has to learn the hard way that it's not her, it's him – and that sometimes, a break-up can end up being the making of you.

#### REVIEWS

What readers have to say about Sophie Ranald:

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### You, Me and Italy

### Sue Roberts

Chick Lit

Previous title MY BIG GREEK SUMMER sold 51,000 copies and reached the top 30 on Amazon

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Maisie Knight had it all. A gorgeous husband. A successful business. A beautiful home. Until one day, after walking into the storeroom of their shop, she loses it all at once – catching her husband cheating on her with the girl from Checkout 3. So when she wins a holiday to Italy, a week under the Tuscan sun couldn't come soon enough.

Treating best friends Cheryl and Emma to a girl's trip, the terracotta-roofed Villa Marisa on a rustic farm awaits them. The fields of golden sunflowers could be the perfect cure for Maisie's broken heart – and local farmer, suspiciously perfect Gianni, with his thick black hair and twinkling brown eyes is a welcome distraction from her broken heart.

Maisie could get used to the good life. But just as she's getting her spark back, disaster strikes. The next thing she knows, her past is catching up with her, reopening old wounds and Maisie has a life-changing decision to make. Should she say ciao to her summer of love and limoncello?

#### **REVIEWS**

'Ahh... gorgeous... a fantastic story... lots of laugh-out-loud moments... I literally flew through the pages... I loved every minute... I was literally glued to my Kindle for 3 consecutive days... brilliant' The Cosiest Corner

'I absolutely LOVED, no make that ADORED reading it.' Ginger Book Geek, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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!

#### **OPTIONS**

Newton Compton, Goldmann Verlag, Świat Książki, Audible

#### **RIGHTS SOLD**

Audible - Audio



### A Very French Affair

### Sue Roberts

Chick Lit

Previous title MY BIG GREEK SUMMER sold 51,000 copies and reached the top 30 on Amazon

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Life just got a whole lot more complicated for thirty-eight-year-old single mum Liv. Her son Jake is practically perfect in every way, but he's started asking some difficult questions, and the answers lie in a holiday romance twenty years ago. Back when Liv was staying with her aunt on the French Riviera…

Returning to the Cote d'Azur, with its white sandy beaches, her supportive aunt, and exquisite wine and cheese is harder than it sounds though. Because – if she's going to give Jake the answers he needs – Liv knows she has to hunt down her first love Andre. And since she's a professional baker rather than a professional investigator, she doesn't even have a clue where to start.

At first, finding the one that got away proves even trickier than she thought. And if she succeeds, how will he take the bombshell secret Liv has been keeping? Liv has to do the best thing for her family, but does that mean closing the door on this very French affair?

#### REVIEWS

Readers adore Sue Roberts' escapist reads:

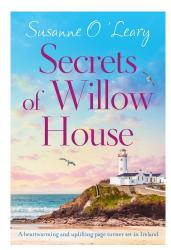
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#### **OPTIONS**

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### Secrets of Willow House

Susanne O'Leary

Chick Lit

Previous titles have sold 16,000 copies to date

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Maeve McKenna is under doctor's orders. Having worked herself into the ground as a sought–after interior designer in London, she's in need of some serious TLC. After running away from home to escape a broken heart, it's time to face up to her past.

Philomena Duffy is a little lonely. After losing her husband, their crumbling mansion, Willow House, feels awfully empty.

In desperate need of a time-out, Maeve visits her aunt Philomena in Sandy Cove, where she once, as a teenager, kissed a wild, mysterious boy – a kiss she has never been able to forget. On the rugged western shore of Ireland, where the night's sky is dotted with stars as far as the eye can see, Maeve is world's away from her chaotic life in the city.

The fresh sea breeze and a blossoming friendship with her aunt is just the remedy – even if the old house is falling down around them. But as Maeve loses her heart to Sandy Cove, throwing herself into restoring Willow House back to its former glory and uncovering its secrets, reality calls. Can she bear to leave this beautiful place behind, just when she's starting to piece together her heart?

#### **REVIEWS**

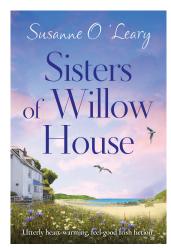
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'Delightful... I would love to see this made into a movie! I enjoyed every page I read... it was just the escape I needed. I loved it... I laughed through so many scenes' Escape with a Book!, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than 20 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.

#### **OPTIONS**



### Sisters of Willow House

Susanne O'Leary

Chick Lit

Previous titles have sold 16,000 copies to date

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Roisin McKenna and her husband Cian are taking time apart. Unsure of what she wants, Roisin's prayers are answered when she receives a call from her sister Maeve who's desperate for her help. Will she go to Sandy Cove to help Maeve restore their aunt's gorgeous tumble-down mansion Willow House?

When Roisin arrives she only has time to focus on the crumbling walls, the smell of fresh paint and the sea breeze whipping along the shore. Despite a shocking announcement from Maeve, hidden secrets in the house's lofty rafters and the impossible task of managing a crew of laid-back Irish builders, Roisin begins to feel a sense of self she's been missing for years.

The ties that bind Roisin to her husband seem to be unfurling in the Irish wind, when she unexpectedly stumbles into a mysterious man on the beach. Suddenly, she's swept up in the idea of another life she could lead…

The restoration may have brought the sisters back together, but as a storm rolls over the coast Roisin feels sure she must make a choice. Will her time at Willow House teach her the precious lessons she needs to return home or has the cove called to her in ways she'd never imagined it could?

#### **REVIEWS**

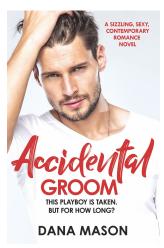
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#### **OPTIONS**



### **Accidental Groom**

Dana Mason

Romance

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

I'm Mac. But you already know that, right? You probably even recognize the sound of my voice. Because I'm the radio host that wakes most of Sacramento up every morning. I'm the DJ that most of the women in Sacramento lust after.

Everyone knows me, knows my reputation: ladies' man, bad boy, eternally single commitment-phobe.

I have my own reasons for needing to stay single, my own demons to battle with. Scars that don't show, but that stop me from getting close to anyone.

Except, after one hell of a drunken accident, I've woken up married. To a gorgeous green-eyed girl, Kelley, I only met yesterday in a coffee shop. A killer hangover later, it turns out that this playboy is off the market.

But there are three problems:

- 1) I'm married to a girl I met less than twenty-four hours ago.
- 2) No woman has ever been able to change my ways who says that Kelley's going to be any different?
- 3) Kelley must be the one lady in this city who doesn't know who I am and that means she doesn't know about my past, about the issues that haunt me.

So I might be taken, but the question is, for how long?

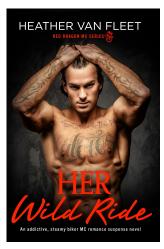
#### **REVIEWS**

'Dangerous Embrace is the perfect kind of romantic thriller. There was plenty of suspense, but the evolving relationship between Sarah and Mark is what really made me love the story.' New York Times Best Selling Author, A.L. Jackson on Dangerous Embrace

'I LOVED this book with all of my being... Sexy, intense, real and addicting characters... I wasn't expecting to feel so many feels, but I don't regret it for a

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Dana Mason started writing ten years ago after being overwhelmed by a story that wouldn't let her sleep until she started writing. The story, Dangerous Embrace, was published in 2012 and won Best Mystery/Suspense from eFestival of Words Best of Independent eBook Awards. Dangerous Embrace is the first book in her Embrace Series. The second book in the series, Precious Embrace, was Runner-Up for Best Hero from eFestival of Words Best of Independent eBook Awards. Her third book, Broken Embrace, was awarded Best Indie Book in 2015 in the Romance Category. Dana lives in Northern California with her husband, children, and her writing companion/mighty protector, Mia the Chihuahua.



### Her Wild Ride

Heather Van Fleet

Romance

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

I'm not a hero. I'm a bad dude who's done bad things. And the sooner she understands that, the better off we'll be.

I've just got out of prison and I'm running from my MC, so my step-sister's best friend has agreed to drive me across the country.

Summer's my ride. That's all. But she captivates me, and I don't have a damn clue why. She's a distraction I can't afford.

Is it because I've been told she's forbidden?

Is it because she's preppy and freakin' beautiful, so not a part of my world?

With every mile of our trip, every spark of connection, she seems to inch closer to me. The temptation is too much to resist.

But she has no idea just how dangerous life would be with me. I broke club rules. I betrayed my brothers to save a woman's life. If the Red Dragons find us we'll be in trouble. And if I give into my desires, she'll be in deeper than she realises.

#### **REVIEWS**

'Oh my godddddd··· Sunk 4 hours of my life into this and ignored all my adult responsibilities for the afternoon because I HAD to find out how Niyol and Summer's story turned out··· Honestly couldn't stop smiling the whole way through this sexy, funny, loveable and also dangerous love story!' That's What She Read

'This book ticked all the boxes, it had just the right amount of everything to make it a perfect smokin' hot sizzling read!! I cannot wait for the second - I really do

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Heather Van Fleet is a stay-at-home-mom turned book boyfriend connoisseur. She's married to her high school sweetheart, a mom to three girls, and in her spare time you can find her with her head buried in her Kindle, guzzling down copious amounts of coffee. Heather graduated from Black Hawk College in 2003 and currently writes New Adult and Adult Contemporary Romance.



### I Carry Your Heart

**Kate Hewitt** 

Women's Fiction

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

#### **REVIEWS**

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American ex-pat, 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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Ikar, Publish and More, Newton Compton



### The Little Guesthouse of New Beginnings

#### Donna Ashcroft

Women's Fiction

Series sales over 45,000 copies to-date. Previous title rated 5\*

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

The Sunshine Hideaway, with its big bay windows and stunning view of Sunflower Island's golden beaches, is the only place Madison Skylar has ever truly thought of as home. Could returning to the island be the second chance she needs?

When twenty-three-year-old Madison arrives at The Sunshine Hideaway, she discovers the beautiful little guesthouse is falling into disrepair. With the help of old friends Amy and Connor, Madison throws herself into creating a gorgeous wellness retreat, introducing yoga sessions, adventure walks and ice-cream sundaes with a delicious twist. But will it be enough to save her childhood home?

Handsome and mysterious Connor has lived on Sunflower Island his whole life.

He works hard as a builder, with his faithful dog Jaws by his side, but something is missing and he dreams of bigger things. As Connor helps to revamp The Sunshine Hideaway, this could be his opportunity to tell the woman he's secretly been in love with for years how he really feels. As spontaneous and fun-loving Madison settles into life on the close-knit island, sparks fly between her and shy Connor as they clash on the reinvention of the guesthouse. Are the they too different to make things work or will Madison and Connor finally find true love this year?

#### **REVIEWS**

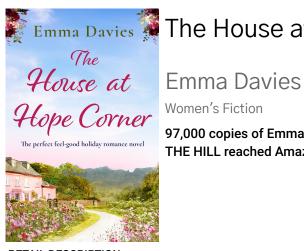
'Oh my goodness it is fantastic. It has everything you want in a good book, its Christmas and there is cake oh and a love story!... perfect!... I absolutely adored the whole story it was beautiful... it will get you in the festive mood!' Jessica's Book Biz, 5 star

'I absolutely addred this book... made me feel all warm and cosy!... brilliant... completely addictive... up there with my favourites for the year!... a delightful read.' Donna's Book Blog, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Donna spent a couple of decades writing bad horror stories and worse poetry until she gave up and accidently 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.

#### **OPTIONS**



# Emma Davies The House at Hope Corner

Women's Fiction

97,000 copies of Emma Davies' books sold to date. Previous title THE LITTLE COTTAGE ON THE HILL reached Amazon UK and Amazon CA top 70

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

With her beloved shop in danger of shutting down, meeting Ned, a gorgeous farmer with an irresistible twinkle in his eye, couldn't have come at a better moment for free-spirited florist, Flora Dunbar. But no one is more surprised than her when their whirlwind romance leads to the offer of a new life on Ned's farm.

Arriving at Hope Corner, Flora sets about becoming the perfect farmer's wife, but her creative, alternative thinking falls flat in a household built on tradition and strict routine. Even Ned is becoming more distant by the day...

Pulling up her signature striped socks and throwing herself into her chores, little by little Flora learns to love the order and patterns of life on the land. But the more she learns about her new home, the more she suspects it's under threat, and worse, that Ned is hiding a heartbreaking secret

But this time, Flora's not going to run from her problems. Do Ned and his family trust her enough to let her stay and fight for love and the first house she's ever truly called home? Does she trust herself?

#### **REVIEWS**

'Unable to put the book down... actually brought tears to my eyes... had me grinning like the Cheshire Cat... managed to hug me from the inside out. I absolutely adore this author!' The Writing Garnet

'Oooooohhhhhh..... I literally loved this book!... has really got me in the mood for Christmas!!... If you want a heart-warming, uplifting, feel good festive romance then this is definitely the book for you.' Curled Up With a Good Book, 5 stars

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Fortuna, Newton Compton, Bastei Lübbe, Audible



### Summer at the House at Hope Corner

### **Emma Davies**

Women's Fiction

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**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Emma Davies:

'Simply brilliant··· hooked from the first page and wanted to give it far more than the five stars··· so heart-warming and romantic and uplifting and such a delight to read··· has you in tears··· An amazing read and so uplifting. I highly recommend I couldn't put it down at all.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

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Fortuna, Newton Compton, Bastei Lübbe, Audible



Book 8

**Emma Davies** 

Women's Fiction

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**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

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#### **OPTIONS**

Fortuna, Newton Compton, Bastei Lübbe, Audible



### The House at Firefly Beach

Jenny Hale

Women's Fiction

Author has sold over 651,000 copies. Top 15 Amazon US and UK author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Darcy Bennett's favourite place in the world is her great Aunt Pearl's beautiful beach side house, with its inviting wraparound porch and enchanting views across the sparkling turquoise ocean. For Darcy, going to the house on Firefly Beach, filled with magical childhood memories, feels like coming home. But all that is about to change.

In one moment Darcy's world is turned upside down. She's left broken-hearted when her adored Aunt Pearl passes away.

But as always, Aunt Pearl has thought of everything. She has left Darcy one last letter including a request for her to fulfil before she receives her inheritance. Reading the familiar ink–stained writing, Darcy realises this is a bucket list she wrote when she was twelve. But for once, Darcy decides not to hesitate. Stepping away from her dead–end job and predictable schedule, she embraces Aunt Pearl's last wishes.

As she spends the summer at Firefly Beach, Darcy encounters old friends and begins to rediscover the person she once was. And all the time Ben is there, supporting her every step of the way. But following the bucket list isn't an easy journey. And if that wasn't all, a run in with wealthy Blake McGuire, who is on vacation in Firefly Beach, leaves her heart hammering for reasons she'd rather not admit to.

#### **REVIEWS**

'I loved it so much. 5 stars just doesn't seem enough. I can honestly say it had me hooked from the first few lines. I could barely put the book down... the best book I have read in a long time.' 5 stars – Goodreads Reviewer

'I simply couldn't put this book down. I found myself smiling from ear to ear, it made me cry, laugh and made me feel the magic of Christmas. It is such a lovely book and I highly recommend it to all.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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!

#### **OPTIONS**

Fanucci, Pegasus Yayınları, Hermes Publishing, Lubbe Bastei, Bastei Lübbe, Audible, Weltbild Verlag, Bladkompaniet AS, Newton Compton



### Christmas with You

Jenny Hale

Women's Fiction

Author has sold over 651,000 copies. Top 15 Amazon US and UK author

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

#### **REVIEWS**

Why readers are falling in love with TTHE SUMMER HIDEAWAY:

'I adore Jenny Hale's books they make the perfect summer and it would not be summer without a Jenny Hale book to read... A family secret which I did not see coming makes for a very interesting plot··· Jenny Hale has a brilliant writing style that really draws a reader in, she kept me completely engaged right until the end··· This is a perfect summer romance full of the deliciousness of summer.' Chells and Books, 5 stars

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### 🌉 The Mill on Magnolia Lane

Tilly Tennant

Women's Fiction

Top 20 Amazon CA and top 30 Amazon UK author. Author has over 185,000 backlist sales

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When Lizzie loses her larger-than-life Dad she doesn't know how to move forward. Encouraged by a childhood dream she shared with her beloved father, she is determined to continue his legacy and moves to the old Mill on Magnolia lane, a place he had always longed to own. Restoring the old windmill is a much bigger job than Lizzie bargained for, especially when she is distracted by her new next door neighbour Jude, who has temptingly twinkly eyes and a body to die for. But when Jude's ex- girlfriend Harriet arrives back on the scene, Lizzie begins to wonder if life wasn't far simpler before she moved to the mill. Especially when it emerges that Harriet knows something about Jude's past, something that could shatter her new start and her heart into smithereens.

#### **REVIEWS**

'I loved every minute of it... I was glued to my Kindle for a few days that's for sure!... A really brilliant read that will leave you hooked even after a few pages' The Cosiest Corner, 5 stars

'Literally couldn't put it down!... makes you laugh and tugs at the heartstrings, all in one go!... absolutely perfect!... breath-taking... made me cry and it made

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

From a young age, Tilly Tennant was convinced that she was destined for the stage. Once she realised she wasn't actually very good at anything that would put her on the stage, she started to write stories instead. There were lots of terrible ones, like The Pet Rescue Gang (aged eight), which definitely should not see the light of day ever again. Thankfully, her debut novel, Hopelessly Devoted to Holden Finn was not one of those, and since it hit the Amazon best seller lists she hasn't looked back. Born in Dorset, she currently lives in Staffordshire with her husband, two daughters, three guitars, four ukuleles, two violins and a kazoo.

#### **OPTIONS**

Lighthouse Pictures



### Hattie's Home for Broken Hearts

### Tilly Tennant

Women's Fiction

Top 20 Amazon CA and top 30 Amazon UK author. Author has over 185,000 backlist sales

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Escape to the daisy-strewn windswept Dorset cliffs, to the donkey sanctuary at Sweet Briar Farm, where Hattie Rose is about to find, that in this world, the most unlikely opposites can sometimes attract ···

Hattie was once thrilled to call the beautiful city of Paris her home. But when her heart is broken by her boyfriend and she loses her dream job, she bids farewell to the city of love and hurries home to Gillypuddle, a sleepy village on the Dorset coast. But as she returns home she finds her parents struggling to cope with a terrible family tragedy.

In a desperate search for a new start, Hattie takes a job at the donkey sanctuary nearby on Sweet Briar Farm where Jo, the taciturn owner, certainly loves her animals far more than humans. Hattie can't help but fall in love with the donkeys (and the opportunity to get close to dreamy Canadian vet Seth) but Jo is harder to get to know and when she finds her boss sobbing in her sleep one stormy night, she knows that her new friend is hiding a dark secret.

And when handsome newspaper reporter Owen does some digging into Jo's past he finds something that connects her to Hattie on a whole new level. Can Hattie trust what Owen says, especially when he seems intent on standing in the way of her blossoming romance with Seth? And can Hattie help Jo to start healing and the donkeys of Sweet Briar Farm?

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about THE MILL ON MAGNOLIA LANE:

'A fabulous, feel good book. That will make you go through every single emotion possible. It's an absolute gem of a book and one simply not to be missed.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

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#### **OPTIONS**

Lighthouse Pictures



### A Promise to My Daughter

#### Emma Robinson

Women's Fiction

Author has sold over 27,000 copies to date

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

Sara knows her little girl Ruby isn't like everyone else's child. Of course Sara realises that every parent sees their own child as special, but ever since Ruby was a baby, she has felt unique. She likes things done in a certain way, and it makes Sara smile every day… even on days when it feels exhausting.

Not everyone understands Ruby like Sara though. Not Sara's husband, and certainly not her disapproving mother-in-law, Ivy. So when circumstances force their family to move in with Ivy, Sara knows it's going to make motherhood – already challenging – even harder still. When Ruby's pre-school suggest that her particularity might be a sign of autism, in the same week that Sara's husband walks out for good, Sara's world is blown apart.

There is someone she can ask for help. But is Ivy actually on her side? And what secrets of her own is she hiding from Sara?

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about THE UNDERCOVER MOTHER:

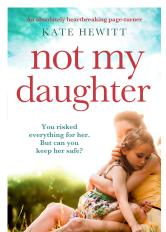
'This book was so much fun to read that I couldn't put it down and HAD to read it in one sitting... I loved every minute of it.' Pretty Little Book Reviews

'Oh my goodness this book resonated with me on so many levels!.. I am a new mum… so as soon as I read the blurb for this book I knew I HAD to read it - and

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

#### **OPTIONS**



### Not My Daughter

### Kate Hewitt

Women's Fiction

Previous books A MOTHER'S GOODBYE and THE SECRETS WE KEEP have sold over 101,000 copies, and have been top 30 in UK and US Amazon charts

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Milly always dreamed of being a mother. Adopted herself, she has always imagined a powerful intimate connection with a child of her own. So when she and her husband Matt are told they can't have children, her dreams are shattered.

But then their loved ones offer the ultimate gift - Milly's best friend Anna and Matt's brother Jack will be donors so that Milly can carry a child and finally have a chance to be a mother. And with everyone accepting and open, Milly believes that nothing could could go wrong.

Except none of the four people involved are prepared for the feelings that will threaten their most important relationships as their precious, longed-for daughter Alice grows up and receives a heartbreaking diagnosis.

Then those who love her best will have to decide what it means to be a parent, and to make decisions with far-reaching and devastating consequences. For Alice, and for themselves.

#### **REVIEWS**

'An absolutely, heart wrenchingly, emotional book... Be warned, you will shed tears!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'I absolutely loved every minute... such a heart-breaking read... a wonderful book, I highly recommend it.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American ex-pat, 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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Ikar, Publish and More, Newton Compton



### My Daughter's Secret

Nicole Trope

Women's Fiction

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

In the middle of the night, Claire wakes up to discover that her beloved daughter, Julia, is dead – and life, as she knows it, is over.

Searching for answers, Claire stumbles upon a pile of letters, hidden under Julia's bed in an old, battered shoebox, and feels closer to her daughter than ever before. They tell her that Julia was happy, that she was thriving at university, that she was in love.

But as the letters go on, Claire starts to feel uneasy at something hidden between the lines. Even as she grieves, she must prepare to face a shocking discovery. Because Julia was hiding a terrible secret – and when it's uncovered, it might make Claire question everything she thought she knew about her daughter.

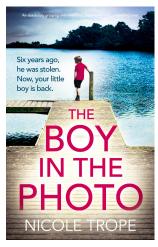
#### **REVIEWS**

'I love Nicole Trope!... For lovers of Jodi Picoult.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'WOW!!! It brought out so many different emotions in me and I was crying walking the dog... This book will stay with me for a long time.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Nicole Trope 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.



### The Boy in the Photo

Nicole Trope

Women's Fiction

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

Megan waits at the school gates for her six-year-old son, Daniel. As children come and go, the playground emptying, panic bubbles inside her. Daniel is nowhere to be found.

According to his teacher, Daniel's father, Greg, has picked up his son. Except Greg and Megan are no longer together. After years of being controlled by her cruel husband, Megan has finally found the courage to divorce him. Hands trembling, she dials his number, but the line is dead. Six years later

Megan is feeding baby daughter, Evie, when she gets the call she has dreamt about for years. Daniel has walked into a police station in a remote town just a few miles away. Her son is alive – and he's coming home.

But their joyful family reunion does not go to plan. His room may have been frozen in time, with his Cookie Monster poster and stack of Lego under the bed, but Daniel is no longer the sweet little boy Megan remembers.

Cold and distant, Daniel is grieving the death of his father, blaming Megan for his loss and rejecting his family. And as Megan struggles to connect with the son she no longer recognises as her own, she begins to realise that Daniel has a secret. A secret that could destroy their family and put them in terrible danger.

#### **REVIEWS**

Readers absolutely love Nicole Trope:

'Wow! Wow! Wow!... This book is ahhmazing! From the first chapter, I was swept up by the sadness of the story... Sucked me in with grief so profound I could feel it as I turned the pages...It sucker-punched me in the gut... I literally couldn't put it down! I can't remember when a book last shook my every emotion!... SO damn good!... WOW!'Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

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### Her Best Friend's Secret

### Anna Mansell

Women's Fiction

Author has sold over 30,000 copies to date and is a top 20 Amazon CA and top 70 Amazon UK author.

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

She deserves the truth. But it will ruin her life. What would you do?

Emily was meant to be the girl who escaped their small Cornish town. She was going to be the success story. But it didn't work out the way she'd dreamed it would. And now she's back home. With a secret that's even bigger than her failure.

Emily thinks she can just hide away. But then she runs in to Lolly, her one-time best friend from school, who spontaneously suggests a small reunion with their once close-knit group of friends. Jess and Amanda still live nearby, though none of the four women have spoken in years now.

But after so much time, everyone's lives have changed. Nothing is as easy as it was in their schooldays. And everyone's got secrets. One of which is big enough to ruin not just the fragile friendships, but one woman's whole life.

#### **REVIEWS**

'Totally loved it! The intricate storyline, the beautiful settings and the fascinating yet flawed characters. I could not stop reading... A truly amazing piece of escapism, dramatic and insightful.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

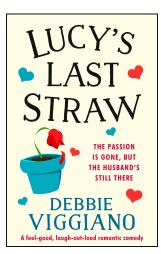
'Should be on your must-read list for the summer... heartbreaking and gripping! It is also thought-provoking and eye-opening, and you will find yourself having a favorite character as I did. And if you are also like me, you will get swept up in the beautiful writing and outstanding story.' Cara's Book Boudoir, 5

#### ALITHOR BIO

Anna spent almost twenty years trying to shoehorn writing in to her career as a marketing manager for dance and theatre companies. Eventually, she did what you are not remotely supposed to do and walked away from an excellent job in order to try and become a published author. Three years, lots of tears and some slightly hairy bank balances later, she met Kirsty Greenwood and the rest, as they say, is history. Anna lives in Cornwall with her husband and two kids. She feels very fortunate!

#### **OPTIONS**

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### Lucy's Last Straw

### Debbie Viggiano

Women's Fiction

Top 20 Amazon UK author, with 53,000 copies sold to date

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

It was the toothpaste smeared around the sink that broke my marriage. As I rubbed it away AGAIN, I was reminded of everything else I've tidied up these twenty-five years. Dropped boxer shorts, inside-out socks, the toilet seat… small things, but the realisation was huge.

Lucy and Leo Jones are about to have their marriage screech to a halt over toothpaste. Of course, it isn't really just toothpaste… it's everything! No sex life, adult children who keep pinging back, and a house down-size to Rose Cottage, a tumble-down affair with a seriously neglected garden. Add the menopause and a naughty pooch, and it's no wonder that Lucy feels stressed.

And then along comes gorgeous builder Will, ten years younger and constantly under Lucy's feet while he does up the house. His twinkly eyes and blow-torch smile are causing Lucy to break out in a hot sweat – but is it love, lust or simply dodgy hormones that are causing her heart to flutter? Everyone knows that little things build up. And then they explode. Lucy's last straw might not be something she's able to get over...

#### **REVIEWS**

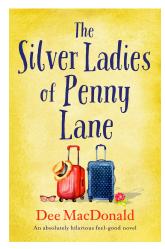
What readers are saying about Debbie Viggiano:

'OMG this book had me rolling around on the floor before I'd even finished the first page!··· I absolutely loved this book and couldn't put it down. I recommend you stop what you're doing and go and buy this book now!' Literature Love, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Prior to turning her attention to writing, Debbie Viggiano was, for more years than she cares to remember, a legal secretary. She lives with her Italian husband, a rescued pooch from Crete, and a very disgruntled cat. Occasionally her children return home from uni bringing her much joy... apart from their gifts of dirty laundry.

#### **OPTIONS**



### The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane

Dee MacDonald

Women's Fiction

Top 50 Amazon UK author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When you first meet shy, mousy Martha Rigby, you'd be forgiven for thinking that she was quite ordinary. But you'd be wrong. Behind her shapeless dresses and wrinkled forehead is a woman just longing to make the most of every moment. But a heartbreak from her past is holding her back. In a moment of madness, encouraged by her quirky best friend, Martha books an escape to a beautiful Greek island. And that's when her adventure begins.

#### **REVIEWS**

'OMG!... It made me howl with laughter and it made me sob my heart out... I absolutely adored every single step... had my jaw dropping!!... one of my favourite books of the year' My Chestnut Reading Tree, 5 stars

'Delightful!... a wonderful summertime story!... hilarious... I love this story about strong women in their 60-70's!!' Escape With a Book, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Audible

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Book 4

Dee MacDonald

Women's Fiction

Top 50 Amazon UK author

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

This story follows an older couple – Tess and Simon Sparrow – have married in their twilight years and decide to say goodbye to responsibilities and escape to country life in a picturesque village in Cornwall.

There they impulsively buy a huge, tumble-down house and set about restoring it. They get themselves into all sorts of hilarious scenarios and eventually run out of money – and that's when their luck turns around!

Ever–resourceful, the two older lovebirds begin to rent out the rooms in the half–finished house to an eclectic mix of older people – all with fascinating stories of their own.

The sprawling house ends up becoming a retirement home for the lost and lonely – bringing together a fantastic cast of characters who all begin to realise it's never too late to find happiness.

#### **REVIEWS**

'I was totally hooked and struggled to put the book down··· really tugged on my emotions... a feel good, fun and fabulous read. I absolutely adored it and was so sad to get to the end... Brilliant!' By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars

'I ADORED The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane!! It was brilliantly funny, entertaining and Orla and Tess I was so connected with, I felt tears as well as laughter... a thought-provoking good time.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

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#### **OPTIONS**



### The Scandal

Nicola Marsh

Women's Fiction

USA Today bestselling author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Marisa is the town busybody in the affluent suburb of Gledhill in the Hamptons. She gave up everything to be Mrs Avery Thurston, and now that her twin girls have left home her life lacks a purpose; coffee and gossip with her best friends Elly and Claire are all she has left.

When Jodi, a vulnerable, pregnant girl turns up at her doorstep, Marisa is quick to act: abandoning hosting duties at the fancy party she's throwing to come to the young girl's aid. Marisa realises that this helpless girl might be the answer to her prayers, and Jodi might need someone to care for her baby.

But Jodi isn't just an innocent young girl. The father of her unborn child is someone the women know very well. Rather than solving Marisa's problems, Jodi's arrival is about to break her life apart…

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Nicola Marsh:

'I could not put this book down, several times dropping my kindle as I fell off to sleep. It intrigued me, every time I thought I knew where the story was going it took a different curve.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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

# COVER ART PENDING

### The Fortune Teller's Promise

Kelly Heard

Women's Fiction

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Nestled within the sprawling valleys and forests of her picture–perfect hometown, beautiful young Dell dreams of escaping her alcoholic father and narcissistic mother, but she's as rooted to Blyth as the juniper trees growing outside of her bedroom window. One hot summer afternoon, in the stormy height of an argument, Dell's mother betrays her in the most painful way possible. The bond between mother and daughter is shattered forever, and Dell resolves to flee Blyth, promising never to return...

Ten years later...

Counting things in threes usually calms Dell's crippling anxiety—the passionflower vines along the shop wall, the jimsonweed by the roadside, the sleeping valley in the distance—but the screech of tyres as her mother's car crashes into another, the devastating news about Dell's missing child still fresh on her lips, stops time completely.

As her mother's life hangs in the balance, Dell knows she must do the one thing she promised she never would. She must return to Blyth...

**REVIEWS** 

**AUTHOR BIO** 

# Crime Thriller



### Fierce Girl

### Emma Tallon

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have reached the top 100 in Amazon UK chart. Over 50,000 copies sold of series to date

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Anna Davis has grown up. She's not the young runaway who escaped her vicious gangland boyfriend anymore. She's tougher than ever and she won't let anyone take advantage of her – or the people she loves.

Anna's boyfriend, East End baron Freddie Tyler, is in trouble. There's a rat in his organisation and Freddie needs to stop the leaks before a very bad mistake from his past is revealed to people who will want swift and brutal revenge.

Anna wants to help Freddie she's got problems of her own. Her best friend Tanya's mother has turned up, and is staking a claim on Tanya's share of their club. With Tanya buying her mum's reformed sinner act, Anna knows she needs to act before both their friendship and Club Anya goes down in flames.

But if there's one thing Anna and Freddie have learned, it's how to play the game, and as their enemies close in they'll fight with everything they've got to protect the life they've built.

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Emma Tallon:

'WOW.....Emma you have done it again... just brilliant and a fantastic, roller coaster read that will leave you guessing... If you love Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers, Casey Kelleher and Jessie Keane, you'll love Emma Tallon's book.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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 is deeply passionate about her writing and often finds herself typing away into the early hours, as new ideas come to her. With a number of story lines and characters in the pipeline, Emma has plans for several more books in the London Underworld series.

#### **OPTIONS**

Audible

#### **RIGHTS SOLD**

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### Book 5

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#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Anna Davis and Freddie Tyler are finally getting their lives back on track when an unexpected face turns up on Freddie's door step. A face from the past. And she delivers news that will tear their lives apart.

Reeling from the news, Anna throws herself into her work. Her clubs are doing well and she's opening a new business venture with best friend, Tanya. But she's worried that her relationship with Freddie could be about to fall apart.

Meanwhile, Freddie's got big problems with the business. A new gang is in town, and they're muscling in on Tyler turf and need to be dealt with. Plus he's still be closely watched by a Met detective determined to bring him down.

As Freddie plots to take out his rivals, tensions between him and Anna grow. Could this spell the end of their relationship? And will the rogue detective finally get the chance to arrest Freddie and see the empire he has built from scratch fall to the ground?

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## Child's Play

### Angela Marsons

Crime Thriller

The Kim Stone Series has sold over 3m copies to date, with every title charting in Amazon UK's top 10

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Late one summer evening, Detective Kim Stone arrives at Haden Hill Park to the scene of a horrific crime: a woman in her sixties tied to a swing with barbed wire and an X carved into the back of her neck.

Then two more bodies are found bearing the same distinctive markings, and Kim knows she is on the hunt for a ritualistic serial killer. Linking the victims, Kim discovers they were involved in annual tournaments for gifted children and were on their way to the next event.

With DS Penn immersed in the murder case of a young man, Kim and her team are already stretched and up against one of the most ruthless killer's they've ever encountered. The clues lie in investigating every child who attended the tournaments, dating back decades.

Faced with hundreds of potential leads and a bereaved sister who is refusing to talk, can Kim get inside the mind of a killer and stop another murder before it's too late?

#### **REVIEWS**

Readers love the Detective Kim Stone series:

'Marsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. Bloody FABULOUS.' Postcard Reviews

'I absolutely loved it!...This one is one of the best crime thrillers I've read in a long time, and that includes mainstream authors such as James Patterson! I

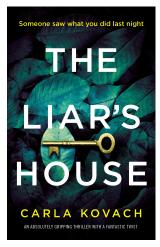
#### ALITHOR BIO

Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her partner, bouncy puppy and potty mouthed 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 D.I. Kim Stone series has now sold over 2 million copies.

#### **OPTIONS**

Eksmo, Euromedia, Jumeirah Publishing House, General Press Könyvkiadó, Newton Compton, Ikar, Jotema, N29, Jentas, Kuzey, Piper, Cappelen Damm, Jotema Uab, Burda, Leya / Quinta Essencia, Pegasus Publishing, Co Nguyet Books, Lind&Co, Klidarithmos, Bonnier Publishing, China South Booky Culture Media Co, Autêntica Editora Ltda, Ednorog, Mozaik Knjiga, Belfond, Pegasus, Planeta, Hiyakawa, Amarin, MOZAIK KNJIGA, GLM, Meulenhoff Boekerij BV, Poomstory



### The Liar's House

### Carla Kovach

Crime Thriller

Over 190,000 copies sold in series to date. Top 30 Amazon UK author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Samantha stumbled out of the party and on to a busy street only ten minutes away from her home. But she never made it home.

Seven years after Samantha's disappearance, on what would have been her thirty-fifth birthday, her best friend Diane is shocked to find a letter addressed to Samantha on her doorstep.

Opening the envelope, Diane pulls out a birthday card and a finger nail painted in dusky pink nail polish. The same shade Samantha always wore. The same shade she was wearing the night she went missing.

When police analyse the nail, they don't get the result they expected. Instead of linking them to Samantha, the nail belongs to another woman, Jade Ashmore. And Jade was murdered the night before the envelope was delivered...

#### **REVIEWS**

'Absolutely the best thriller I've read this year!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

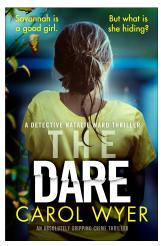
'I am hooked on this series... If you love a good detective series with plenty of twists and turns, you really need to put Carla Kovach on your list, you won't be disappointed!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

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### The Dare

### Carol Wyer

Crime Thriller

Carol's crime thriller debut, LITTLE GIRL LOST, was #2 in Amazon UK and top 50 in Amazon US. Author's titles have sold over 575,000 copies

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When thirteen-year-old Savannah Hopkins doesn't come straight home from school, as she always does, her mother Jane immediately raises the alarm

Leading the investigation is Detective Natalie Ward whose daughter Leigh is the same age as Savannah. Soon Natalie's worst fears are confirmed when the teenager's broken body is found in nearby shrubland.

Evidence points towards a local recluse, but just as the net is closing around him, one of Savannah's friends, Harriet, is reported missing.

As Natalie delves into the lives of both girls, she soon discovers a sinister video on their phones, daring the girls to disappear from their families for 48 hours.

But Natalie isn't quick enough for this killer, and she is devastated to find Harriet's body on a fly tip a day later.

Caught up in the case, she takes her eye off her own daughter and when Leigh goes missing after school she knows she must be in terrible danger. The clock is ticking for Natalie. Can she catch this killer before her little girl becomes the next victim?

#### **REVIEWS**

'Just wow! This book was absolutely amazing I loved it. I was hanging on to every word, it was thrilling straight out of the gate and kept going with the punches right to the end. It had me totally captivated. Carol Wyer sure knows how to write a story that sucks you in and makes you feel like you are there living it. It's tense, emotional and deeply disturbing in places. And boy that ending! …I'm giving it a very well deserved 5 stars.' Bonnie's Book Talk, 5 stars

'I'm buzzing from this book. I LOVED it. I don't think I have been this gripped by a book, ever. ···Totally terrifying, this addictive read will keep you gasping,

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#### **OPTIONS**

Piper, Ivrit, Amber publishing, Euromedia, Ikar, Könyvmolyképző, Cappelen Damm, Profil Kitap, Hope Edizioni, Proszynski Media



### The Sleepover

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Crime Thriller

Carol's crime thriller debut, LITTLE GIRL LOST, was #2 in Amazon UK and top 50 in Amazon US. Author's titles have sold over 575,000 copies

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When fourteen year old Roxy Curtis says she's going for a sleepover at her best friend Ellie's house, Roxy's mother Cathy sees no reason to check where her daughter is going.

It turns out to be a decision Cathy would always regret. Twenty-four hours later, Roxy is found murdered in a house across town in exclusive Linnet Lane and Detective Natalie Ward is called to lead the investigation.

As Natalie begins to look closely at Roxy's family and friends, she discovers that her brother Seth, doesn't have an alibi for the night his sister was killed.

Then Cathy disappears.

When her body is discovered in the canal, close to Linnet Lane, Roxy's toy cat clutched in her arms, Natalie is forced to face the grim fact that they are dealing with a serial killer.

Struggling to join the dots and distracted by the troubles of her own teenage children, Natalie wonders if she's missed a vital clue when a close friend of Roxy's is found hanging from a tree.

Should Natalie be looking closer to home for this sadistic serial killer? But as her work life consumes her she takes the eye off her precious family, in particular her beloved son Josh whose own life is in terrible danger…

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Carol Wyer:

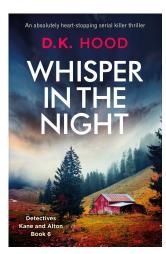
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## Whisper in the Night

D.K. Hood

Crime Thriller

Over 250,000 copies sold in series so far. Top 40 Amazon US author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Fifteen-year-old Lindy Rosen has been having nightmares for weeks, waking in a panic, screaming that there's a man in her room watching her sleep. Her parents assumed it was her overactive imagination, but when one morning they find Lindy missing from her bedroom, they're not so sure. Detective Jenna Alton is called in to investigate.

Within hours of the schoolgirl going missing, the kidnapper reaches out to Jenna with a video of Lindy bound and tied to a chair, crying to be set free. And a simple message – you've got 24 hours to find her or I kill her.

Jenna's team work around the clock to try to find Lindy before the deadline, but time runs out, and Jenna receives a devastating message. The killer has made good on his promise. He's playing a dangerous game. And no one knows what his next move will be.

But just two days later, one of Lindy's school friends is taken in the middle of the night and the countdown begins again.

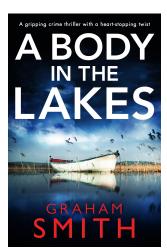
#### **REVIEWS**

'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, 5 stars

'WOW!!! I read this book in one sitting... gripping... I was swept away... I simply can't wait for the next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Born in London, D.K. traveled 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.



## A Body in the Lakes

### **Graham Smith**

Crime Thriller

Author's previous title WATCHING THE BODIES spent over two weeks at #1 in the Amazon UK and Amazon CA charts

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When a hiker finds the body of a woman by the shores of Lake Ullswater, the police are put on high alert. Felicia Evans was known to be a tough character, but who would have strangled her? Detective Beth Young quickly spots the links to three cold cases. Three women strangled and discarded in the stunning, wild hills of the Lake District.

As Beth begins tracking down witnesses, the team receives an anonymous letter claiming the charming mayor of Carlisle is behind the murders. There's pressure from the top to clear his name. But Beth is determined to find the truth no matter whose feathers she ruffles in the process. Beth knows the clock is ticking. The killer is hunting again. And it's down to her to find who's responsible before another woman becomes his prey.

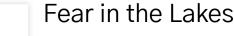
#### **REVIEWS**

'I devoured this book, such a page-turner!... still debating 'whodunnit' right up to the very end... gripping and literally kept me wanting more.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'I was absolutely gripped... A sophisticated and gripping read that will send your heart racing... A thrilling and twisted read.' By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

After serving my time as a joiner, I have dug drains, slated roofs and built bridges to put food on the table. Since 2000 I have run a busy hotel and wedding venue near Gretna Green. I have a teenage son and when not working, reading or writing, I enjoy socialising with family and friends.



COVER ART PENDING

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#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

When Laura Sinclair arrives home, she is horrified to discover her sweet, kind, husband James lying battered nearly to death. But this is no robbery gone wrong. There are over 200 breaks to his bones, each applied carefully, symmetrically, methodically...

Laura insists that James is a man with no enemies. But how much does she know about her husband? And what secrets are hidden in the email account she discovers, filled with cryptic messages?

When two bodies are then pulled from Lake Windermere exhibiting similar injuries – as well as carvings to their skulls, apparently inflicted with a chisel – it becomes clear that the killer they are calling the Sculptor is on a mission.

But Detective Beth Young is too. She knows that if she can work out the secrets of James's past, she has a chance of locating The Sculptor's next victim... and maybe the killer too.

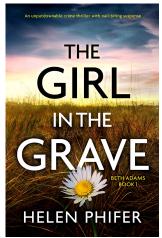
#### REVIEWS

Readers are loving A BODY IN THE LAKES:

'Boy did I love every minute of it!... Everything that a true crime junkie wants and needs to satisfy that craving of thrills and chills... A Body In The Lakes is a dark and brooding read that totally held me captive. Parts chilled me to the core whilst other parts caught me off guard, causing an array of emotions. British crime writing at its best.' By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars

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### The Girl in the Grave

Helen Phifer

Crime Thriller

Over 77,000 copies of previous titles sold to date. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When a straightforward exhumation becomes a tragic and disturbing crime scene in a small-town cemetery in The Lake District, an urgent call is made to Forensic Pathologist Elizabeth Adams to attend the scene. A teenage runaway from a local authority care home has been buried alive in the bottom of someone else's grave. Throwing herself into her work, Beth discovers DNA beneath the fingernails of both victims that sets the team on the trail of their killer – and into an abandoned cellar plastered with photos of Beth. Is Beth the killer's latest obsession, or his next victim? Can she stay alive long enough to stop another vulnerable girl's life being taken?

#### **REVIEWS**

'I devoured it over 2 evenings... and I stayed up until WAY past my bedtime on the first night because I didn't want to put it down!' Urban Sapphire 5\*

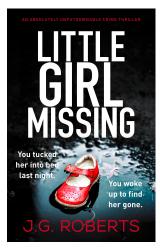
'What a book!... I found myself holding my breath and having to read the last few chapters on into the early hours of the morning because I just needed to find out what happened.' Mrs Bloggs' Books, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingals 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 and is also very fond of chocolate, Prosecco, The Lake District, New York, white Zinfandel wine, my children and grandchildren, my friends, porn star martini cocktails, Stephen King, watching scary films, Marilyn Monroe, Melissa McCarthy, Idris Elba, Simon Baker, Spandau Ballet, The Munsters and coffee. In no particular order.

#### **OPTIONS**

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## Little Girl Missing

J.G. Roberts
Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

How can a little girl vanish into thin air?

Five-year-old Cassie Bailey disappeared from her bed overnight. Her parents swear the doors were locked tight, and no one saw or heard a thing. DCI Rachel Hathaway knows that the first few hours after a child goes missing are the most crucial, and that the Baileys are living every parent's worst nightmare.

Rachel knows, because as a child she saw her parents live through it too, when her sister was taken.

But are the holes in the Baileys' stories because they're out of their minds with panic - or because they're lying?

Someone knows where Cassie is, but they're not telling. Can Rachel work out who is telling the truth and who isn't, and save the lost little girl?

#### **REVIEWS**

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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

Book 2

COVER ART PENDING

J.G. Roberts
Crime Thriller

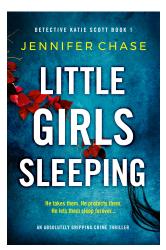
#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

When university student Abi knocks on her friend Hannah's door to pick her up for their regular run together, Hannah's not there. But Abi soon finds her – hanging in the woods near her home. It looks like Hannah killed herself, and when it's revealed a colleague in the bar she and Abi both work in had been bullying her, it seems like case closed. Then forensics reveal that Hannah didn't kill herself at all. There are fingermarks on her neck, and it's clear someone was trying to cover up a murder.

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## Little Girls Sleeping

Jennifer Chase
Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

An eight-year-old girl, Chelsea Compton, is missing in Pine Valley, California and for Detective Katie Scott it's a cruel reminder of the friend who disappeared from summer camp twenty years ago. Unable to shake the memories, Katie vows she won't rest until she discovers what happened to Chelsea.

But as Katie starts to investigate, the case reveals itself to be much bigger and more shocking than she feared. Hidden deep in the forest she unearths a makeshift cemetery: a row of graves, each with a brightly coloured teddy bear.

Katie links the graves to a stack of missing-persons cases involving young girls—finding a pattern no one else has managed to see. Someone in Pine Valley has been taking the town's daughters for years, and Katie is the only one who can stop them.

And then another little girl goes missing, snatched from the park near her home.

Katie's still haunted by the friend she failed to protect, and she'll do anything to stop the killer striking again—but can she find the little girl before it's too late?

#### **REVIEWS**

'Advise your family that you are not to be disturbed, under penalty of your wrath if they do disturb you. Then prepare yourself for an emotional roller coaster that will challenge your stamina. This is a story you will not soon forget' 5 Stars: Readers' Favorite on Dead Burn

'Plot twists that literally take your breath away to a new level of thrills and intensity' Writers in the Sky on Dark Mind

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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. In addition, she holds certifications in serial crime and criminal profiling. She is an affiliate member of the International Association of Forensic Criminologists, and member of the International Thriller Writers.



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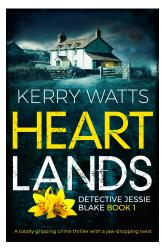
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### Heartlands

Kerry Watts
Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Twenty years ago, Sophie Nicoll never came home from school. Days later her body was found in a shallow grave on a remote farm a few miles from her hometown. Two boys from her school were found guilty. The press called the boys evil. Sophie's family wanted them dead. The judge promised they'd never walk free.

Two decades later and schoolgirl Shannon Ross has vanished from a small town in the Scottish Highlands.

It's Detective Jessie Blake's first big case since she joined Perthshire Police. Having recently arrived from London, Jessie lives in fear of people finding out about her past and her reasons for moving north.

When Shannon's body is found in the river on the outskirts of Inverlochty, Jessie discovers she's not the only one with something to hide. As the small community begins to crack under pressure, people begin to point fingers. And soon, the big secrets hidden within the small town are revealed – with devastating consequences.

#### **REVIEWS**

'Totally captivating and addictive read. I loved this book!... Kerry has created a well-paced, riveting story that had me totally mesmerised from the first page. This has to be on your 2019 TBR list!' Bookedup Girl, 5 stars

'I was absolutely hooked from page one... I had to rush back to it every time I had to put it down. An ending you won't see coming.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Kerry Watts was born and raised in Perth where she can still be found today scribbling words on paper that she hopes people will enjoy reading. Now that her daughter has moved out, she lives with her long suffering husband and son. Her family also consists of a blind and deaf elderly border collie called Misty. Domino, the rabbit, hops around under her feet when she's writing at the kitchen table. The final character in her story is Buttercup, the friendliest hamster on the planet. She's been writing for over twenty years but only recently decided to share her scribbles with the world.



COVER ART PENDING

Kerry Watts
Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When Darren Lucas returns home from work, he finds an unusual silence in his normally loud and chaotic family home. His wife Clare sits in unwashed pyjamas, surrounded by piles of washing. But the silence doesn't come from her. It comes from their two-year-old son Finlay's room. There are no shrieks of laughter coming from the toddler's bedroom, no calls for Daddy as the front door closes. Instead, as Darren peers into his son's bed, he sees nothing except Finlay's favourite teddy bear. There's no sign of Finlay at all.

Detective Jessie Blake rushes to the family home and soon senses something isn't right with the couple. Darren is avoiding making eye contact and Claire seems totally disconnected and she's unable to explain the last few hours of her afternoon.

As friends rally around the young family, searches of the small Scottish town begin and it's not long before they make a devastating find. Buried deep in the undergrowth of a local woodland, lies Finlay's tiny body.

And as Jessie begins to piece together the last few hours of little Finlay's life, she uncovers some big secrets in the small community. Who took the little boy? And is anyone telling the truth about what happened that day?

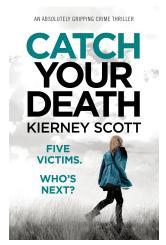
#### REVIEWS

What readers are saying about Kerry Watts:

'Totally captivating and addictive read. I loved this book!... Kerry has created a well-paced, riveting story that had me totally mesmerised from the first page. This has to be on your 2019 TBR list!' Bookedup Girl, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Kerry Watts was born and raised in Perth where she can still be found today scribbling words on paper that she hopes people will enjoy reading. Now that her daughter has moved out, she lives with her long suffering husband and son. Her family also consists of a blind and deaf elderly border collie called Misty. Domino, the rabbit, hops around under her feet when she's writing at the kitchen table. The final character in her story is Buttercup, the friendliest hamster on the planet. She's been writing for over twenty years but only recently decided to share her scribbles with the world.



### Catch Your Death

Kierney Scott

Crime Thriller

Over 55,000 copies of series sold so far. Top 10 Amazon CA and top 70 Amazon US author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

The scene played over and over in his mind. He only had one choice left. He had to die.

Behind the high and imposing gates of a prestigious college, five students have taken their lives. All of them friends, all of them good kids, all of them dead within months of each other. When FBI Agent Jess Bishop is called in to investigate, what she discovers will make her just as vulnerable as the students she's trying to protect.

As Jess begins to unravel the secrets behind the deaths, she uncovers something much more sinister at the school and she is determined to find out who is at the centre of it.

Though her team think they're closing in on the ringleader, Jess becomes convinced they're going after the wrong person, forcing her to investigate on her own. Desperate to stop any more deaths, she risks everything by putting herself in the firing line. But just how far would she go to save the lives of those around her?

#### **REVIEWS**

'Wow, what a rollercoaster of a read! This book was full of suspense and tension right from the beginning, in fact it had me holding my breath in places… I raced through this book… and read it in record time. That shows how bloody brilliant this book it… I don't hesitate in giving Catch Your Death 5 stars. It really was a fantastic read. In fact if I could give it more I would. Its easily worth an 8.' Bonnie's Book Talk, 5 stars

'This is really one of the best series on the shelves at the moment... I was left wanting to dive straight into the next instalment.' Nigel Adams Book Worm, 5

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

American born Kierney Scott, lives in Edinburgh, Scotland with her husband and their daughter. She likes to begin every writing session with a treadmill concert where she sings very loudly and tries her best not to fall or annoy her neighbours. In her spare time she loves to bake. Her buttercream icing is legendary, if only in her own mind. If you would like the recipe or just want to chat, drop her a line on Facebook or Twitter.

#### **OPTIONS**

Audible

#### **RIGHTS SOLD**

Audible - Audio



### The Bones She Buried

Lisa Regan

Crime Thriller

Series has sold 665,000 copies to date. USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Arriving with her partner Noah for dinner at his family's immaculate countryside home, Detective Josie Quinn is devastated to find Noah's mother, Colette, lying lifeless in the back garden, her mouth clogged with soil.

Searching the house for answers, Josie's team don't know what to make of the rosary beads buried in the dirt near the body, or the hidden file labelled "Drew Pratt", the small town of Denton's most famous missing person.

As she delves deeper into Pratt's case, Josie quickly discovers he had a brother whose body mysteriously washed up on the banks of a river. There's also a diary entry suggesting that Collette may have met him on the last day he was seen alive. Can Josie believe the unthinkable, that a kind old soul like Collette might have been involved in their murders? And, will Josie's new relationship with Noah survive the accusation?

Josie's only hope lies in tracking down Pratt's daughter. But when she arrives at her home to find she's been murdered just minutes before, Josie knows the real killer is one step ahead and won't stop until Colette's secret is buried forever. With many more innocent lives on the line, how deep is Josie prepared dig to reach the truth?

#### **REVIEWS**

'I'm in awe. Seriously!... I was so engrossed... flipping pages like a mad woman. I immediately turned back to page one to read it again when I was finished... Best. Book. Ever.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'A 5\* masterpiece!... kept me enthralled from first page to last... this has tension on every page... a haunting storyline that stays with you long after the final chapter... an edge of your seat, gripping, thriller... Fantastic!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

#### ALITHOR BIO

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Weltbild, Könyvmolyképző, Grada



## Her Silent Cry

Lisa Regan

Crime Thriller

Series has sold 665,000 copies to date. USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When seven-year-old Lucy Ross is snatched from the carousel in Denton city park, Detective Josie Quinn joins the frantic search. She's the one who finds Lucy's red ladybug backpack abandoned by the ticket booth, a note with a devastating message stuffed inside: follow instructions, or your sweet little darling will die...

The next day, Lucy's parents are hopeful when they pick up a call from their babysitter, but it's a male voice at the end of the line. Tracking the phone to a wooded area on Denton University campus, Josie arrives to find the babysitter fatally stabbed, the discarded cell phone beside her. Now on the hunt for a dangerous killer, Josie is faced with the most high-stakes case of her career as each phone call from someone connected to the family ends with the discovery of another body. This twisted killer wants revenge, and he won't stop until the Ross family are in pieces... Something is telling Josie that Lucy's parents aren't telling the whole truth, but digging deeper into their lives will force her to confront a lifechanging secret of her own. It will take everything Josie has to stay focused on the case, but she has no choice if she's going to bring Lucy home alive...

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about THE BONES SHE BURIED:

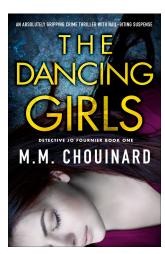
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#### **OPTIONS**

Weltbild, Könyvmolyképző, Grada



## The Dancing Girls

M.M. Chouinard

Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When Jeanine Hammond is found dead in an upscale hotel in suburban Massachusetts, newly-promoted Detective Jo Fournier finds herself thrown into a disturbing case. Who would murder this shy, loving wife and leave her body posed like a dancing ballerina?

As more bodies of married women start turning up in hotel rooms across states, arranged the same way, Jo makes a terrifying link to unsolved cases from years ago: each victim bears the same strangulation marks. But if she disobeys direct orders by investigating the killings outside of her jurisdiction, it will mean the end of the career she's already sacrificed so much for, even her relationship.

A break in the case comes when Jo's search of the victims' computers reveals they were all leading double lives. Two things become clear: these small-town women had big secrets to hide, and the killer is moments away from selecting a partner for his next deadly dance. That is, unless Jo can stop him in time.

#### **REVIEWS**

'Loved it, loved it, loved it!... If I could give it 6 stars I would! In this current climate of 'twists you will never see coming' – believe me... you will never see this coming!... Cannot wait for the next book!... Best book I have read for some time.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

'That ending! Holy moly I did not see that coming. A twist to end all twists! It was fantastic··· Really look forward to more books in this series. If they are anything like this one, they are all going to be winners!' Once Upon A Time Book Reviews, 5 stars

#### ALITHOR BIO

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.



### The Child Before

Michael Scanlon

Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

On a cold morning a cyclist finds the brutally slaughtered body of a woman in her car, on a remote lane leading to the long-abandoned Irish village of Kelly's Forge.

But when Detective Finnegan Beck arrives from the nearby town of Cross Beg to investigate he notices something the first officers on the scene did not. There's a baby's seat in the back of the car. A bottle of baby formula lying in the footwell. And no child.

Someone has killed a mother, that much is clear. But who, and why? And where is her missing baby? What too of another child, one who was taken from that same remote location more than fifty years before?

Beck claims he does not want to stay in Cross Beg. His heart is back in Dublin, with the woman he loves. But, knowing that a child's life depends on him changes things. He knows he has to find the missing baby girl. Because if he doesn't, nobody will.

#### REVIEWS

'I couldn't tear my eyes away' 🚖 😭 😭 😭

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

I am a civilian employee of the An Garda Siochana (the Irish police force), but a life threatening undiagnosed illness that struck while travelling in Spain in 2014 has rendered me on long term sick leave. I am married to Eileen and have a daughter, Sarah. I live in the countryside outside the town of Ballina in County Mayo. The town has arguable the best salmon river in Europe, called the Moy.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;A wonderful debut' 🚖 😭 😭 😭

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<sup>&#</sup>x27;An awesome detective thriller' 😭 😭 😭 😭



## The Friendship Pact

### Alison James

Crime Thriller

Series sales over 105,000 copies to date. Top 50 Amazon US author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Laura Williams and Adele Parker may have been worlds apart in their upbringings but the two little girls did everything together. Growing up they were closer than sisters. They shared everything. Until one sickly hot summer's day when it all went wrong.

One girl took a prank too far. One girl lied. And one girl died.

And now someone is about to get their revenge.

#### REVIEWS

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

I was born in the Cotswolds but spent most of my formative years abroad. I studied languages at Oxford, then became a journalist and author, returning to university after my two children to take a law degree. After a three-year stint as a criminal paralegal, I worked as a commercial copywriter and then a TV storyliner, before coming full circle to write fiction again.

#### **OPTIONS**

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<sup>&#</sup>x27;I held my breath all the way through, wanting, yet not wanting to know the outcome. Spectacular read.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

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### Alison James Book 5

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Crime Thriller

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**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

#### **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about THE FRIENDSHIP PACT:

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### The Woman on the Sixth Floor

### Barbara Copperthwaite

Crime Thriller

Previous titles sold over 240,000 copies. Top 30 Amazon UK author

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Vicky Sherwood walks into a newsagents, grabs a sandwich and runs out without paying. The police are called and she is quickly arrested. But Vicky died two years ago in a terrible fire that burnt down the block of flats she lived in.

She has no memory of where she has been since that fateful night.

She has no one to turn to, but is certain she is being followed.

She thinks she has killed someone, but she doesn't know who.

#### **REVIEWS**

'One of the best books I have read... gripping... left me completely hooked... packed with twists and turns on nearly every page... will leave you stunned' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

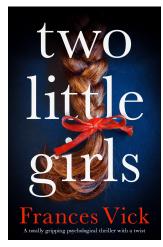
#### **AUTHOR BIO**

The people behind the crime, from the perpetrator to the victim and beyond, are what intrigue Barbara Copperthwaite. She was raised by the sea and in the countryside, where she became a lover of both nature and the written word – the latter leading to a successful career as a journalist. For over twenty years people have kindly and bravely shared with her their real experiences of being victims of crime. Now, through fiction, Barbara continues to explore the emotional repercussions.

#### **OPTIONS**

**Newton Compton** 

<sup>&#</sup>x27;I just read my new favourite book of 2018! ALL THE STARS!... I'm in awe... I was so flipped around by the end of this book!... READ THIS BOOK!... Cheers to Ms. Copperthwaite for rockin my world with this book. \*INSERT STANDING OVATION HERE\*' Goodreads reviewer



### Two Little Girls

### Frances Vick

Crime Thriller

Previous title BAD LITTLE GIRL sold 120,000 copies and reached #5 Amazon UK, #2 CA. LIARS and BAD LITTLE GIRL both top 70 Amazon US

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

An innocent girl is taken. The killer confesses.

But that's not the whole story. That's not even the beginning...

It's 1985 and the disappearance of twelve-year-old Lisa Cook shocks the nation. Her best friend, Kirsty, traumatised and fearful, gives evidence that helps to put the Cook family's lodger behind bars.

But what if Kirsty made a mistake?

Now, decades later, Kirsty leaves a life she loves to move back to the hometown she hates – tortured by her memories, she's determined to finally uncover the truth about what happened to Lisa that day. But someone is waiting for her there, someone close to her family. Someone who is hoping to finish off a job that was started years ago.

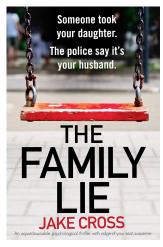
#### **REVIEWS**

'WoW, WoW and WoW what a book... What a twist! What a ending!... WoW WoW..........Big 5 fat Stars for this book... I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'Ohhhhh my, my, my!!! I could not stop reading until the very last page!!! The twist and turns had their own twist and turns! As nervous as I was to turn to the next page I pushed through the anxiety to find out what exactly was going on!... Must read!!' 5 stars – Steph and Chris Book Review

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

The only child of parents who worked at a top security psychiatric hospital, Frances grew up receiving disquieting notes and presents from the patients. Expelled from school, she spent the next few years on the dole, augmenting her income by providing security and crewing for gigs, and being a guinea pig for medical trials. Later jobs included working in a theatre in Manhattan, teaching English in Japanese Junior High Schools, and being a life model in Italy, before coming back to London and working with homeless teenagers and refugees.



## The Family Lie

Jake Cross

Crime Thriller

Previous title THE CHOICE #31 Amazon CA

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

You whispered goodnight to your daughter. You didn't know that would be your last goodbye.

You wake up in the middle of the night.

Your five-year-old daughter is gone.

Your husband is nowhere to be seen.

Your family think he took her.

The police believe he's guilty.

But he wouldn't do that, would he?

He's a loving father. A loving husband. Isn't he?

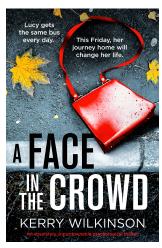
#### REVIEWS

'Brilliant!... The perfect thriller... has it all... I loved reading every moment of this!... Will have you hooked' Gemma's Book Reviews

'I was completely spooked! ... Set my nerves on edge... The action just kept on coming... A great twist... Highly recommended!' Stardust Book Reviews

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

As a kid, Jake chose to write fantasy because there was no research needed for an invented world. Early short stories covered probably every genre except dieselpunk-romcom. Although he now writes thrillers, Jake's reading love is true crime. He thinks he'd make a good detective, but his partner points out that he can't even decide if it was the three kids or the two cats who broke something in the house. His excuse: kids won't sit still for a polygraph, and cats know their right to remain silent.



### A Face in the Crowd

### Kerry Wilkinson

Crime Thriller

Top 20 Amazon US and UK author. Previous titles have sold over 340,000 copies

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Lucy gets the same bus home every day.

She hopes to get a seat to herself, tries to avoid eye contact, and, if she's really lucky, reads a chapter of her book.

But it's a Friday – and the bus is always crammed at the end of the week. Personal space doesn't exist. She keeps her elbows close and clings to a pole at every juddering stop.

When she gets off, something feels different.

An envelope stuffed with thousands of pounds is in her bag. Is it the answer to her prayers, or the beginning of a nightmare? Because, in the end, everything has a price.

#### **REVIEWS**

'OMG this book is so damn good... gripped from the very first page... I freaking loved it!... an utterly sensational page turner. I literally couldn't put this down and devoured it in one afternoon.' Chelle's Book Reviews 5 stars

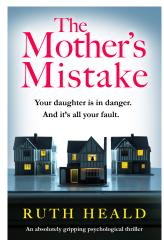
'Throws you straight into the action from page one... will hook you right away... I stayed up way too late tearing through the pages... I gasped out loud... settle in and get ready, because this is one twisty ride!!' Beyond the Pages

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

#### **OPTIONS**

Mati, Newton Compton, Publish and More



### The Mother's Mistake

**Ruth Heald** 

Crime Thriller

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Everyone makes mistakes. But does everyone deserve to be forgiven?

She runs past the tinkling of children's laughter that fills the park. Heart hammering, she reaches the riverbank, breath catching in her throat as her eyes take in the small body, tangled in the reeds, pale and lifeless.

Three years later.

Claire's life is picture perfect. A new home in the countryside. A new-born baby. A doting husband by her side.

But behind closed doors, her life is falling apart.

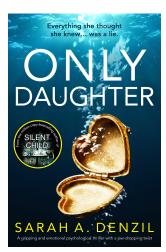
And when a threatening note is posted through her letterbox, saying she doesn't deserve her daughter, it's clear that someone knows about her past......

Someone knows that Claire doesn't deserve her perfect life. Someone's going to do everything in their power to destroy it.

#### **REVIEWS**

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.



## Only Daughter

Sarah A. Denzil

Crime Thriller

Sarah A. Denzil is a million-copy bestselling author. Her runaway bestseller SILENT CHILD hit #1 in both the UK & US charts

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

'Your daughter is dead.' When Kat Cavanaugh hears the words every mother dreads, her perfect world shatters. She takes in the beautiful long blonde hair, torn yellow dress and chipped blue nail-varnish. It can't be real. And then the police add the word 'suicide'. But Kat refuses to believe them.

Even when they show her the familiar looping handwriting and smudged ink on the note her little girl left behind. She knows her bubbly, vivacious daughter would never take her own life.

As she searches Grace's perfume-scented room, filled with smiling photos, she uncovers secrets her little girl had been hiding. Secrets that could put her in terrible danger too.

But Kat's determined to find out what really happened to Grace on the night she died, whatever it takes.

#### **REVIEWS**

'I couldn't put it down!... it had me glued to the pages! There aren't many books which have me in big sobbing tears and then biting my nails in anticipation, but this was one of them!... Brilliant writing, gripping story, well worthy of its 5 stars!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars

'Oh. My. God. This thriller was chilling, twisted, and an absolute page-turner…filled with so many twists, turns, and shocks that had me hanging off of every page.' The Reading Chemist

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

Sarah A. Denzil is a Wall Street Journal bestselling thriller author from Derbyshire. Her books include number one ebook bestseller Silent Child, as well as Saving April, The Broken Ones and One for Sorrow. Sarah lives in Yorkshire with her husband, enjoying the scenic countryside and rather unpredictable weather. She loves to write moody, psychological books about ordinary people in extraordinary situations.

#### **OPTIONS**

Filia

#### **RIGHTS SOLD**

Filia - Polish



## My Sister's Promise

Sarah A. Denzil

Crime Thriller

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#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

In the summer of 2006, Emma Price watched helplessly as her six-year-old son's red coat was fished out of the River Ouse. It was the tragic story of the year – a little boy, Aiden, wandered away from school during a terrible flood, fell into the river, and drowned. His body was never recovered.

Ten years later, Emma has finally rediscovered the joy in life. She's married, pregnant, and in control again. Until Aiden returns.

Too traumatized to speak, he raises endless questions and answers none. Only his body tells the story of his decade-long disappearance. The historic broken bones and injuries cast a mere glimpse into the horrors Aiden has experienced. Aiden never drowned. Aiden was taken.

As Emma attempts to reconnect with her now teenage son, she must unmask the monster who took him away from her. But who, in their tiny village, could be capable of such a crime?

It's Aiden who has the answers, but he cannot tell the unspeakable.

#### **REVIEWS**

Why readers are completely gripped by ONLY DAUGHTER:

'I couldn't put it down!... it had me glued to the pages! There aren't many books which have me in big sobbing tears and then biting my nails in anticipation, but this was one of them!... Brilliant writing, gripping story, well worthy of its 5 stars!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars

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# COVER ART PENDING

### Shalini Boland

Crime Thriller

Shalini was Bookouture's bestselling psychological fiction author for 2018 and has now sold over 560,000 copies. Previous titles have reached #2 Amazon US and #4 Amazon UK

#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Maggie is sat at the kitchen table when her little boy utters the words every mother dreads. She doesn't know where six-year-old Dylan has heard this, but the scared expression on his face tells her it's the truth. But just as Maggie starts to untangle her husband Jake's lies, the unimaginable happens: her husband and son go missing. And Maggie knows she must uncover the secrets of Jake's past, to save her son.

#### **REVIEWS**

Why readers are totally gripped by THE GIRL FROM THE SEA:

'This book had me ready to dive in head first from page one... I LOVED, LOVED this book. It had twists, turns, crazy and drama all in one. This one will make your head spin... 10 stars!!!!!! Goodreads, 5 stars

#### **AUTHOR BIO**

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).

#### **OPTIONS**

Muvelt Nep, Wydawnictwo Literackie, Eksmo, Weltbild, Hope Edizioni, Euromedia, Legendary Television, RAO Distributie



### The Girl from the Sea

### Shalini Boland

Crime Thriller

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#### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

'I can't remember anything. Not even my own name.'

When Mia James is washed up on a beautiful, sun-drenched beach she has no idea who she is or what happened to her. She doesn't even recognise her own face – until a man comes forward claiming to be her boyfriend and providing her with an identity.

As Mia tries to adjust to the perfect life she was living before her accident, she quickly realises that something is wrong. Why is everyone around her lying to her? What don't they want her to remember?

#### REVIEWS

'A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!' ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

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#### **RIGHTS SOLD**

Eksmo - Russian, Eksmo - Russian audio

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## The Other Daughter

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**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

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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).

#### **OPTIONS**

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## All Her Secrets

## Sue Watson

Crime Thriller

Over 82,000 ebook and 21,000 audiobook copies sold of previous title OUR LITTLE LIES. Top 10 Amazon UK and Top 30 Amazon US author

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Lucy has a lovely husband, a job she adores as a nurse, and a house on Cherry Tree Lane that she's decorated just the way she wants – from the floaty curtains and the softest bed linen, right down to the perfectly–chosen velvet cushions on their comfortable sofa. Life isn't perfect, but it's pretty close.

She's also got Scarlet. Her newest friend and neighbour. They've got so much in common. Even if Scarlet's life sometimes seems a lot more glamorous and exciting, she shares Lucy's down-to-earth sense of humour, and Scarlet seems so interested in Lucy and her life, it's like they never run out of things to talk about.

But then Scarlet starts acting strangely, claiming her life isn't all it seems, talking about how she thinks she might be pregnant, and confiding in Lucy that she's started getting threatening letters.

She's scared, and the only person she can turn to is Lucy. She wants to stay at Lucy's house until things calm down.

Lucy wants to protect her friend. But how far should she trust Scarlet? After all, everyone has secrets. Don't they?

### **REVIEWS**

Omg this book!!!!! Never have I felt such powerful emotions as when reading a novel and finding myself wandering round the house muttering to myself when I wasn't reading... It's safe to say I also spent a lot of time shouting at my Kindle!... such a compulsive read' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'My heart was racing at a bajillion miles an hour... a psychological thriller at its finest. I absolutely raced through this extremely gripping and hugely addictive page-turner, as if my own life depended on it.' Novel Deelights, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

## **OPTIONS**

Heyne, Fanucci, Editora Pangora, Audible, Filia, Newton Compton



# COVER ART PENDING

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## **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Her daughter Alice is Kat's whole world. A longed-for baby who then made a near-miraculous recovery from a serious childhood illness, she is the only person who Kat loves absolutely unconditionally. Even her adoring second husband Richard knows he can't ever compete.

But now Alice is grown up, and with her mum's reluctant but loving support, she is headed to university for the first time, in a town more than an hour's drive away.

She always known that one day she'd have to let Alice go, but Kat's life – and home – feel emptier than ever before. And before long she finds herself leaning on the two other people her daughter was closest to – Alice's boyfriend Josh, and best friend, Lucy.

But then Alice misses their daily phonecall, and Kat knows right away something is wrong. She would never forget to call her own mother. She would never just disappear... Would she?

## REVIEWS

Readers love Sue Watson:

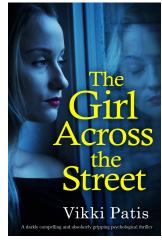
'Tense, atmospheric psychological thriller with more twists and turns than a rollercoaster. Impeccably written and a big fat 5\*\*\*\*\* from me. Awesome!' No. 1 bestselling author, Angela Marsons

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## The Girl Across the Street

## Vikki Patis

Crime Thriller

Previous title THE DIARY #32 on Amazon CA and #124 on Amazon UK

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

You're hiding a secret that only she can see.

Her name is Beth. She came into my life when I needed her the most. We lead very different lives, but she's the only person who understands me. She was the only other witness to the terrible accident on the street between our homes. The only person who saw the cracks in my perfect life before I had the chance to cover them up.

It's been so long since I've had a friend. Someone to talk to, to listen to, to laugh and dream with.

Beth would never do anything to hurt me.

She only wants what's best for me, for my marriage.

Doesn't she?

## **REVIEWS**

'Incredible... from the very first page I knew I was going to love it. I was gripped immediately... I struggled to put it down every single time I had to stop reading. You're on an emotional rollercoaster from beginning to end... Brilliant book.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'Incredible... one of my favourite reads. Yes, I will be reading this one again, and again... I could almost feel the words piercing through my heart, and hitting me right in the feels. The only down side to this book, is why did it end? I wanted to read more!!' Little Old Ginger Me, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

Vikki Patis is an author and blogger, as well as an avid book reviewer. She runs The Bandwagon blog. When she isn't working as a Regulatory Affairs Officer, she can usually be found drinking tea, baking cakes, or taking walks in the Hertfordshire countryside. She lives with her partner and two cats.



## What She Saw

Wendy Clarke

Crime Thriller

Author won the Flash 500 writing competition

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

She lied to her daughter to save her family.

Everyone knows Leona would do anything for her daughter Beth: she moved to Church Langdon to send Beth to the best school, worked hard to build a successful business to support them and found them the perfect little cottage to call home. Leona and Beth hike together, shop together, share their hopes and fears with one another. People say they're more like best friends than mother and daughter.

It's the relationship every mother dreams of.

But their closeness means that Beth struggles to make friends. Her mother has kept her sheltered from the world. She's more reliant on her mother's love. More vulnerable.

When Beth finds an envelope hidden under the floorboards of their home, the contents make her heart stop. Everything she thought she knew about her mother is a lie. And she realises there is no one she can turn to for help.

What if you've been protected from strangers your whole life, but the one person you can't trust is the person closest to home?

### **REVIEWS**

'Wow, wow, wow! What an amazing novel!... Secrets, lies and terrible events galore, this is a real rollercoaster of a ride throughout. Twists and turns keep you on your toes right through to the end. Raced through this one on a lazy Saturday.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'Had me flying through the pages to find out what happens... I cannot praise this book enough! I finished it in a matter of days... My heart was racing as I was reading. It kept hitting me with twist after twist... I have to say it's the best thriller I've read this year.' Ramblings of the Book Addict, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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



## I Know You

Erik Therme

Crime Thriller

## **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Sisters Bree and Alissa Walker share a special bond. Neglected by their parents, they have always looked out for one another. But one day, sixteen-year-old Alissa goes missing. When Bree discovers her green backpack with all her belongings, abandoned on the steps of their run-down trailer, she knows that something bad has happened.

Then she receives a chilling text message. Someone has Alissa. But Bree will have to give up something very precious in exchange.

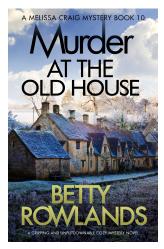
## **REVIEWS**

'Had me totally engrossed... so many twists and turns throughout that had me totally glued to what was happening within the pages... very cleverly messes with your head... tons of suspense... An absolute page turner of a read!' By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars

'I was well and truly hooked... The story twists and turns... definitely an unsettling but addictive thriller, building up the suspense and tension throughout the book.' Stardust Book Reviews

## **AUTHOR BIO**

Erik Therme has thrashed in garage bands, inadvertently harbored runaways, and met Darth Vader. When he's not at his computer, he can be found cheering for his youngest daughter's volleyball team, or watching horror movies with his eighteen-year-old. He currently resides in Iowa City, Iowa—one of only twenty places in the world UNESCO has certified as a City of Literature.



## Murder at the Old House

## **Betty Rowlands**

Crime Thriller

All books in the series debuted into UK top 100 on first day of publication. Total series sales to date: 184,000

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Melissa has just finished writing her latest mystery novel and is enjoying the arrival of spring. She's decided to let her fictional detective retire at last, and perhaps put her own days of investigating behind her too. But the ink has barely dried on the page when Melissa receives shocking news: her estranged father has been found dead in the family home and her mother, Sylvia, is under suspicion of murder.

Melissa hasn't seen her parents for nearly thirty years, but on hearing the dreadful news she rushes to her mother's side. Melissa is sure that Sylvia could never commit a murder, but Sylvia does seem to be keeping secrets.

With no-one else to turn to, Sylvia begs Melissa to investigate the case. Melissa knows her father was a difficult man, but now she needs to work out who wanted him dead. A disgruntled employee, the controlling family lawyer or perhaps the woman with whom he was having an affair?

When another body is found, Melissa realises she's dealing with a ruthless killer. As the police close in, trying to pin both deaths on her mother, Melissa must act fast. Can she find a way to unmask the true killer before she loses her mother for a second time, and possibly forever?

### **REVIEWS**

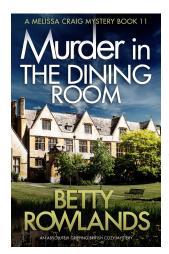
'Such fun... just brilliant. The author has captured my attention once again... THIS is by far my favourite. It's such a wonderful series... I can hardly wait for the next part. The more I read this author's books, the more I want more of them. I loved it!

'The best book in the series yet and is definitely a book that is hard to put down. A great read.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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### **OPTIONS**



## Murder in the Dining Room

## **Betty Rowlands**

Crime Thriller

All books in the series debuted into UK top 100 on first day of publication. Total series sales to date: 184,000

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

 $\label{lem:melissa} \textit{Melissa couldn't be happier that summer has arrived. She's delighted to have her mother}$ 

back by her side, and she is extending her beloved Hawthorn Cottage so her new family can live together.

Meanwhile, Melissa's mother Sylvia is back in good health and enjoying a brief stay at a stately retirement home. She loves getting to know the residents, until first a dog and then his owner are both found dead in the dining room. Like mother, like daughter, Sylvia decides to do a little investigating of her own.

Convinced that the deaths are suspicious, Sylvia starts probing her fellow residents, trying to find out who might have wanted the dog and its owner dead. Could it be the once-married couple, or the glamorous actors or the harassed manager of the home?

When one of Sylvia's friends falls ill in suspicious circumstances, Melissa realises her mother has rattled someone, but who? And what happens if the killer realises they've been rumbled? Will Sylvia find herself meeting a villain in the dining room? And can Melissa find the culprit before another life is taken?

### **REVIEWS**

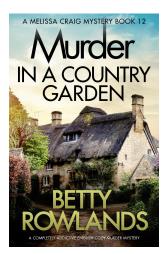
'I just adore this series of books! Brilliant plot, excellent main characters that you invest in. I read this book in one sitting and I would highly recommend it.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

'Fantastic… one of my favourite series involving great characters. I devour each one as it's published.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

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### **OPTIONS**



## Murder in a Country Garden

## **Betty Rowlands**

Crime Thriller

All books in the series debuted into UK top 100 on first day of publication. Total series sales to date: 184,000

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Melissa Craig is thrilled that summer has arrived. She has decided to give up her career as an amateur sleuth and enjoy a quiet life in her beautiful cottage. The only digging in Melissa's life now happens in her garden.

However, when a keen beekeeper is found dead, covered in multiple stings, her new resolve is tested. As she gets to know the family of the dead man, she realises he was no saint. Could someone have possibly wanted him dead? Could this be a very clever murder?

As Melissa starts to probe the victim's friends and acquaintances, another member of the family is also stung to death. Who could have turned the bees against their keeper? And when will they strike again?

With the residents of Upper Benbury now fearful to open their windows to the summer air, and the police treating the deaths as accidental, Melissa must solve this case herself. To find the killer with the sharpest sting, she may have to delve deep into the hive.

### **REVIEWS**

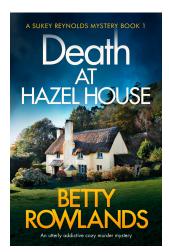
'Beautifully written and evoke the atmosphere of the English village so well, if you take out the murders that is!... first class mystery writing.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

'Another great cozy crime book by Betty Rowlands. Delightful··· Always very entertaining. Thoroughly recommend not only this book, but also this series.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

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### **OPTIONS**



## Death at Hazel House

## **Betty Rowlands**

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Meet Sukey Reynolds: police photographer, proud mother... and amateur detective.

Years ago, Sukey was hoping to become a detective but life took a different turn. Now she's happy to still be involved with the local police force, as long as she still gets to work the occasional murder case...

When Sukey arrives to photograph the body of Lorraine Chant, the beautiful wife of a wealthy businessman, she's baffled. At first, it looks like a botched burglary, as the huge family safe has been left wide open and empty. But why does Lorraine's rich husband claim nothing was taken? And what is he not telling the police?

Deciding to do a little investigating of her own, things take a darker turn for Sukey when she is brutally attacked by a masked figure. What do they think she knows? As Sukey finds herself in the firing line, can she expose the true killer before it's too late?

## **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

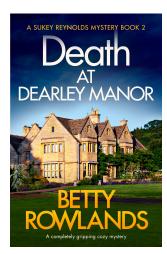
'Hooked from the first pages... wonderful... fascinating, full of twists and turns... kept me guessing till the end.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'Brilliant ··· I read this book in one sitting and could not put it down. I would highly recommend this book to anyone.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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### **OPTIONS**



## Death at Dearley Manor

## **Betty Rowlands**

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Police photographer Sukey Reynolds is called to investigate a seemingly routine break—in at the beautiful Dearley Manor estate, but when she arrives, she is shocked to find the body of someone she knows all too well. The owner of Dearley Manor is none other than the wealthy woman whom Sukey's husband, Paul Reynolds, left her for... And she has been brutally murdered.

With her close personal connection, Sukey is officially pulled off the case. But as the police close in on Paul, convinced he is guilty, Sukey realises she has no choice but to try and prove his innocence. He may not have been the world's best husband, but he's no killer.

As she starts to dig around the dead woman's history, Sukey realises she was certainly no saint, and many of her neighbours might have wanted the late owner of Dearley Manor out of the way...

When yet another woman on the Dearley Estate is found dead, Sukey fears that anyone who knows too much about the troubled family is in danger from a ruthless murderer. Can she prove Paul's innocence before it's too late? And will she be able to nail this brutal killer before another life is taken?

## **REVIEWS**

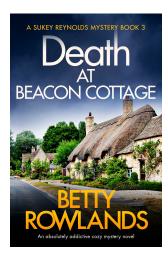
What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'An absolutely addictive, wonderful story. Loved it from start to finish. Great pace and a delightful setting, colourful characters and thrilling mystery. This was a brilliant story and I cannot wait for more!' Renita D'Silva, author of The Forgotten Daughter, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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### **OPTIONS**



## Death at Beacon Cottage

**Betty Rowlands** 

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Police photographer Sukey Reynolds is looking forward to a quiet weekend gardening at home, when she gets a call that there has been a shocking break-in at a local manor house. Once she begins to gather evidence, Sukey realises that this is the latest in a spate of well-crafted burglaries in the Cotswolds. Someone is targeting expensive houses with valuable art collections...

Thankfully, the police soon have a suspect in custody. But, during questioning, he suddenly catches a glimpse of Sukey, turns deathly pale and calls out to her. Sukey is sure she has never met this man before... Is this a bizarre joke, or is there a stranger out there who is Sukey's perfect double in every way?

Just as Sukey begins to suspect she's being followed, the police are baffled by a spate of local murders. With the body count rising, and the police unsure of where to turn, is Sukey herself a clue in this strange case? Can she unmask the killer before she becomes the next victim?

## **REVIEWS**

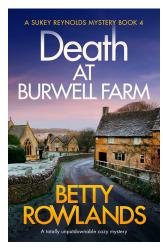
What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'Once I started reading I couldn't put it down as it was entertaining and enthralling... The mystery was interesting and it kept me guessing till the end... Highly recommended!' Scrapping and Playing, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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### **OPTIONS**



## Betty Rowlands

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

Death at Burwell Farm

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'An enjoyable read, with lots of twists and turns… the mystery is one that keeps you reading well into the night. I will certainly look out for more books in this series.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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## **OPTIONS**



## Death at Ivy House

**Betty Rowlands** 

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'Love the ending of this book and I honestly can't wait for the next one. This is a series which keeps getting better and better.' Goodreads Reviewer

'A lovely, peaceful and funny cozy mystery novel··· plenty of very good laugh-out-loud moments··· reminded me of Agatha Raisin... I'll be definitely in the **AUTHOR BIO** 

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## **OPTIONS**



## Death on a Summer Morning

**Betty Rowlands** 

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'Just when you think you know what you're about to get with the next book in the excellent Melissa Craig series, you are surprised. ··· Mystery and romance are very much in the air. A very good, relaxing read.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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## **OPTIONS**



## Death under the Apple Tree

**Betty Rowlands** 

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

What readers are saying about Betty Rowlands:

'Such fun... just brilliant. The author has captured my attention once again... THIS is by far my favourite. It's such a wonderful series... I can hardly wait for the next part. The more I read this author's books, the more I want more of them. I loved it!

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## **OPTIONS**



## Death at the Mariners Hotel

**Betty Rowlands** 

Crime Thriller

Previous titles have sold over 184,000 copies

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

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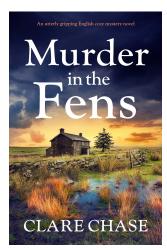
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## **OPTIONS**

<sup>&#</sup>x27;I read this book in one sitting as I couldn't put it down.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

<sup>&#</sup>x27;An excellent cosy mystery… extremely gripping and cunningly plotted.' The Tia Chapter



## Murder in the Fens

## Clare Chase

Crime Thriller

Author has sold over 42,000 copies to date. Top 15 Amazon US and CA author

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

When the body of nineteen-year-old Julie Cooper is found – her pockets stuffed full of wilting flowers – in an iron-age stone circle on the edge of the fens, Detective Tara Thorpe and her team are called in to investigate. The evidence points to an illicit affair gone wrong… but is there more to the story?

As always at the Cambridge constabulary, the case turns personal. Detective Blake is exhausted after the arrival of a new baby with wayward wife Babette, and Tara is keen to put as much distance between herself and Blake as she can – both at the station and on the hunt for the killer. Charming rookie officer Jez is the perfect distraction… but is he a little too good to be true?

Then Tara makes a startling breakthrough when she finds an unsettling family heirloom hidden in the late victim's bedroom – a golden statue of a sinister–looking cat with emerald eyes. As she traces its origins, Tara begins to realise that Julie's murder is no one–off crime, but a sinister plot with its roots in a terrible secret that was covered up decades earlier.

## REVIEWS

Readers absolutely love Clare Chase:

'Literally couldn't put it down!! This was an excellent thriller with well–developed characters and great twists!! From the first page until the end… a great ride of mystery, suspense and murder… Excellent thriller and crime read!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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. The terrace she now occupies presents a good happy medium. 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.

### **OPTIONS**

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## A Twist in the Tail

## Leighann Dobbs

Crime Thriller

USA Today bestselling and award-winning author of the Mystic Notch

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Josie Waters has to admit she may have acted a bit hastily when she agreed to purchase the Oyster Cove Guesthouse – a charmingly gabled Victorian mansion on the breathtaking Maine coast – from elderly family friend Millie Sullivan. But Josie was desperate to flee Ohio and in particular her ex-husband, a chef who loved his job so much he left her for it. And anyway, how hard can running a guesthouse be?

The truth is, Oyster Cove Guesthouse is a mouldering money pit with falling-in roof and a cohort of regular guests who are as mad as a box of frogs. And Millie keeps dropping by to dispense unasked-for advice. And Josie might have made a mistake in promising to adopt Oyster Cove's two resident cats Nero and Marlowe, and treat them in the manner to which they've become accustomed. Josie has never had a cat before we let alone two feisty felines who think they own the place.

Ok, it's not going well. At least it can't get any worse, Josie thinks. Until her first guest ends up dead.

### **REVIEWS**

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☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ 'Mystery, books, cats! Ups and downs, twists and turns make this a must read, especially if you love cats and books! Keep the series coming!' Goodreads reviewer

## **AUTHOR BIO**

USA Today bestselling author, Leighann Dobbs, discovered her passion for writing after a twenty year career as a software engineer. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband Bruce, their trusty Chihuahua mix Mojo and beautiful rescue cat, Kitty. Her book "Dead Wrong" won the "Best Mystery Romance" award at the 2014 Indie Romance Convention. Her book "Ghostly Paws" was the 2015 Chanticleer Mystery & Mayhem First Place category winner in the Animal Mystery category.

# A Whisker in the Dark

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Leighann Dobbs
Crime Thriller

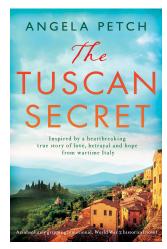
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# **Historical**



## The Tuscan Secret

Angela Petch

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

As World War Two shatters Europe, Ines is a young girl caught up in the Italian Resistance. With her brother and best friend sacrificing everything to fight the Nazis, Ines hides deep in the Tuscan mountains, tending the wounds of the fallen fighters – including an escaped British prisoner–of–war who captures her heart.

Forty-five years later, an elderly lady in an English nursing home passes away, dreaming of Italy in her dying hours. To her youngest daughter Anna, she leaves a battered box of letters, their pages yellowed with age, and a promise that the truth about what really happened to her in the war lies within

Anna's English father forbade her from learning her mother's beautiful language. So to translate the handwritten diaries, she resolves to visit Tuscany for herself. As she explores the sun-kissed olive groves and stunning mountain landscapes of the homeland she's never known, Anna uncovers a shocking secret about her mother's past that will uproot everything she's ever believed.

In this small Tuscan community, some wartime secrets were never meant to be uncovered…

## **REVIEWS**

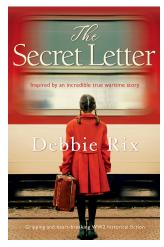
'Excellent book!... will grab you and hold onto you long after you put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'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, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.



## The Secret Letter

## Debbie Rix

Historical

Author has sold over 78,000 copies. #1 Amazon CA and top 50 Amazon UK author

## **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Germany, 1939: When eleven-year-old Fran's brother writes to her and tells her of the unspeakable crimes the Nazi are committing against the Jewish people, Fran knows she has to do something. And when an English RAF pilot lands in a field nearby her family's home, Fran makes a decision that will change everything.

England, 1939: Twelve-year-old Imogen is torn from her family and evacuated to the Lake District. At first, the horrors of battle seem far from home, but as the conflict continues, Imogen involves herself in the war effort. And on the other side of the enemy line, the actions of one girl will change her life forever···

## **REVIEWS**

'Absolutely beautiful!... I am blown away... A stunning story that took me over. Heartwarming and hopeful... a masterpiece. Absolute perfection! Whatever you do, don't miss this one!' Renita D'Silva, 5 stars

'Oh how my heart broke... magnificent... I was truly enthralled with this captivating story.' Robin Loves Reading, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

### **OPTIONS**

Newton Compton, Grada



## Our Last Goodbye

## Shirley Dickson

Historical

Her previous title THE ORPHAN SISTERS has sold over 59,000 copies and was a top 50 Amazon title in both the US and UK

## **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

1943, England: On a foggy night during the blackout, twenty-five-year-old May Robinson watches in horror as her mother, Ivy, is tragically killed. Heartbroken, May is not sure she has the strength to harbour the secret she has kept for so many years – a secret that her mother devoted her life to hiding, and that would tear their broken family even further apart.

Vowing to make her mother proud, May trains to be a nurse at the local hospital, against a backdrop of wailing air-raid sirens and the eternal drone of enemy planes. Tending to wounded, ashen-faced soldiers and fighting to save lives, May encounters Richard Bentley, who works at the hospital. But why isn't he fighting in the war like thousands of other brave young men?

In the darkest of days, amongst death and despair, May and Richard are beacons of hope for one another. But in a perilous time of such uncertainty, and as each longs to escape their past, how well do they really know each other? And when the shocking truth of May's secret comes to light, can their love survive the impossible?

## **REVIEWS**

Readers have been swept away by Shirley Dickson:

'I was gripped from the very first page… It was heartbreaking… I smiled through these happy times with them but also shed tears… I could not put it down… Will undoubtedly pull at your heart-strings. Just make sure you have a box of tissues ready!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars

### **AUTHOR BIO**

Shirley Dickson was born and grew up in the seaside town of South Shields. She left school at fifteen and can't remember a time when she didn't write. She entered her first short story competition in 'School Friend' when she was eleven. After Shirley retired from auxiliary nursing, she was able to devote her time to writing. Shirley has three daughters and four grandchildren and likes nothing better than family gatherings.

## **OPTIONS**

Bolinda

## **RIGHTS SOLD**

Bolinda - Audio



## My Name Is Eva

Suzanne Goldring

Historical

## RETAIL DESCRIPTION

One woman behind enemy lines. A mission to find the truth, no matter where it leads her.

Evelyn Taylor- Clarke sits in her chair at Forest Lawns care home surrounded by residents with minds not as sharp as hers. It would be easy to dismiss Evelyn as a muddled old woman, but her lipstick is applied perfectly, and her buttons done up correctly. Because Evelyn is a woman of secrets and Evelyn does not forget.

When Evelyn's niece Pat discovers a photo in an old biscuit tin of a small girl with a red ball entitled 'Liesel, 1949'she has some questions for her aunt. And Evelyn is transported back to a time of secrets and spies, a place in Germany known as 'The Forbidden Village' and a woman known as Eva, who went where no one else dared to, to avenge the lives of those she had loved.

## **REVIEWS**

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

## A View Across the Rooftops

COVER ART PENDING

Suzanne Kelman

Historical

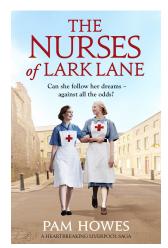
## **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

1941, Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. Professor Joseph Held appears to live a quiet, solitary life. That is, until he meets Hannah, an enigmatic woman with whom he shares an undeniable connection. But with treachery and betrayal at every turn, he wonders if he can trust her. Because he has a powerful reason to remain reclusive. The truth is that Joseph isn't the gentle widower others see him as. Nor is he alone in his house. Because on the night that the Nazis came for the Jews, he impulsively offered his student Michael Blum refuge in his attic. It is an act of bravery and resistance that changes the course of his life. But as the war rages on, and his relationship with Hannah deepens, what price will Joseph pay for the secrets he is keeping?

## **REVIEWS**

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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.



## The Nurses of Lark Lane

## Pam Howes

Historical

Author has sold over 111,000 copies and has been in the Amazon top 30 in both the UK and  $C\Delta$ 

### **RETAIL DESCRIPTION**

Liverpool, 1956. With her abusive husband drinking all her wages, Alice faces a daily struggle to provide for her family. Her eldest daughter Cathy has always longed to be a nurse, but when the family's poverty means she's forced to leave school and get a job – without the qualifications she needs – it looks like her dreams are over.

But Cathy isn't willing to give up without a fight, and with the support of old friend – and new love – Gianni, she manages to secure a place as a cadet nurse, learning as she works.

Cathy knows that without her around, her mam must stand up to her violent husband alone – and that with less money coming in, Alice will be in danger of losing everything. Cathy must decide whether to follow her dream, or protect her family.

And since nursing students must be unmarried, and Gianni is desperate to settle down, it's not just her mam who hopes that Cathy will come home. Can Cathy find a way to have it all, or will becoming a nurse mean leaving her family – and love – behind her?

## **REVIEWS**

'WOW what a fabulous book!!... Loads of laughter and tears – it is absolutely a book you will not be able to put down until you finish it, for that reason I had sleepless nights!! I can't recommend it highly enough' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'Oh what a corker... fantastic... Tissues ready though, okay?... I am flabbergasted... literally moved me to tears, filled my arms with goosebumps... truly spell-

## **AUTHOR BIO**

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.

### **OPTIONS**

W.F. Howes, Mati

## **RIGHTS SOLD**

W.F. Howes - Audio



## The Midwives of Lark Lane

Pam Howes

Historical

Author has sold over 111,000 copies and has been in the Amazon top 30 in both the UK and  ${\it CA}$ 

**RETAIL DESCRIPTION** 

## **REVIEWS**

Readers love Lark Lane!

## **AUTHOR BIO**

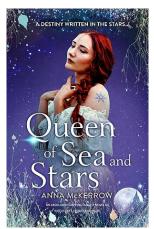
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<sup>&#</sup>x27;I absolutely loved it!··· Alice is an excellent character··· This book gave me so many different emotions throughout··· All of the characters are so well written··· I can't wait to read more from Pam Howes. A must read.' Booking Good Read

# <u>Fantasy</u>



## Queen of Sea and Stars

Anna McKerrow
Sci Fi/Fantasy

#### RETAIL DESCRIPTION

As a child, Faye Morgan was always an outsider, shunned for the ancient and powerful magic that runs through her veins.

Ever since she was a little girl, growing up in the village of Abercolme on the wild coast of Scotland, Faye Morgan's life has been steeped in the old ways – witchcraft, herbal lore and a blood connection to the dangerous and unpredictable world of Faerie.

But magic is both a gift and a burden, and Faye has more than paid the price of living between two worlds. Neither accepted by the villagers, nor welcome in Murias after rebuffing the fickle and attractive Faerie Warrior King, Finn Beatha, Faye runs from Abercolme, hoping to leave that life behind.

However, even in the twisted, cobbled streets of London, Faye finds her blood bond with Faerie won't be broken. A Faerie War of the Elements is brewing and, though she doesn't yet know it, Faye is fated to play a terrible part. If she is to survive, she must learn to embrace her own dark power and face Finn Beatha once more... but in doing so Faye will discover secrets in her own past that never should have been disturbed.

### **REVIEWS**

'I was hooked... there is so much in this story and before you know it, you too will be sucked into the world of Faerie and all the vivid descriptions and magical elements, that you won't want the story to end either.' Goodreads reviewer

'A fantasy romance based on Celtic lore. This book is a captivating, well-written dark fairy tale that I devoured in one sitting.' Goodreads Reviewer

## **AUTHOR BIO**

Anna McKerrow has written 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 an eclectic pagan witch and feminist who also loves crocheting blankets while watching episodes of Miss Marple. Anna loves mythology, magic, tarot, punk, grunge, rock and alternative music, fantasy and sci-fi novels, travel, luxury skincare products, chocolate, spas, candlelight and stormy beaches. She owns the requisite witchy black cat.

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