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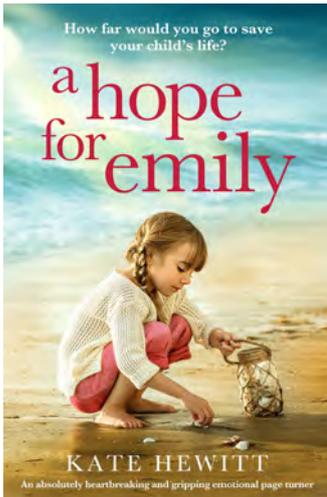
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Women's Fiction



A Hope for Emily Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers
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Euromedia (Czech)

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain and Susan Lewis

**Author has sold over 265,000 copies of her titles to date and has
been in the top 30 in UK and US Amazon charts**

Editor's Note

Kate Hewitt is an absolute star of our women's fiction list. Her beautifully written novels turn even the hardest-hearted readers into sobbing wrecks. Her reviews are unanimously outstanding, and her sales record speaks to how much of a readers' favourite she is too: we've sold over 200,000 copies across just her first three novels. This new novel, in part inspired by news stories about parents coming to blows with one another when their child is given a heartbreaking diagnosis, is going to be her most powerful yet, touching on universal themes of parenthood, tragedy and the power of human connection.

Retail Description

From the moment Emily was born, reaching out with her tiny little star-shaped hand towards her mother, blinking with long eyelashes over soft blue eyes, she became Rachel's whole world.

But Rachel's worst nightmare comes true when a rare auto-immune illness leaves four-year-old Emily in a coma the doctors say she may never come out of. And Rachel has to make a heartbreaking decision – one that her ex-husband, Emily's dad James, doesn't agree with.

Terrified she's going to lose her daughter for good, Rachel knows she must find a way to keep the hope alive for Emily. But there is only one person she can turn to for help to convince James – and it's his new wife, Eva.

As an unlikely but powerful friendship develops between the two women, both Rachel and Eva will have to ask themselves – what is truly the right choice for the tiny, fragile little girl who lies between them?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

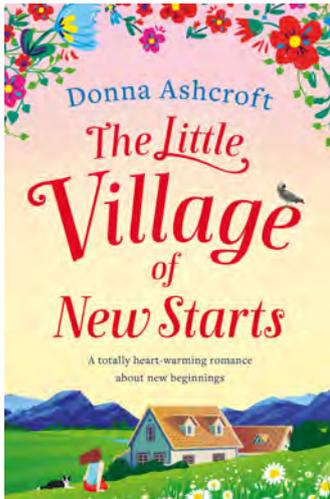
'THE book of the year!... I don't think I have ever cried as much' Sinfully Wicked Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Never has any book been able to just wipe me out with such gut-wrenching sadness... BEAUTIFULLY DONE' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Little Village of New Starts Donna Ashcroft

Previous Translation Publishers
Heyne (German)

For fans of Holly Martin, Nicola May and Phillipa Ashley

Donna Ashcroft has sold over 70,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in October 2018

Editor's Note

This summer, get ready for a trip to a picturesque little village in the Scottish Highlands. Wander down Lockton Lane to Buttermead Farm, where you'll find a cast of gorgeous characters in a stunning setting, and perhaps even a hint of a sparkling romance... Donna's charming and addictive novels have won her dedicated fans among readers and bloggers alike. This is Donna's fifth book and sees a brand new setting for readers to dream of visiting, along with Donna's trademark loveable and quirky characters, *The Little Village of New Starts* is the perfect summer escape.

Retail Description

Evie Stuart is playing it safe. She lives on her family's remote farm in the Scottish Highlands and never ventures beyond the local village of Lockton. The most unpredictable thing in her life are the antics of Miss Daisy, her nana's pygmy goat. She's learned that bad things happen when she's impulsive, and she's determined not to get burned again.

Callum Ryder is exactly the opposite of what Evie wants in her ordered world. Six-foot-two of reckless energy with twinkling eyes and a dangerously charming smile, he's a thrill-seeking American firefighter with no idea how to slow down. Callum enters Lockton like a whirlwind, fleeing his problems in New York City in search of the truth about his Scottish family. Yet the pair might have more in common than they first think...

When Evie is cajoled into helping Callum discover the truth about his family by her well-meaning Nana Agnes, she finds herself being challenged more than she has in years: from swimming in the fabled Bonnie Lochan to exploring an ancient ruined castle and even entering the village Jampionships. Turns out it's easy for Evie and Callum to connect when they both let go of their fears and enjoy the most surprising summer of their lives. But soon trying to keep up with Callum starts to look like it might end in disaster for Evie, and she remembers why she's scared of taking risks. Maybe a fresh start isn't going to be so simple after all... Is the safe haven Evie's built about to crumble down around her?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

'5 magnificent stars - Donna Ashcroft just became a 'must buy' author for me. Check out her earlier novels if you haven't already!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I was hooked on this book from the very first page and was genuinely disappointed when I'd finished it!! It is an ideal summer read, although you don't have to wait for summer to enjoy it!... Highly recommended!! Wonderful!!' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The House on Firefly Beach Jenny Hale

For fans of Mary Alice Monroe, Nancy Thayer and Susan Mallery

Jenny has sold over 780,000 copies, top 15 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

The House on Firefly Beach is another gorgeous, sun-drenched summer read by bestselling superstar Jenny Hale. It's got all the ingredients – and more – for an escapist beach read. A will-they-wont-they second-chance romance? Tick. Sparkling turquoise waters and golden beaches? Tick. A feisty, fierce heroine? Tick. Mouthwatering piña colodas and zingy margaritas? Tick! What more could you want?

Retail Description

Reviews for Jenny Hale

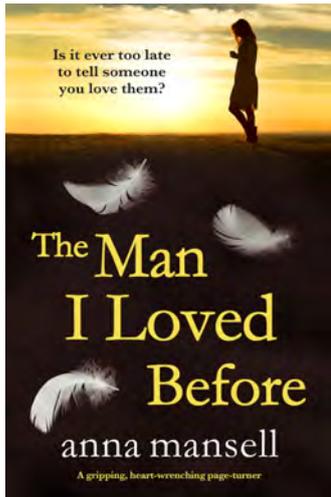
'I loved it so much. 5 stars just doesn't seem enough. I can honestly say it had me hooked from the first few lines. I could barely put the book down ... the best book I have read in a long time.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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!





The Man I Loved Before Anna Mansell

Previous Translation Publishers
Heyne (German)

For fans of Kerry Fisher, Amanda Prowse, and Susan Lewis

Author has sold over 40,000 copies to date and is a top 20 Amazon CA and top 70 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

Anna Mansell is a star of our women's fiction list, with a unique ability to get to the heart of real women's lives and problems. Her writing resonates with everyone who reads it, and her reviews are always outstanding. With *The Man I Loved Before*, she's taken her writing to the next level, with an extraordinary, and truly unexpected, story about love, grief, truth and loss. We are incredibly ambitious for this novel, and believe it is the book that will take Anna to the next level.

Retail Description

'Dear Ben, I can only write you this letter because I know you'll never read it...'

When Amy writes to her ex-boyfriend Ben, it's to explain everything – all the secrets she kept, from the little lies she'd sometimes tell about just how new those shoes were, or how many G&Ts she'd had that evening... right up to The Big Thing that happened on the night that changed everything. But she never expects he will actually see what she's written.

She is just writing because she thinks perhaps it will help to get the words out. Later, she resolves, she'll burn the letter; and then the past will be in the past for good.

Because Amy is doing fine now. She has met someone new – Mitch, and her days are taken up with spending time with him, seeing her friends, working, and looking after her mother, who's in remission from cancer. She's busy. And she's really, definitely somewhere close to happy.

But then her mum finds the letter, and posts it to Ben before telling her. And Amy's new, carefully rebuilt life begins to unravel in ways she could never have imagined. Then, as her mother gets ill again, she has to ask – is the key to her future with the woman she is now... or the girl she once was?

Reviews for Anna Mansell

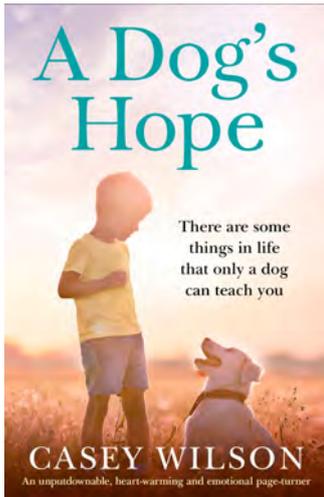
'Totally loved it! The intricate storyline, the beautiful settings and the fascinating yet flawed characters. I could not stop reading... A truly amazing piece of escapism, dramatic and insightful.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'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, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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!





A Dog's Hope Casey Wilson

For fans of A Dog's Purpose, The Art of Racing in the Rain and Marley & Me

Editor's Note

A Dog's Hope is the first project in a two-book contract with debut author Casey Wilson. A heart-warming and uplifting novel about the unbreakable bond between humans and dogs, and will be written under this pseudonym by successful self-published author Tammy L. Grace. It's a book that will break your heart as often as it warms it, and will be beloved by everyone who has ever had a canine friend. The publication will quickly be followed by another standalone novel, A Dog's Chance.

Retail Description

There are some things in life that only a dog can teach you.

A poignant, heart-wrenching, but ultimately uplifting novel about the unbreakable bond between a boy and his dog.

In the farming town of Riverside in Washington, Toby Fuller is feeling more alone than ever. Nothing Toby did was ever good enough for his father, but he never expected his father to leave, to abandon him and his mother forever. He loses hope, until a scruffy golden retriever called Buddy follows him home from school.

Though he's struggling to walk, Buddy matches Toby step for step, never taking his eyes off him, as if Toby is all he needs in the world. And from that day on Buddy never leaves Toby's side.

Buddy shows Toby a loyalty that he has never known. But then disaster strikes and Toby's life is changed forever. Will Buddy be able to give Toby the strength he needs to carry on?

A tale of how unconditional love can bound into your life when you least expect it, giving you hope in the darkest of times.

Reviews for Casey Wilson

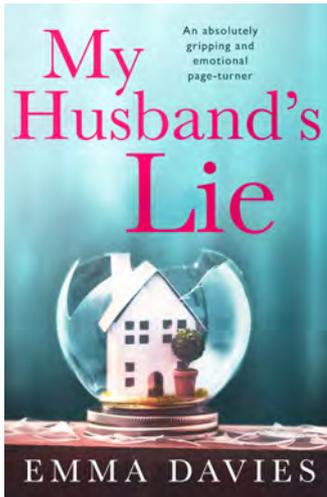
'This book drew me in from the first page... I honestly shed tears reading this wonderful book, I highly recommend this book to anyone, especially dog lovers.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I am completely demolished, this was the most heart-warming, sweet and beautiful book I've read in a while. It grabbed me and just stole my heart... I can't even express my feelings, just read it!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Casey Wilson is the author of A Dog's Hope published with Bookouture. Born and raised in the United States in Nevada, she is the owner of a gorgeous golden retriever, who may or may not have inspired the dogs in her novels.





My Husband's Lie Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers
Fortuna (Slovak & Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), Bastei Lübbe (German)

For fans of Liane Moriarty and Diane Chamberlain

100,000 copies sold of The Little Cottage series

Editor's Note

A step away from her trademark uplifting escapist novels, Davies plans to grow her readership by expanding into gripping, secretive and twisty family dramas. When Emma sent over the idea for these two new novels I practically jumped out of my seat with excitement. Her previous novels, though ultimately feel-good, have often had troubling issues and emotional secrets at their heart and I'm thrilled she's open to embracing her darker side for this next venture. I love it when authors are keen to challenge their readers as well as themselves, and I have no doubt that this new direction will be a huge success.

Retail Description

When Thea sees her old family home is up for sale – a beautiful old rectory in the town she and her doting husband, Drew, grew up in – she knows she has to have it. Her parents moved her away suddenly when she was eleven, but she always remembered her childhood in Six Oaks being filled with happy memories. It's the perfect place to raise their two children.

But as the last boxes are unpacked, Thea just can't seem to settle. Why are old friends crossing to the other side of the road when they see her? And neighbours falling silent when she enters the local shop?

Late one night, she's amazed to find that she can still slide a small section of panelling in the dining room back to reveal the secret hiding place she used as a child. Inside, she finds a collection of feathers, a necklace she once stole from her sister, and local newspaper clippings that reveal a devastating betrayal.

As the house reveals its secrets, Thea's perfect life is in total freefall as her head and her heart wrestle with an impossible decision: stay silent and protect those she loves, or tell the truth and risk irreparable damage...

Reviews for Emma Davies

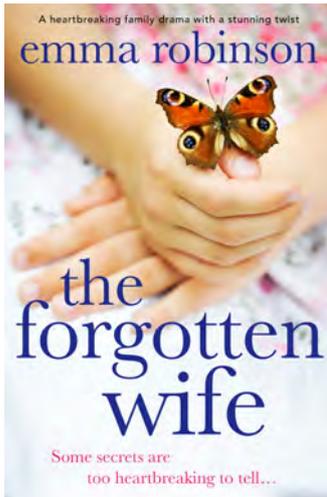
'Simply brilliant... hooked from the first page and wanted to give it far more than the five stars... so heart-warming and romantic and uplifting and such a delight to read... has you in tears... An amazing read and so uplifting. I highly recommend I couldn't put it down at all.' Goodreads reviewer,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

'A heart-warming, feel-good tale that will have you staying up all night to finish... A wonderful read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Emma once worked for a design studio where she was asked to provide a fun, humorous, and not necessarily true anecdote about herself for their website. She wrote the following: 'I am a bestselling novelist currently masquerading as a thirty-something mother of three.' Well the job didn't work out but she's now a forty-something mother of three and happy to report the rest of her dream came true. She now lives in rural Shropshire with her husband, three children, and two guinea pigs where she writes full time from a shed in the garden.





The Forgotten Wife Emma Robinson

For fans of Jojo Moyes, Dani Atkins and Daniela Sacerdoti

Author has sold over 41,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Emma's brilliant new novel is as heartbreaking, true and recognisable as readers will expect. She takes the subject of grief and recovery, and frames it in the most beautiful of ways. Readers won't be able to stop themselves crying, as Shelley admits to having lost a much-wanted child; and as her friendship with Lara becomes a powerful healing force for them both.

Retail Description

When Shelley first met Greg, her life had been full of possibility. A whirlwind romance, a dream wedding, moving into their first house together, thinking about starting a family...

But now it's ten years since their wedding. Greg has gone. And there's a room in the house where Shelley has shut a baby blanket away. In a box, under a bed, in a spare room, behind a door that she never opens. If it's there, she can forget about it. Just like everything else in that room. Just like her other memories. Of a marriage that perhaps hadn't been perfect. Of a life that hadn't gone the way she had expected.

She's been managing to hide from her past. Every day she acts like everything is normal. Going to work and following a routine helps her pretend the bad stuff never happened. Until one day, everything changes. She sees the couple moving in next door, giggling as they walk up the path to their new home. The woman is pregnant. It's like she has everything that Shelley has lost. But when Shelley properly meets Lara, she soon discovers she is in fact carrying a heartache to match Shelley's own.

As her friendship with Lara deepens, Shelley starts to wonder what might happen if she opens the box she's hidden away. Will the secrets from her past – about what she lost, what she's hiding from, and what she has been doing her best to forget – destroy her?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

'Made me laugh and cry all in one go... A beautiful feel-good book of friendship and love which had me chuckling to myself one minute then wiping away tears the next.' Stardust Book reviews

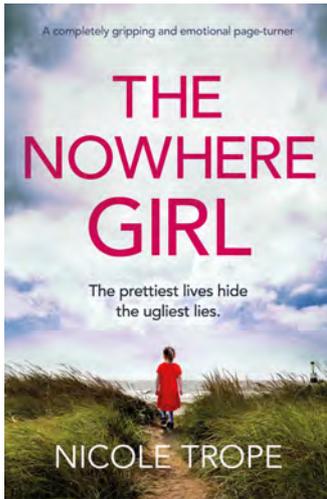
'I absolutely loved this book... It is so much fun... Do yourself a favour and get lost in this story!!!' Goodreads reviewer,



Author Biography

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





The Nowhere Girl Nicole Trope

For fans of Jodi Picoult and Liane Moriarty

70,000 copies sold of previous title *The Boy in the Photo*

Editor's Note

Nicole is known as the Jodi Picoult of Australia for a reason! Following on from the success of *The Boy in The Photo*, which reached the top 100 in both the UK and the US, Nicole is back with another heartbreaker. Have tissues on hand for this one! In this dark, moving and stunningly written family drama, Nicole explores the relationship of two sisters and the secrets between them. Handling themes such as domestic abuse and child abuse with expert sensitivity, Nicole has written a raw and thought-provoking novel which I know will capture the hearts of readers all over the world.

Retail Description

If you passed Alice on the street, you couldn't help but smile. At how she holds hands with her husband, Jack, who she has been with since she was at university. At the way she admires her three boys, the centre of her universe.

But if you looked very closely, you'd see how tightly she holds Jack's hand, afraid to let go. You'd see how carefully she watches her boys, scared to look away. You'd see her smile fading in a matter of seconds, and the pain she hides behind her eyes.

She has told Jack that she ran away from home when she was younger – but she didn't tell him the whole story. Her husband doesn't know about the guilt she bears about her little sister she failed to save.

Now, after a lifetime of fresh starts, Alice can feel her past playing catch-up. She is sure she is being watched, certain she is being followed. She may not be able to stop her secret coming out – but can she stop the world she has lovingly built collapsing in on her?

Reviews for Nicole Trope

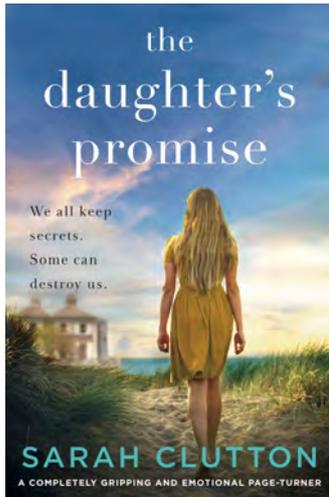
'Loved loved loved this book!... Will have you holding your breath until the shocking ending. I was glued to this book and couldn't go to sleep until I had finished it. And the next day I read it again!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wow! Wow! Wow!... This book is ahmazing!... 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, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Daughter's Promise Sarah Clutton

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Kerry Fisher and Emily Bleeker

This is Sarah's second book with Bookouture and her sales have doubled with this title

Editor's Note

Sarah Clutton is exceptional at writing flawed, real characters in taut, emotional circumstances. She writes brilliant, instantly recognisable female relationships which draw the reader in from the start. I am so proud of the reception this book has had and can't wait to see more readers gripped by her writing and her characters!

Retail Description

Family is everything to Willa. Adopted at birth, her loving husband and son are her safe haven, and the ones she has clung to while numbed by the pain of a recent loss. When a letter arrives, it opens a path for Willa to re-engage with life: she has inherited a house halfway across the world, in a town she's never heard of, from a woman she doesn't know. Her only guess is that Lillian Brooks could have been her birth mother.

Travelling to the inviting shores of Sisters Cove, Willa is entranced by the dilapidated old house she now owns, perched high on a windy cliff within the Merrivale Estate. But as she begins to look amongst the dusty photos and sealed boxes of papers left to her, it becomes clear that the truth about who Lillian really was is not at all what Willa expected.

At Merrivale, social butterfly Annabelle is intrigued by Willa's arrival. Unable to have children herself, she feels drawn to this fragile, younger woman and is inspired to help her mend the cracks in her heart. But as a friendship grows between the two, the dark truth that connects them is exposed, and both are forced to make choices about the risks they'll take for family, love and forgiveness.

Reviews for Sarah Clutton

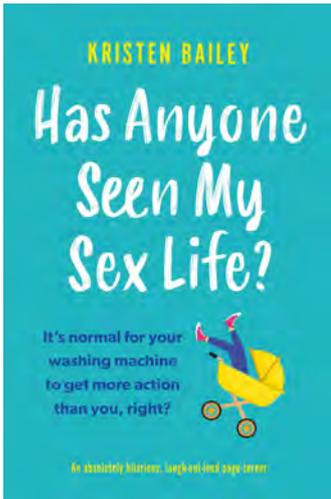
'OMG! OMG! OMG! What a marvellously brilliant book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Absolutely loved!... a strongly developed mystery along the lines of Ruth Ware's The Lying Game and Donna Tartt's The Secret History... I can't wait to read more from Sarah Clutton!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sarah Clutton is a freelance writer and ex-lawyer. In 2018 she was awarded the Dymocks Books/Fiona McIntosh Commercial Fiction Scholarship. Sarah lives in New South Wales, Australia.





Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life? Kristen Bailey

For fans of *Why Mummy Drinks*, *The Unmumsy Mum* and romcoms
by Sophie Randal and Sophie Kinsella

An Amazon UK top 50 title

Editor's Note

Within the first few pages of reading *Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life?* I just knew I had to publish Kristen Bailey. I was quite literally laughing out loud, and then I was tearing up, and then I was smiling from ear to ear, and then I was cracking up once more. Kristen writes with such flare – she’s genuinely hilarious, painting a raw and completely relatable picture of being a mother, being a wife, being a sister and a friend. I could not be more excited to unleash this unmissable novel into the world – I know readers are going to go wild for it. Taking a hilarious and honest look at family life and modern sexuality, this book is going to be BIG.

Retail Description

It’s normal for your washing machine to get more action than you, right?

I wake up, bleary-eyed.

It’s been two years, six months and three hours since I last shaved my legs, and the llama-patterned knickers I’m wearing have seen better days. We have seven minutes before the kids wake up, and my husband shuffles closer. ‘Ouch,’ he says, a piece of Lego sticking into his back.

Then, a light comes on in the landing. Small footsteps creep down the stairs. A little voice screams, ‘IS SOMEONE COMING TO MAKE BREAKFAST?!’ All hope of having some ‘alone time’ is replaced with wondering if we’ve run out of Cheerios, thinking about the overflowing laundry, and remembering that I forgot to take out the recycling. Again.

Just a typical Monday morning for the Morton family... Except today, when I go downstairs in my dressing gown, I find something. Something belonging to my husband. Something that definitely wasn’t mentioned in the wedding vows. And it’s either going to make us... or break us.

Reviews for Kristen Bailey

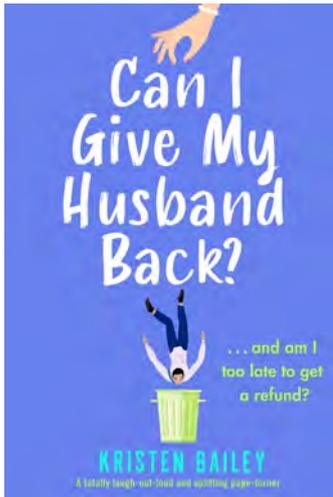
‘Last night I started *Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life?* by Kristen Bailey and oh my days... I was howling in bed! The hubby wasn't happy... Said that amount of laughter should not be coming from the bedroom 🤣🤣🤣🤣🤣🤣.’ Emma and the Little Book Worm, ★★★★★

‘There are funny books that make me smile and there are hilarious books that make me laugh out loud... This story is filled with funny parts and I totally adored it.’ B for Book Review, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Can I Give My Husband Back? Kristen Bailey

For fans of *Why Mummy Drinks*, *The Unmumsy Mum* and romcoms
by Sophie Randal and Sophie Kinsella

From the author of Amazon bestseller, *Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life?*

Editor's Note

Romcoms genuinely don't get funnier than this. Some Amazon reviewers are even saying that Kristen's first book, *Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life?* is the funniest book they've ever read. High praise and so well deserved. Kristen has the sheer talent of making you laugh out loud in one sentence, and then well up with tears on the next. Her novels portray everyday, relatable domestic scenes of family life and dating, with comedic genius – and I guarantee that *Can I Give My Husband Back?* will make your belly ache from laughing so much. FACT.

Retail Description

I thought I was sorted on the life front. I was a heart surgeon with a loving partner and two gorgeous little girls. Except my husband's translation of 'loving' is lying, cheating and shagging his way around London. So now I'm single and... ready to mingle? But just because I know how to operate on a heart doesn't mean I know how to fix my broken one. And there are a few other minor issues.

- 1) The last time I went on a date double denim was in fashion and my eyebrows were horrendously overplucked, so it's fair to say that I'm out of practice.
- 2) Men wear stupidly skinny jeans now.
- 3) I don't know how to use dating apps but at least I don't have to get changed out of my pyjamas.
- 4) My sister keeps trying to force me to get bikini waxes.
- 5) Sometimes the most promising thing you have in common with a guy is a shared love of prawns.
- 6) I don't know whether to open a date with 'hi' or 'hello' or 'hey' and once I ended up saying 'howdy'.

Everything happens for a reason, they say. There's plenty more fish in the sea. But what happens when everything falls apart and you haven't got a clue how to go fishing?

Reviews for Kristen Bailey

'Utterly utterly brilliant! Without a doubt THE funniest novel I have read in a long time.' For The Love of Books, ★★★★★

'Oh how I loved this book! the author and writing style kept me entertained throughout, with also a great story!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Garden of Lost Memories Ruby Hummingbird

For fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, The Keeper of Lost Things and The Library of Lost and Found

Editor's Note

Ruby Hummingbird is back with another joyous, poignant and unforgettable tale. This book made me cry, it made me smile, it made my heart soar. It's the perfect antidote to the crazy, messed-up world we're living in – pure, unadulterated escapism, and the ultimate tonic to wash away the blues. Full of emotion, humour and just the right amount of secrets, surprises and darkness, along with a moving, shocking twist, this is a very special book that I know will win over everyone lucky enough to read it.

Retail Description

Just because you feel ordinary doesn't mean you're not extraordinary to someone else.

Sixty-two-year-old Elsie knows what she likes. Custard creams at four o'clock, jigsaw puzzles with a thousand pieces, her ivy-covered, lavender-scented garden.

Ten-year-old Billy would rather spend his Saturdays kicking a ball, or watching TV, or anything really, other than being babysat by his grumpy neighbour Elsie and being force fed custard creams.

If it was up to them, they'd have nothing to do with each other. Unfortunately, you can't choose who you live next door to. But there is always more to people than meets the eye...

Elsie doesn't know that Billy's afraid to go to school now, or why his mother woke him up in the middle of the night with an urgent shake, bags already packed, ready to flee their home. Billy doesn't know that the rusting red tin he finds buried in Elsie's treasured garden is a ticking time bomb waiting to explode her carefully curated life. And that when he digs it up, he is unearthing a secret that has lain dormant for twenty-eight years...

Reviews for Ruby Hummingbird

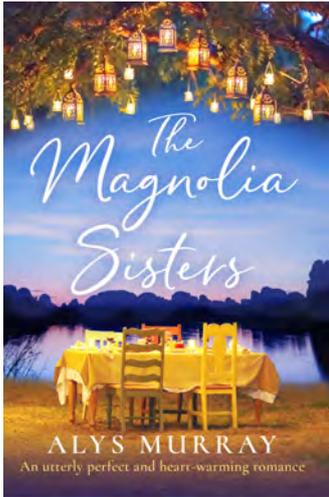
'If you love feel-good books, this is the perfect choice.' Life Fully Booked, ★★★★★

'An enjoyable but emotional read... A great book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ruby Hummingbird is a novelist based in the English countryside. She loves nothing more than writing uplifting and heartwarming fiction that gets her readers reaching for the tissues. When she isn't storytelling, she can be found tending to her beloved sunflowers or sipping on hazelnut lattes.





The Magnolia Sisters Alys Murray

For fans of Jenny Hale, Debbie Macomber and Carolyn Brown

One of Alys' previous titles, *The Christmas Company*, was turned into a Hallmark movie that premiered in December 2019

Editor's Note

You can't help but smile reading this book! *The Magnolia Sisters* is the first book in a completely charming new series by Alys Murray. A warm-hearted and joyous story introducing the Anderson sisters and their family's flower farm in Northern California, this is a glorious book that I cannot wait to publish!

Retail Description

Harper Anderson has a to-do list longer than the Colorado river, and fields of tulips to tend to at her family's flower farm in Hillsboro County, California. It's her dream to run the business with her sisters when their father retires, keeping up traditions that began with her great-great-grandmother.

That is, if there's a farm left to run. Rich out-of-towners looking for a slice of country living are hiking up the prices in town and it's putting her family out of business. So she has no time for the arrogant LA tech mogul who makes her an offer to use their farm as his sister's wedding venue. No amount of money could make up for the destruction it would wreak on next season's crop. The sooner Luke Martin is on his way, the better. But Luke isn't willing to go. He's been looking out for his sister ever since their deadbeat parents left them to fend for themselves, and he'll do whatever it takes to make her happy. So when Harper's newest farmhand leaves her in the lurch, he sees an opportunity to strike a deal. He'll work on the farm for free if she'll give him the chance to change her mind.

Harper and Luke each expect the other to crack first. What they don't expect is the chemistry that sparks between them as they work side by side among the budding roses. But Luke's presence is turning over more than the earth, and just as Harper is starting to let her guard down, he stumbles upon a secret that could spell disaster for the entire Anderson clan. With her family's happiness at stake, can Harper put her trust in a man who is worlds apart from everything she knows?

Reviews for Alys Murray

'Definitely the best book I have read all year... I'm giving it five stars, I wish I could give it more.' Goodreads reviewer,



'I loved it. Finished it all in one sitting. Author wrote this book great pulling on my heart strings. It's a must read!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, 

Author Biography

Alys Murray writes novels for the romantic in all of us. Born and raised in New Orleans, she received her BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and her Master's in Film Studies from King's College London. Though she's moved away from home, she'll always be a Southern girl at heart.



Sweet Pea Summer Alys Murray

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Jenny Hale, Debbie Macomber and Carolyn Brown

One of Alys' previous titles, *The Christmas Company*, was turned into a Hallmark movie that premiered in December 2019

Editor's Note

This joyful second-chance summer romance set in a small town in Northern California had me smiling from ear to ear. Even more than a story about rekindling first love however, it is a magical tale about finding self-confidence and bravery which will inspire anyone who reads it. A beautiful read that will appeal to readers everywhere!

Retail Description

On her family's flower farm in Northern California, May Anderson finds sweet solace from thoughts of what—or who—might have been, by lovingly keeping bees and crafting candies and soaps from their syrupy nectar to sell in her store in Hillsboro town center. Her work keeps May grounded and caring for the hives is her favorite escape. But now that 'who' is back in town. It's been eight long years since May's high school sweetheart Tom Riley drove out of Main Street in his truck, leaving the town—and May—in his rearview mirror. Now he's back, and try as they might the pair can't avoid each other.

As Hillsboro prepares to host a prestigious Food and Wine Festival which could turn the town's fortunes around, Tom and May are reluctantly called in to plan the big event. Tom needs May's help to repair his bad-boy reputation in town, and just maybe, May needs his to overcome her regrets of the past. With the whole town counting on them, May and Tom need to learn to rely on each other once again. May is determined to protect her heart, but a lot has changed since high school. She can't help but notice how the skinny boy she used to know is now a man who perfectly fills out his button-down, and Tom can't seem to tear his gaze away whenever May's soft lips curve into a smile. Soon it's clear old feelings are surfacing again, but there is a secret that lies between them, and until they find the courage to face it, their second chance summer will be only that...

Can May and Tom put their past behind them and work together for the future of the town and perhaps, their own happiness?

Reviews for Alys Murray

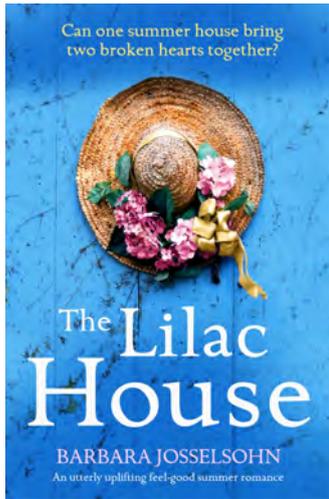
'Wow... Loved it, loved it, loved it! The romance, humor, memorable-after-memorable scene (believe me there is a LONG list I could share here)... make this book a must-have addition for any shelf.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'All I can say about this book is that it is brilliant, addicting, memorable... The best book I have read all year... I'm giving it five stars, I wish I could give it more.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Alys Murray writes novels for the romantic in all of us. Born and raised in New Orleans, she received her BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and her Master's in Film Studies from King's College London. Though she's moved away from home, she'll always be a Southern girl at heart.





The Lilac House Barbara Josselsohn

For fans of Carolyn Brown, Jenny Hale and The Beach House

Editor's Note

Warm, feel-good and incredibly heart-warming, Barbara's first Bookouture book is dreamy escapist fiction. *The Lilac House* provides a beautiful setting to Anna's summer with her children in the country, where she attempts to move on from the loss of her husband. But secrets unravel amongst Main Street and a romance beckons her to stay. This is Jenny Hale meets Carolyn Brown, it's wholesome, romantic and perfect for summer reading. Barbara was previously published by Lake Union and has stunning reviews.

Retail Description

Can one summer house bring two broken hearts together?

Summer escapes to Lilac House have always been a source of comfort for Anna Harris. Though things will never be the same since her husband's death, she knows that it is there, nestled in Lake Summers in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains, that she and her children Zac and Evie can begin to build a new life.

The house is just as beautiful as Anna remembers, and caught up in the rhythm of small town life, helping her Aunt Hope run the little shop on Main Street, Anna begins to feel a sense of herself she hasn't felt in years. Then she meets Aidan. Handsome, strong and quiet, he also knows what's it's like to lose someone. In each other they recognise something they've both been missing and they feel a spark. But Aidan's past holds a different set of complications. He's hiding a secret about why he came to Lake Summers. And just as the Lilac House finally starts to feel like home, Anna learns something devastating about Greg's death that makes her question everything...

The summer might have brought Anna and Aidan together, but can Anna finally let go of the past now she really has the chance for a new beginning?

Reviews for Barbara Josselsohn

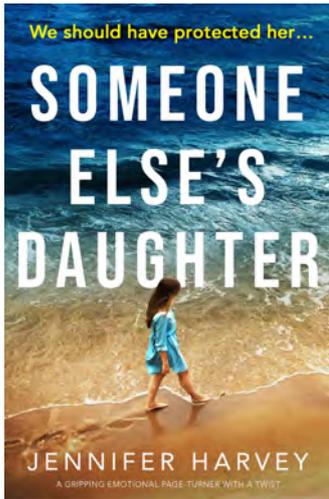
'Kudos to the author and I can't wait to read other books by her.' Amazon reviewer, ★★★★★

'An incredibly fun, page-turning read... It's full of relatable multi-dimensional characters and a well-conceived plot. I loved it and recommend highly!!!' Amazon reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Barbara Josselsohn is a novelist and journalist. Her articles and essays appear in a range of publications including *New York Magazine*, *American Baby*, *The New York Times*, *Parents Magazine*, and *Writers' Digest*. Online, you can see her work on *WorkingMother.com*, *NextAvenue.org*, and *GrownandFlown.com*. She teaches novel writing and creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., and other venues.





Someone Else's Daughter Jennifer Harvey

For fans of **Big Little Lies**, **Kerry Fisher** and **Diane Chamberlain**

Editor's Note

From the very first page of Jennifer's debut novel I knew we had something very special on our hands. Combining elements of psychological suspense and domestic noir, Jennifer's books deliver addictive, dark women's fiction that will be perfect for anyone currently missing *Big Little Lies* and *The Affair*. She has crafted a sophisticated, haunting and pacy read that readers will be clamouring to recommend to everyone they know. Jennifer has previously published short stories and flash fiction and was longlisted for both the Bath Novel Award and Exeter Novel Prize in 2017.

Retail Description

I count down the days until we can leave the city behind and return to the beach house. Where James and Katie can roam free over the dunes, like they did as children, and Peter will swap his 6 a.m. starts for the stacks of fluffy pancakes he lovingly serves up for our family breakfasts. These sun-drenched, golden memories, just the four of us, are what I hold on to every other day of the year.

But this summer Katie's best friend will be coming with us. I tell myself the girls will have fun together, pushing aside the doubts I have about this uninvited guest. Isa. With her corn-silk hair and luminous skin, who manages to overshadow my daughter at every turn. Who has been dumped on us by her own parents, too caught up in their petty dramas to see what is right in front of them.

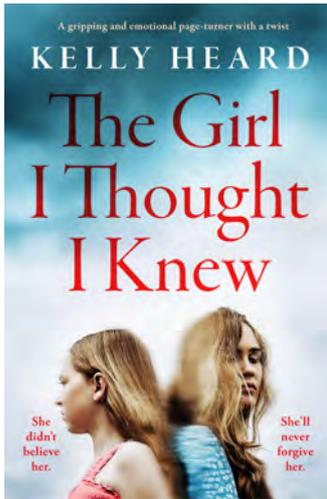
Because I can see it. There is something dangerous about Isa. Something more than a carefree girl, testing boundaries as she approaches adulthood. She threatens to cast storm clouds across my beach house days. I feel as powerless to stop her as I would in the face of a hurricane. By the end of the summer, Isa will be dead. And I will have to face her mother. I don't know if I will be able to find the words. How can I begin to explain that she never really knew her daughter at all?

Reviews for Jennifer Harvey

Author Biography

Jennifer Harvey is a Scottish writer now living in Amsterdam. Her short fiction has appeared in various publications in the US, Canada, and the UK and she has been shortlisted for the Bristol Prize, the Bridport Prize and placed third in the University of Sunderland Short Story Award. Her novels have been longlisted for the Bath Novel Award and her radio dramas have also won prizes and commendations from the BBC World Service. Alongside writing, she is a Resident Reader for *Carve Magazine* and an editor for *Carve Critiques*.





The Girl I Thought I Knew Kelly Heard

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Kristin Hannah and Celeste Ng

Editor's Note

The Girl I Thought I Knew is a stunning piece of suspenseful women's fiction. Kelly masterfully weaves together a story of homecoming, dark family secrets, first love and broken friendships. Kelly Heard is a truly special writer, whose writing has been described by reviewers as 'exquisite', 'impressive', and above all, 'compelling'. In this page-turner of a novel, readers are compelled to wonder if it's possible to ever truly outrun one's past.

Retail Description

Daisy grew up around secrets she knew by heart but were never spoken. She had no idea just how much damage secrets could do, but she would soon learn. It's a warm, cloudless morning on the day the envelope arrives for Daisy. Soft sunlight streams into the apartment she shares with her partner, Anderson, who is sleeping peacefully. Daisy's fought hard for this happiness, worked her way up from being a vulnerable teenage runaway to a woman with a stable job and a loving boyfriend.

But when Daisy discovers the handwritten wedding invitation from her childhood best friend, Stella, her bright morning turns suddenly dark. The wedding is back amongst the misty woods and rolling hills of Daisy's North Carolina hometown. The same town where her heartbroken mother never spoke about her miscarriages, and her distant father drank away what little money they had. The same town where she is still known as 'the crazy one' for telling people about the dead girl she saw that summer's day in the woods. A girl who looked just like her, and whose body was never found.

Daisy hasn't been back home since her parents sent her away and now, the thought of returning fills her with dread. She doesn't know if she can forgive Stella, the girl she once called 'blood sister', for turning her back on her when everyone else did. And why is Stella reaching out now, after fifteen years? There's only one thing Daisy is sure of – if she wants to build a happy future, she's going to have to finally confront the mysteries of her dark past.

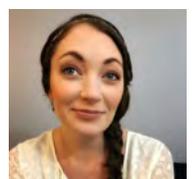
Reviews for Kelly Heard

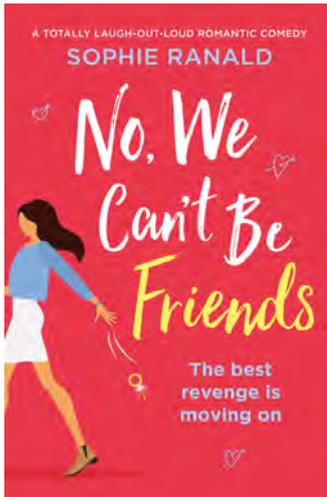
'Heart-breaking, poignant, and emotional... a compelling page-turner about second chances, learning to trust, and finding your way home... Beautifully told. I was drawn in from page one until done.' Kerry Lonsdale, Wall Street Journal & Washington Post bestselling author

'I couldn't put this book down and when I loaned it to a friend, she said the same thing. Such a beautiful story!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Originally from the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, Kelly Heard now lives in Richmond with her husband and two children.





No, We Can't Be Friends Sophie Ranald

Previous Translation Publishers
Albatross (Czech)

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lindsey Kelk and TV shows like Girls, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend and Jane the Virgin

Her previous title Sorry, Not Sorry has sold 200,000 copies

Editor's Note

The queen of the romcom, Sophie Ranald, is back with another brilliant read. Once again Sophie creates a picture-perfect romantic comedy. As well as Sophie's sparkling wit and delivery of LOL after LOL, No, We Can't Be Friends explores many current themes, such as gaslighting and single motherhood. Sophie is about more than just a cheap laugh – there is so much depth here. After Sorry Not Sorry, Sophie's first Bookouture book, has sold 200,000 books, I know her fans are going to go wild for this one.

Retail Description

He was perfect. Denim-blue eyes, a dazzling smile. And he hadn't sent me a picture of his junk. Which is about as rare, these days, as a Dodo.

When Sloane met Myles, everything fell into place. He loved a Martini almost as much as she did, shared her passion for four-cheese pizzas, and made her laugh harder than any episode of Friends. She'd found The One at last and she could finally delete Tinder, forgetting all those waste-of-space men she'd never have to date again.

But then she finds out that Myles has a secret. A very big one.

The fairytale is over. Her heart is blown to smithereens. Drowning her sorrows in Ben & Jerry's can only get Sloane so far before she has to decide...

Can she learn to love herself more than she loved the love of her life? And what if, after everything, she's got Myles – and his secret – all wrong?

Reviews for Sophie Ranald

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

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

Author Biography

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





As Greek as It Gets Sue Roberts

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Goldmann Verlag (German), Dressler Dublin (Polish), RAO Distributie (Romanian)

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Carole Matthews and Kristan Higgins

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

Editor's Note

Sue Roberts has sold over 100,000 copies of her charming escapist fiction where the laughs are as large as the characters. I can't wait to see Sue capture the hearts of more readers with this wonderful story about a Greek getaway gone awry!

Retail Description

Alice Clark is delighted when her boyfriend Max proposes. From her dead-end job to her straight-up-dead houseplants, her life hasn't exactly turned out how she imagined, so she can't wait to start some wedding planning.

But the intimate affair she imagined soon grows wildly out of control, along with Alice's doubts. Just as things reach breaking point between the couple, Alice's best friend whisks her away for an escape to a sun-kissed Greek island.

Sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and a cocktail – or three – and Alice soon finds herself letting loose and relaxing into the Greek way of life. When she visits a gorgeous village nestled in the hilltops overlooking the sea, and meets a friendly local woman with a very special business – and a very handsome son – Alice is surprised by how drawn she feels to these people and this life.

As the sun sets on her Greek holiday, Alice knows she has some big decisions to make. Will finding herself mean losing the life she had planned? Or could it be the start of something else entirely?

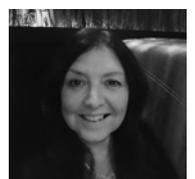
Reviews for Sue Roberts

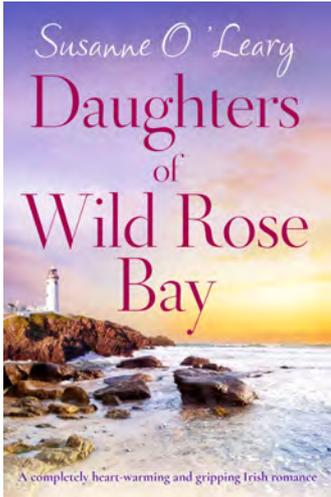
'I absolutely LOVED, no make that ADORED reading it... I was hooked... I stayed up reading the book until the early hours of the morning.' Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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





Daughters of Wild Rose Bay Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Previous titles in this series have sold 135,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

The fourth book in Susanne's Kindle bestselling Sandy Cove series is another gorgeous and heart-warming story set in Ireland. Following a new family, with a history in enigmatic Wild Rose Bay, it features all the hallmarks of Susanne's beautiful writing. Pulling you in with family secrets, Susanne will make every reader desperate to escape to Ireland and begin their own love story.

Retail Description

Jasmine Delon feels completely lost: having just broken up with the man she thought was the love of her life, all she knows is that she can't face living alone in her empty apartment in Paris.

When she turns up at her mother's curiosity shop, nestled in Sandy Cove in Ireland, she hopes time with Sally will help heal her broken heart. Walks along the rugged coastline and nights under endless stars immediately make her feel at peace, and then she meets Aiden, a handsome chef in town, and sparks fly between them.

But a lot has changed since Jasmine last saw her mother. Sally is happier than ever with a charming new man in her life and Jasmine's not sure where she fits in. Then she's told about the ruins of an old village in a place nearby called Wild Rose Bay. The locals say it holds secrets about her mother's side of the family...

Is delving into their history the thing that can bring Jasmine and Sally back together or will it drive them further apart? And is Jasmine brave enough to give in to the call of the Irish sea for another chance at love?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'I really wish I was still reading this book... I suppose I had to run out of pages at some point, at the rate I was devouring them... Perfect for these hot summer days... A pure joy to read... fabulous' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'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!, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller



I Know Your Secret Ruth Heald

For fans of K.L. Slater, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Girl on the Train*

From the author of Amazon bestseller, *The Mother's Mistake*, which has sold 40,000 copies

Editor's Note

I Know Your Secret is another razor-sharp psychological thriller from bestseller Ruth Heald. Filled with twist after twist, the novel sets up a chilling cat-and-mouse game between two women whose pasts are inextricably linked – and whose futures depend on one another. You'll be glued to the pages, your jaw dropping, as you race to the thrilling, shock climax.

Retail Description

Danielle desperately needs help. Her marriage is at breaking point, she has no family to turn to, and the baby she so desperately craves seems further out of reach than ever.

Who better to listen to her worries and help Danielle get back on track than happily married Jacqui, with her beloved son and her devoted husband.

But Danielle and Jacqui have more in common than first meets the eye. Jacqui's marriage has imploded after photographs of her husband cheating were slipped through her letterbox, her bathroom cupboards are full of prescription pills to help her get through the days. And there is something else that these women share – an invisible thread from their pasts linking them.

One of them has a secret she has spent a lifetime coming to terms with. The other has a secret she has spent a lifetime planning. It's only a matter of time before it all comes out.

Reviews for Ruth Heald

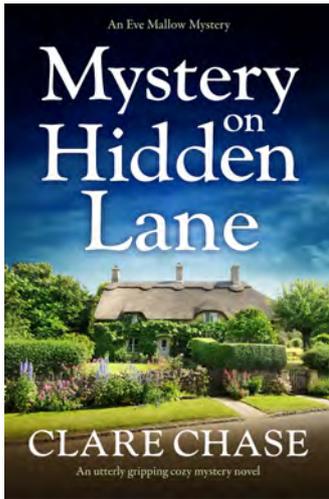
'Whoa!! I stayed up til 6am reading this book! I needed to know the ending! This book was TWISTED. In the best and worst way. This book was a true thriller with a creepiness I don't feel very often from books these days... Jaw dropping.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A heart-racing, stomach-knotting tale that has you on the edge of your seat throughout... Super chilling from the start you won't be able to put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Mystery on Hidden Lane Clare Chase

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian)

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie and Joy Ellis

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 62,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

The first in a delightful new cozy mystery series, introducing a brilliant amateur sleuth (and her dachshund sidekick) Mystery on Hidden Lane is an intriguing, pacy mystery with a lovely setting and charming characters. Once you've read about the gardens and local cake shop, you'll be wishing you could live in Saxford St Peter too.

Retail Description

Meet Eve Mallow: an American far from home, a professional busybody... and an amateur detective?

Seasoned obituary writer Eve Mallow has a new assignment: to tell the life story of famed musician Bernard Fitzpatrick. A chance to spend a few days in the sweet little village of Saxford St Peter, walking the country lanes with her beloved dachshund Gus and meeting new people sounds like a dream. But it turns out that Bernard's life was much less interesting than his death. On the day she arrives, news breaks that the charismatic cellist was the victim of a grisly murder. Could this quaint English village be hiding a dark secret?

As Eve starts to interview Bernard's friends and colleagues, she finds that he'd ruffled a few feathers. In fact, from the keepers of the Cross Keys Inn to his own staff at High House, there's barely a person in town who doesn't have some reason to hate him... is one of the friendly villagers a cold-blooded killer?

Eve hoped Saxford St Peter would be the perfect escape from her busy city life. But there is darkness even in the most sunlit of settings. And when a second body is found, Eve becomes certain that one of the people she's met must be the murderer. She has never done any detective work before... but is there something in her notes that can crack the case?

Reviews for 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,

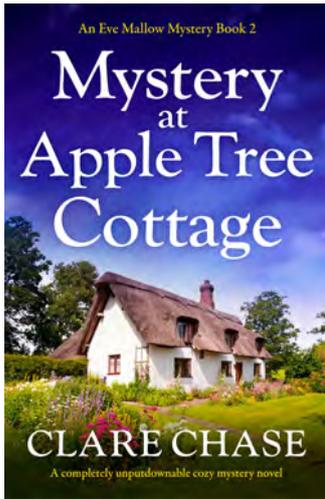


'Thoroughly enjoyed it... lovely twists and turns' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

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





Mystery at Apple Tree Cottage Clare Chase

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian)

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie and Joy Ellis

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 62,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

The second in a delightful new cozy crime series featuring obituary writer Eve Mallow and her dachshund sidekick Gus, where an idyllic setting combines with puzzling murders, eccentric characters, and a lot of cake, to make for the perfect escapist read.

Retail Description

Obituary writer and amateur sleuth Eve Mallow is enjoying life in sleepy Saxford St Peter – until a mysterious murder lands right at her door...

It's spring in Saxford St Peter – time to get back in the garden, listen to the birds, and take gentle strolls in the woods. But for some, it's the season for murder.

Eve Mallow is relishing the gentle pace of the village until a new arrival stirs everyone up. Ashton Foley is back: a teenage tearaway turned interior designer to the stars. He's mad, bad and dangerous to know, but charming too – as Eve herself can testify – and every house in Saxford opens its doors to him.

So when he's found murdered in the woods near his mother's home, Apple Tree Cottage, there's no shortage of suspects. A jealous husband? A spurned lover? Or has someone from his past life caught up with him?

The police soon hit on a simple solution, and arrest his mother's partner Howard. Ashton always hated him, and he bears all the marks of a recent fight. But Ashton's mother, miles away in New Zealand, is convinced he's innocent, and enlists Eve's help to prove it.

Reviews for 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,

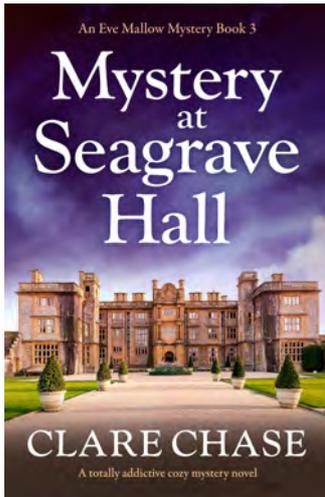


'Thoroughly enjoyed it... lovely twists and turns' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

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





Mystery at Seagrave Hall Clare Chase

For fans of M.C. Beaton and Betty Rowlands

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 62,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

The third in a delightful new cozy crime series featuring obituary writer Eve Mallow and her dachshund sidekick Gus. Seagrave Hall is hosting Saxford St Peter's charity fair – but the day is spoilt when Rupert Seagrave's fiancée falls from one of the hall's high windows. An accident – or murder? Eve is on the case, in a book that combines a puzzling mystery with beautiful settings, eccentric characters and lots of cake!

Retail Description

The charity fair at Seagrave Hall is a key date in the Saxford St Peter calendar – a chance for the villagers to nose around the house and grounds and cross paths with the rich and famous. New resident Eve Mallow is particularly excited by this year's special guest: famous adventurer Arabella Nye, engaged to the heir to the Hall, who's getting ready for her next death-defying cave-diving trip.

But as the villagers set up the stalls and the tents, the merry mood is interrupted by tragedy when Arabella Nye falls from a third floor. An appalling accident... except one small boy claims he saw a face behind her at the window...

Soon Eve finds herself tasked with writing Arabella's obituary. As she dusts off her notebook and begins her interviews alongside her trusted sidekick Gus the dachshund she realises she has a fine array of suspects before her. Could it be the corrupt charity manager, her feckless fiancé, or jealous cousin Cora? And can Eve find out before the fair ends and the villain vanishes?

Reviews for Clare Chase

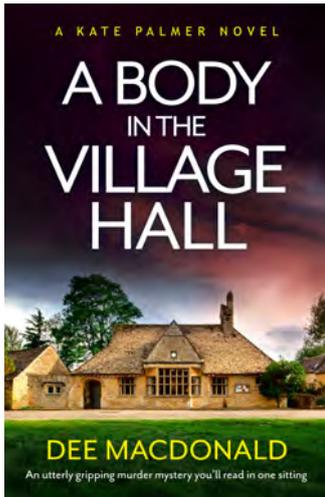
'A cast of characters who are inviting and warm. I love Eve, and the people she befriends in this small village as she digs for the truth... I'm happy to highly recommend this writer and her books!' Roxx is Reading, ★★★★★

'A wonderful beginning to a new mystery series!... I love that the main character's job is an obituary writer – how unique and creative' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





A Body in the Village Hall Dee MacDonald

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie and Joy Ellis

Dee MacDonald has sold over 90,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Fans of cozy crime are in for a treat with the first in a new series from Dee MacDonald. As editors, we often have to read novels more than once and I can honestly say that it was a joy to return to this. It has everything you could want in a murder mystery: a Cornish setting that is as charming as it is atmospheric, a meaty list of suspects who will keep you guessing right up to the last page and a cast of characters with whom you will completely fall in love, from the incorrigible, gin-loving Angie Palmer to Woody Forrest, the Californian detective who's just a little bit easy on the eye. And at the heart of it all we have the wonderful Kate Palmer, a local practice nurse who is also partial to a touch of amateur sleuthing. Kate is tenacious, funny, kind and, it turns out, a pretty decent detective. It's no wonder Woody is falling for her – and I know readers everywhere will too.

Retail Description

Kate Palmer has relocated to Cornwall for a quiet life. Moving into picturesque Lavender Cottage with her sister Angie, the little village of Lower Tinworthy should be the perfect place for their fresh new start. But within weeks of their arrival, there's a death in the close-knit community...

A woman is found dead in the village hall, with her own kitchen knife next to the body, covered in blood. Kate, a practice nurse at the local medical centre, begins to piece together the clues. Fenella was at the centre of village activity, and there seem to be plenty of people who had reason to dislike her. But do any of them hate her enough to kill her?

As Kate gets drawn into life in Lower Tinworthy, she begins a close friendship with Detective Inspector 'Woody' Forrest, who is near to retiring – and determined to crack his last case. Together, they set about solving the mysterious crime.

But when someone breaks into Kate's home and leaves a warning note on her pillow, it becomes clear the murderer is prepared to do anything to keep their identity hidden... Will Kate work out who's responsible, before she becomes the next victim?

Reviews for Dee MacDonald

'Absolutely loved everything about this book. It was charming and fun. I loved the characters and settings. Will be recommending.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A hilarious romp... larger than life characters... Told as only Dee MacDonald can tell these stories of 'older folk' having another swipe at life and all that follows this book is funny, heart-warming, makes you feel good... a joy to read... 10/10.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Murder at the Playhouse Helena Dixon

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Agatha Christie and Elizabeth Edmondson

Third in the Miss Underhay cozy mystery series. Dixon is the winner of The Romance Prize 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010

Editor's Note

A sensational cosy historical murder mystery! It's the third mystery for Kitty and Matt in this phenomenal series by award-winning author Helena Dixon which has grown from strength to strength as readers lap up the historical charm and larger-than-life characters. We can't wait for readers to sink their teeth into this brilliant story!

Retail Description

Summer 1933. Captain Matthew Bryant, war hero turned private investigator, is nursing his wounds, and a tumbler of brandy, after a quarrel with too-plucky-for-her-own-good amateur sleuth Kitty Underhay. He doesn't expect to hear a heavy knock on his door at midnight, nor to find himself arrested for murder. The body of aspiring actress Pearl Bright has been found, strangled with one of Matt's own shoelaces, and the evidence seems to be stacked against him.

The local constabulary might have locked Matt up, but before they can throw away the key, Kitty hears the news and hies to his aid, determined to prove his innocence. And when her investigations lead her to the home of retired theatre impresario Stanley Davenport, and the local amateur dramatics society, Kitty uncovers a web of deceit that stretches far beyond the stage make-up. But Kitty's digging is bringing her to the attention of the real killer. Without her partner in crime-fighting, can Kitty expose them, and clear Matt's name? Or will it be curtains for them both?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

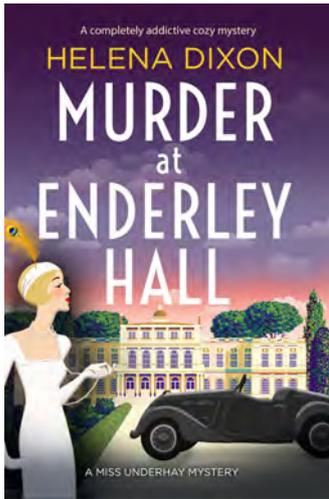
'Endearing, engaging characters; and a fast-moving plot line filled with unexpected twists and turns. This is a whodunit that you will not want to put down till it's done!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I loved this cosy mystery. There were many twists and turns and I couldn't wait to find out the identity of the perpetrator behind the crimes. I look forward to reading more in this series.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Murder at Enderley Hall Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, Elizabeth Edmondson and T.E. Kinsey

Second in the Miss Underhay cozy mystery series. The author is the winner of The Romance Prize 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010

Editor's Note

Cosy historical mysteries don't come much better than this by award-winning author Helena Dixon. *Murder at Enderley Manor*, the second outing for sleuthing duo Kitty Underhay and Matt Bryant, is full of more of the charm, humour and vibrant characters that readers loved in the first book, and we can't wait to share it with her fans!

Retail Description

An escape to the country... ends in death.

Summer 1933. Fresh from the discovery that she has family living nearby, Kitty Underhay has packed her carpet bag, commandeered a chambermaid and set off on a visit to stately Enderley Hall. She's looking forward to getting to know her relatives, as well as the assembled group of house guests. But when elderly Nanny Thoms is found dead at the bottom of the stairs after papers of national importance are stolen, Kitty quickly learns that Muffy the dog's muddy paws on her hemline are the least of her problems.

Calling on ex-army captain Matthew Bryant for assistance, Kitty begins to puzzle out the mystery. And when more shocking murders follow, the stakes are raised for the daring duo as never before.

Which of the guests stand to gain from the theft of the documents?

And which, as the week progresses, stand to lose their lives?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

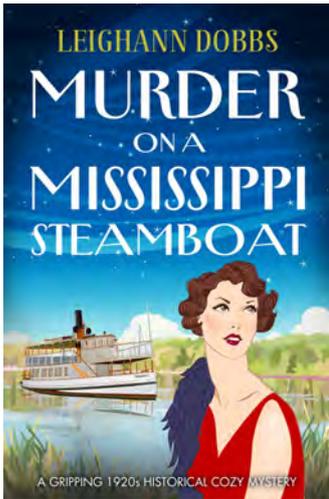
'This murder mystery is perfect... This story has it all. An absolute page-turner with characters to care about.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Excellent cosy mystery! The story was gripping... I loved the character development with the little hint of romance and cannot wait for the next book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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Murder on a Mississippi Steamboat Leighann Dobbs

For fans of T E Kinsey and Lee Strauss

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

Editor's Note

It's Death on the Nile, Deep South-style. What more could any fan of cozy crime want? Leighann Dobbs is a nine-time USA Today bestselling author, with a Facebook fanbase of over 10,000 subscribers, and now she's turning her talents to a classic Golden Age locked-room (or locked-boat?) mystery. Expect sinister showgirls, crusty captains and red herrings galore! This is a warm, witty, laugh-out-loud read with plenty of surprising twists.

Retail Description

A relaxing cruise down the Mississippi on the Miss Delta Belle steamboat turns to tragedy when celebrity Delilah Dove falls from the decks and is swallowed by the river faster than you can say 'man overboard!'

It's touted as a tragic accident, but guests Miss Nora Marsh and her wily Aunt Julia know a murder when they see one. Can they get justice for Delilah and crack the case without alerting the murderer they're on his tail?

As Nora and Julia hunt for clues it emerges that nearly everyone had a reason to want Delilah dead. And that's bad news for the two sleuths—who need to solve the case pronto, before Mississippi police chief and Aunt Julia's nemesis Artemis Leonard comes on board at the next port to take over the investigation.

With multiple suspects and a series of mysterious thefts onboard—not to mention the distractingly handsome Max Lawton—this is shaping up to be their toughest case yet. What started as a gentle river voyage is far from plain sailing.

Reviews for Leighann Dobbs

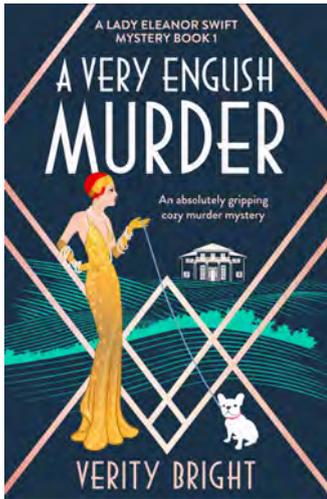
'This was soooooo good! ...No doubt about it: this was one of THE best cozies out there.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'This book is fantastic... The characters that the author has created are realistic, fun and relatable... This is a page turner that I could not put down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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 Very English Murder Verity Bright

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

Editor's Note

Introducing the fabulous and feisty amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift, *A Very English Murder* rivals the very best of golden age crime! Expect plenty of intrepid amateur sleuthing, a crumbling country manor, a brilliant butler worthy of Jeeves himself, afternoon tea, dogs, dastardly crimes and twisty mysteries. These puzzling whodunnits will have you charmed and totally gripped!

Retail Description

England, 1921. Eleanor Fernsby has spent the last few years travelling the world: taking tea in China, tasting alligators in Peru, escaping from bandits on a bicycle in Persia, and she has just arrived after a forty-five day flight in England. Chipstone is about the sleepest town you could have the misfortune to meet. And, to add to these indignities—she's now a Lady.

Lady Eleanor, as she would prefer not to be known, returns reluctantly to her uncle's home. As a little girl, Eleanor had adored her uncle, but after he packed her off to boarding school and barely spoke to her for years, she was left hurt and confused. Now he's gone, and she is the owner of a cold and musty manor, ruled by Clifford, a terrifyingly efficient butler. What's a girl to do? Well, befriend the household dog, Gladstone, for a start, and head straight out for a good long walk in the English countryside...

And so begins a most curious case when Eleanor and Gladstone stumble straight upon a murder. With the local police convinced she's just stirring up trouble, and Clifford mysteriously absent, Eleanor must solve this affair by herself, perhaps with a little help from the extraordinary culinary talents of her household staff. One thing seems sure: someone in this quiet country town has Lady Eleanor in their murderous sights...

Reviews for Verity Bright

Author Biography

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



No Escape Casey Kelleher

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Kimberley Chambers and Martina Cole

Casey's first five books sold over 220,000 copies

Editor's Note

No one brings London's gritty side to life quite like Casey Kelleher. In *No Escape* – the first in a new series – she shows us the impact of the city's gangs on both their victims and the police tasked with putting them behind bars. DC Lucy Murphy is a brilliant protagonist – she's feisty and smart, and deeply compassionate. You'll be rooting for her to succeed as she works her way up the ranks of the police, and her growing relationship with Shannon and Kian, two teenagers sucked into the world of organised crime, gives the book a really strong emotional core. Casey will make you gasp and cry – quite often on the same page!

Retail Description

The one place she never wanted to go back to. The one place she can't escape.

When she was just five years old, Lucy Murphy witnessed her mother's brutal murder in their flat on London's notorious Griffin Estate. The case was never solved. Now a newly qualified police officer, Lucy has been given her first beat: she's going back to the Griffin Estate.

Her job is to protect the estate's vulnerable residents, including Shannon and Kian Winters, two kids struggling to deal with their alcoholic mother. Fifteen-year-old Shannon is working every spare hour to keep a roof over their heads, but thirteen-year-old Kian has fallen under the sway of gang leader Jax Priestly. And now Jax has plans for Shannon too...

But for Lucy, serving her community will mean reliving the worst night of her life. As the estate reaches boiling point, will she be able to face down her demons in time to prevent a tragedy?

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

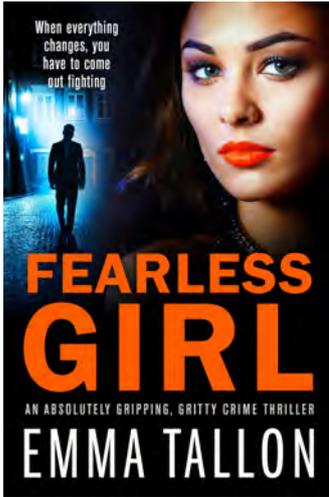
Absolutely fantastic! ... finished this in less than a day ... had me gripping onto my seat ... takes you on an intense rollercoaster of a ride and leaves you with wanting so much more.' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

OMG ... Seriously you will be reading this with your mouth hanging open ... my stomach was churning ... If you like your crime brutally raw and honest, heart-warming and heart-breaking then this one is for you!' Chapter in my Life, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Fearless Girl Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jessie Keane

This series has sold over 105,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

This is the sixth book in Emma Tallon's successful crime series and it's a cracker! Emma is absolutely plugged into the gangland crime readership, engaging with readers through social media and forums and going to crime festivals. She is an author who consistently reviews well with an average rating of 4.7 stars on Amazon UK. Her fans love the crime world she has created and the characters she's developed over the course of the series. Quite simply Emma is an author with a big following and huge potential and this book really knocked my socks off when Emma delivered it. It's a brilliant plot with new characters and old enemies. As with all of Emma's books, her current fans will not be disappointed, but it's also accessible and exciting for new readers to come into the series at this point. I cannot wait to publish this book.

Retail Description

When everything changes, you have to come out fighting.

It's been three years since Freddie Tyler was sent to prison, now he's back on the streets of London and about to find out that everything has changed. As Freddie enters his West End club for the first time in years, he finds ex-girlfriend Anna Davis sitting behind his desk, confidently leading his team of men. Anna used to hate the world he lived in, but she has now become a big part of it. And she's not about to give up running the family business easily.

Anna shows a toughness Freddie has never witnessed in her before when she tells him about her new enterprise, smuggling stolen diamonds through London's Hatton Garden. And alarm bells start ringing when Freddie meets Anna's new partner. Cold and ruthless, Roman Gains isn't someone Freddie trusts around the club and particularly not around Anna.

Whilst tensions flare between Anna and Freddie, a new Russian firm enters their world, determined to bring the Tylers down. And when they take out one of his best men, Freddie has to take drastic action to wrestle control from Anna. But she has other ideas. And when Roman becomes Anna's closest ally, Freddie finally reaches breaking point. Could this be the fall of the Tyler empire and the last time Freddie and Anna are on the same side?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'WOW, WOW, WOW... I devoured it in a day... the twist at the end had me shocked to the core, really did not expect that.'

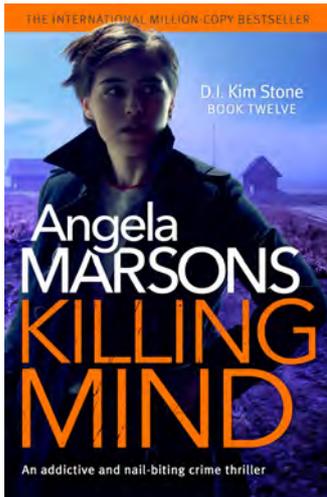
Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG, I love, love, love this series... As is the norm, you are on tenterhooks the whole time through this read. Full of twists and turns... I cannot praise this book or series enough. Roll on the next one!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Killing Mind Angela Marsons

Previous Translation Publishers

Eksmo (Russian), Euromedia (Czech), Jumeirah (Arabic), General Press Könyvkiadó (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italy), Ikar (Slovak), Jotema (Lithuanian), N29 (Icelandic), Jentas (Danish), Kuzey (Turkish), Autentica, Piper (German), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Burda (Polish), Leya / Quinta Essencia (Portuguese), Pegasus (Estonian), Co Nguyet Books (Vietnamese), Lind&Co (Swedish), Klidarithmos (Greek), China South Booky (Chinese), Autêntica Editora (Brazilian), Ednorog (Bulgarian), Belfond (French), Pegasus (Estonian), Mozaik Knjiga (Croatian), Planeta (Spanish), Hiyakawa (Japanese), Amarin (Thai), GLM (French Bookclub), Meulenhoff (Dutch), Poomstory (Korean)

Angela Marsons has sold 4 million Detective Kim Stone books to date

Editor's Note

The next instalment in the phenomenal bestselling Detective Kim Stone series which has sold 4 million copies worldwide to date. Angela Marsons repeatedly hits the top of the charts not just in the UK but across Europe and beyond. Angela Marsons has created a memorable and much-loved detective in Kim Stone and established an incredibly loyal following, described as the Queen of the genre by many. With the surprise smash-hit release of the prequel, First Blood in November 2019, the series continues to not only draw new readers in but keeps them hooked from one book to the next.

Retail Description

On a cool September morning, Detective Kim Stone arrives at the scene of a young woman, Samantha Brown, found in bed, with her throat cut and a knife in her hand. Kim may have seen some gruesome murders in her time, but this doesn't seem to be one of them. With no sign of forced entry or a struggle, it looks like the woman committed suicide.

But after a strange reaction from Samantha's parents, Kim instincts tell her to look deeper into the family and the girl's past. And when the body of a young man is found drowned, who like Samantha, also used to attend Dudley College, Kim suspects she's made the wrong call and that the woman's death was not a suicide at all. As Kim and her team dig further into the investigation, they discover that Samantha was involved with a college group. One that Kim is convinced is holding dark secrets.

Then a third victim is found. Sending in one of her own team undercover is high risk but Kim's only hope if she is to crack the case and catch the killer before they make their next move. Now more than ever, Kim needs her team to focus. But with Bryant distracted by the emergence of an old case close to his heart, and Kim forced to send in one of her own undercover, Kim is struggling to hold her nerve. With so much at stake, and her team at high risk, can she crack the case and catch the killer before they make their next move?

Reviews for Angela Marsons

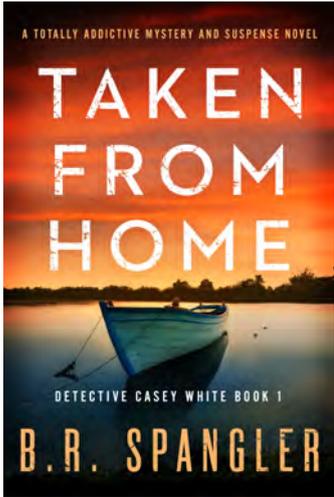
'The must-read thriller for the year. Fabulous characters and well written. I can't wait to read more by this author.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I have nothing but praise for this amazing series, 11 books and counting and the series keeps getting better with each instalment. I highly recommend this series to all fans of original high-quality mystery thrillers.' Bookish, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her long-term partner, Julie, two bouncy Golden Retrievers and a potty-mouthed African Grey parrot. It has taken many novels to find that one character who just refused to go away. And so D.I. Kim Stone was born. The Detective Kim Stone series has now sold over 3.7 million copies, repeatedly hitting the Number One spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into more than twenty-eight languages.





Taken from Home B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Editor's Note

The atmospheric, beautiful and remote vacation destination setting of North Carolina's Outer Banks provides the perfect backdrop for hooky, intriguing and twisty crimes. This is the first book in an exciting new police procedural crime series featuring Detective Casey White, an officer with a heartbreaking backstory: her own daughter, Hannah, was snatched from home years ago. With a dash of romance between our detective and local ex-sheriff Jericho Flynn, this series has huge potential and we're so excited to be bringing these books to the ever-growing crime market.

Retail Description

When Detective Jenna White discovers the body of a beautiful teenage girl near the shoreline in North Carolina's Outer Banks, a familiar fear floods her body. Could this be Amy, her sweet, blue-eyed daughter snatched from home eleven years ago? But with one look, it's clear the girl with empty green eyes and dark bruising round her throat is another family's tragedy.

A crushed blue dahlia flower found at the scene leads Jenna's team from one dead end to another, until she digs into unsolved missing child cases in the area: the victim is Cheryl Parry, one of two little girls taken from a family beach vacation nine years previous. Her sister's body was found strangled a week after the disappearance, but someone has been keeping Cheryl alive.

Then another teenager's body is found in the nearby pine forest. All clues point to the owner of the local marina, and Jenna finally feels like they're closing in on the killer. But when a charm bracelet exactly matching one that her little Amy had – right down to the broken star charm – Jenna's heart stops...

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

Author Biography

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





Her Last Mistake Carla Kovach

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

Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Over 270,000 copies sold in series to date, top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the sixth book in the popular Gina Harte detective series. Her Last Mistake starts with the brutal murder of a bridesmaid at the Cleevesford Manor. As Gina investigates, several women claim to have noticed a shadowy figure hanging around and when a second bridesmaid is murdered days later, Gina and her team know they have a serial killer on the loose. This is another fast-paced, twisty crime thriller which readers will love. We have sold over 270,000 copies across this series, including over 158,000 copies of the first book, The Next Girl, which was at number one in the UK Apple Books charts for five weeks.

Retail Description

Dressed in a sage green bridesmaid dress, and smiling for pictures, Holly is the happiest she's ever been. Hours later, Holly is dead.

People love to hate Holly Long. Smart, beautiful and a woman who men find it hard to say no to, she's the town's most gossiped about resident.

Now Holly's body lies in her hotel room, strangled at her best friend's wedding party. And the gossip has stopped, because nobody wants to look like they did it.

When police search Holly's immaculate apartment, amongst her stylish furnishings and expensive jewellery, they discover a different side to Holly. Orderly and precise, she wasn't the chaotic party girl everyone thought her to be. In fact, Holly was a planner, and her next plan was to come out and tell her biggest secret – something she had been hiding for months, something that had the potential to ruin the lives of more than one wedding guest.

There are plenty of people who might have wanted to kill Holly, but only one who has finally made good on their promise.

Reviews for Carla Kovach

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

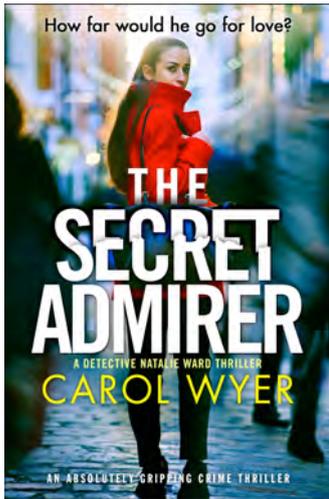


'Bloody brilliant, one of the best I have read this year!... I was hooked right from the first page... the punches kept coming... gritty and downright scary in places... man that ending!... I loved this book... really brilliant.' Bonnie's Book Talk, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Secret Admirer Carol Wyer

Previous Translation Publishers

Piper (German), Ivrit (Hebrew), Amber (Polish), Euromedia (Czech), Ikar (Slovak), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Profil Kitap (Turkish), Hope Edizioni (Italian), Proszynski Media (Polish)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott and Karin Slaughter

Carol Wyer's crime novels have sold over 700,000 copies

Editor's Note

The sixth book in the bestselling Detective Natalie Ward series from Kindle top 5 ebook bestselling author, Carol Wyer. The Secret Admirer is a novel of obsession and revenge centred around the death of a young beautiful student Gemma Barnes. When Detective Natalie Ward's ex-husband David is identified as a key suspect in her murder, the case becomes very personal for Natalie. All of the books in this series have been Kindle UK top 50 bestsellers and have a very high average review rating on Amazon (4.7 stars out of 5).

Retail Description

Gemma Barnes is the girl everyone loves. Girls want to be her; boys want to be with her. So when she is murdered in cold blood, one winter's evening, her friends and family are plunged into their worst nightmare, unable to believe that anyone would want to hurt their precious Gemma.

The case takes a personal twist for Natalie when CCTV footage reveals her estranged husband David following Gemma home every evening the week before she died. Could David be responsible for the note to Gemma, and more chillingly for her murder?

David has no alibi for the night Gemma was killed, and Natalie knows she must follow procedure, despite feeling sure that the man she once loved couldn't have committed such a terrible crime. But while she is investigating her estranged husband, Gemma's housemate Fran is found dead. Natalie knows she should have trusted her instincts but can she catch the right killer before another precious life is taken?

Reviews for Carol Wyer

'Wow, I just didn't want to put this down. I've heard of having the rug pulled out from under you but I felt more like I'd had a house dropped on me with this storyline.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'This book will reel you in, chew you up and spit you out a completely broken and emotionally spent mess. Author Carol Wyer threw all of herself and her emotion into writing this book and it shows. You have been warned... You will be left reeling by the final reveal.' Jen Med's Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

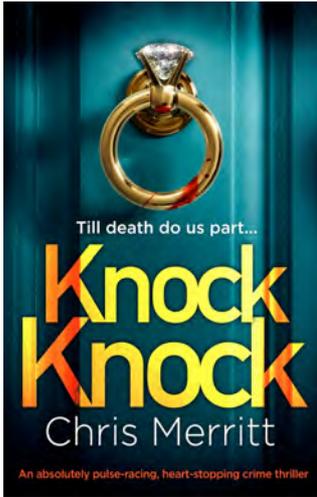
Carol Wyer garnered a loyal following as an author of romantic comedies, and won The People's Book Prize Award for non-fiction (2015). In 2017 she stepped from comedy to the 'dark side' and embarked on a series of thrillers, featuring the popular DI Robyn Carter, which earned her recognition as a crime writer. The Staffordshire-based writer now has more crime novels in the pipeline, although she can still sometimes be found performing her stand-up comedy routine Laugh While You Still Have Teeth.



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Knock Knock Chris Merritt

For fans of Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott and Cara Hunter

His first series – the Zac Boateng series, which we published in 2018 and 2019, has been optioned by Eleventh Hour Films

Editor's Note

I am delighted to have acquired two books in a brand new series from Chris Merritt. Chris is an excellent crime thriller writer and has previously written three books in another series for Bookouture. This series is London-set and features Met detective Dan Lockhart and psychologist Lexi Green working together to find a killer attacking women and choking them to death all over London. It's gripping and pacy and Chris' background in psychology really helps to bring to life the two central characters who both have interesting back stories.

Retail Description

When successful business woman, Natasha Mayston, is found choked to death in her plush London penthouse, Detective Dan Lockhart is called in to investigate. And as he examines the body and sees the cable tie restraints, scratches on her wedding finger and the small metal ball placed into the victim's mouth, he knows this isn't the killer's first body. He's seen this before.

Months earlier, Kim Hardy was found in the same position in a hotel in East London – cable ties around her wrists, lacerations on her left hand and a tiny silver ball in her throat. Fearing that he's dealing with a serial killer, he calls in psychologist Lexi Green to help profile who a man capable of such acts might be.

Then another body is discovered just days later, and Lockhart and Green think their killer is escalating. They will have to work together quickly to find who is killing women in this brutal way, before he strikes again. But as Green gets closer to unmasking the killer, she puts herself in unthinkable danger.

Lockhart thinks he knows who is next on the killer's list. But can he reach her before it's too late?

Reviews for Chris Merritt

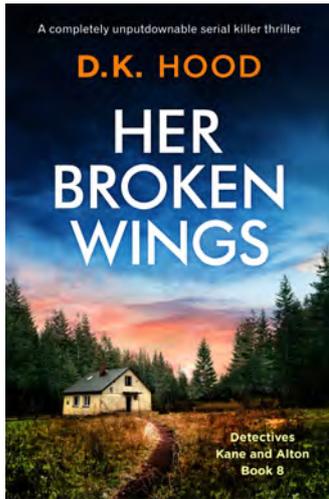
'Fast paced and gripping from the very first page... I suspected almost everyone, and still got it wrong! I loved the twists and turns... One high-action police thriller.' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Eeee. OMG! Ahhh! Where do I start? I have a new favourite author... a belter of a book!... I was so impressed, gripped, hooked and immersed.' Between the Pages Book Club, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Chris Merritt is a Clinical Psychologist and former diplomat based in London, who has been writing on psychology since 2010. In 2014 he decided to combine his passion for writing with his love of crime fiction, and eventually came up with *The Murder List*, his debut novel. He currently works on a mental health research project at King's College London, and part-time as a psychologist in the NHS. When not working or writing, he loves climbing and basketball, and dreams of one day being able to work from home enough to own a whippet.





Her Broken Wings

D.K. Hood

Previous Translation Publishers
Computer Media (Czech)

For fans of Robert Dugoni, Karin Slaughter and Rachel Abbott

450,000 copies sold in series so far, top 40 Amazon US author

Editor's Note

The eight book in the Detectives Kane and Alton series and Black Rock Falls just got even more deadly! D.K. Hood is one of our bestselling authors with 450,000 sales across all formats. The first book in the series published in October 2017 and has since gone onto sell over 130,000 copies. And when reading the reviews on Amazon, it's clear to see why readers keep coming back for more. This next instalment balances the perfect mix of murder and mayhem with a serial killer attacking the town's residents around Halloween. It's dark, twisty and had a murderer you'll never see coming.

Retail Description

The sound that wakes her from sleep is unmistakable – someone is in their house. She listens as heavy footsteps start up the stairs, and as the bedroom door is flung open, she doesn't even have time to scream...

Following a frantic emergency call in the middle of the night, Detective Jenna Alton arrives at a secluded family home to find the body of Lucas Robinson lying in a pool of his own blood in his bed. His wife Carol, shivering in shock, has just watched an intruder shoot her husband in cold blood.

As Jenna investigates the murder, she soon discovers that Lucas was having an affair. And when his mistress is also found strangled to death in the center of the small town, Jenna is convinced that the murderer is living amongst them.

When the killer escalates with a mass murder at a remote ranch on the outskirts of Black Rock Falls, Jenna knows for sure that she's dealing with a murderer more twisted than any other she's faced before.

As the town begins to fill with revelers for the annual Halloween festival, Jenna has to work fast to stop any more lives being taken. But as the killer always seems to be one step ahead of the investigation, has she finally met a murderer who can outsmart her?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

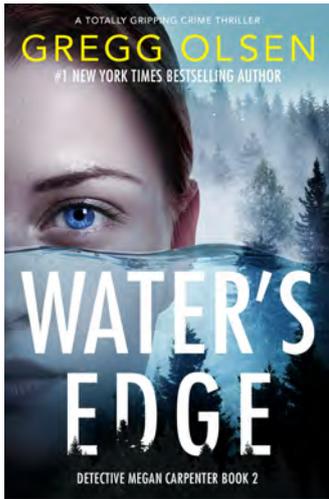
'WOW WOW WOW!!!! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!!... From literally the first page you're hooked and gripped!! Kept on the edge of my seat throughout I just couldn't put it down... my new all time favourite author!!!... I just wish I could've given it more than five stars!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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





Water's Edge Gregg Olsen

For fans of Lisa Regan

From award-winning USA Today and New York Times bestseller Gregg Olsen. The first book in the series, *Snow Creek*, has hit the top 50 in the USA and has sold 60,000 copies

Editor's Note

A New York Times and Amazon Number One bestselling author, Gregg Olsen continues to storm the US Amazon charts. Gregg has created a compelling character in Megan with a terrifying backstory that will keep readers hooked from one book to the next. The first book in the series, *Snow Creek*, has already amassed 150 5-star reviews. This is a very exciting new series for Bookouture.

Retail Description

When the body of a young woman is discovered in the water off Misery Point, Detective Megan Carpenter is first on the scene. The victim's broken body has marks on her wrists, ankles and neck where she has been bound.

As Megan throws herself into the investigation, she makes the disturbing connection between the young woman's brutal murder and recent murder cases, all bearing the same marks on their bodies. The killer stalks his prey and tortures them in a very exact and methodical pattern. And he is not finished yet...

Megan has always preferred to work alone but with the body count rising, she has to call in the help of Deputy Ronnie Marsh if she is going to solve the case before the killer strikes again. But just as Megan begins to uncover some shocking clues that could lead them to the twisted individual, Megan starts to receive chilling messages. Someone knows about her traumatic past and is threatening to reveal it, putting her in terrible danger.

Megan might be closing in on the killer but he is watching her every single move.

Can she stop him before it's too late?

Reviews for Gregg Olsen

'Holy cr*p what a complete stunner of a read this is. It had everything, sensational, creepy, addictive with a stunningly complex plot from beginning to end and I loved. loved, loved it !!!... So this is going to rate as one my best reads of the year.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG! Wow. I loved this book!! ...it was amazing! I can't wait to read more! It kept me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't put it down. Loved, loved, loved it!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



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Why She Died J.G. Roberts

For fans of Rachel Abbott, Cara Hunter and Angela Marsons

Editor's Note

In the latest thrilling novel from top 100 Kindle UK bestselling author J.G. Roberts, Detective Rachel Hart contends with her toughest case yet. Her vulnerable sister is missing; young women are being found hanged; and she fears there is a serial killer at work. But the investigation is more personal than she could possibly know... Rachel is a tough but emotional lead, and her empathy with the victims and determination to see justice done drives this gripping, twisty procedural series.

Retail Description

When Hannah is late for their morning run, her best friend Abi thinks nothing of it. Hannah isn't always the most reliable – she's probably just overslept.

But as Abi runs through the woods, following the same route she always does, she is greeted by a horrifying sight: Hannah's body, swaying in the breeze.

Detective Rachel Hart is called to the scene. There's no note, but that might not mean anything – especially as Rachel soon realises that there were plenty of people in Hannah's circle who had reasons to want her dead.

Then a second woman is found strangled... Could there be a serial killer at work?

Rachel's finding it hard to focus on the case. Her fragile sister Ruth has gone missing, and Rachel is terrified about her safety. And what she doesn't know is that everything is connected – and that the killer's sights are focussed firmly on Rachel herself.

Can Rachel unravel the deadly game before she walks into a trap?

Reviews for J.G. Roberts

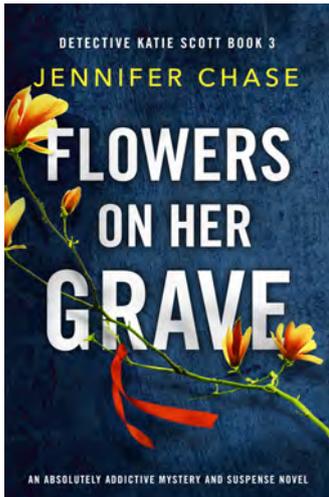
'Twists and cliffhangers abound and I loved it!... Marvellous character development and stellar storytelling... an absolute page turner' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'J.G. Roberts certainly has my vote! A thriller that captivated me from the start. The amazing twists in this story are what hooked me into reading in one day... One heck of a book. Recommend!' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

Julia was born in West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, 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.





Flowers on Her Grave Jennifer Chase

For fans of Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh

90,000 copies sold of the Detective Katie Scott crime series

Editor's Note

Aside from hooky crimes and intriguing, pacy investigations, the biggest strength this series has is its main character, Detective Katie Scott. Battling with anxiety, panic attacks and symptoms of PTSD, readers really relate with her and root for her all the way. There's a little bit of all of us in Katie, and I think that's what's bringing readers back time and time again.

Retail Description

Detective Katie Scott has never seen two people more in love than her aunt and uncle as they danced together on the night of their wedding anniversary party. But the next morning, when Katie finds her aunt's body sprawled across the floor, that perfect image is shattered forever.

All fingers point to Katie's uncle, Pine Valley's beloved sheriff and protector – after all, his prints are all over the antique knife found at the scene. Grieving, but certain of her uncle's innocence, Katie is consigned to the cold case division after she's discovered searching the house for clues. Does someone want to keep her as far away from this investigation as possible?

Ignoring warnings from her team, Katie digs into her uncle's old case files and discovers photographs of the body of a young girl found tied to a tree after a hike in search of a rare flower. Her body is covered with the same unusual lacerations her aunt suffered. Katie knows it can't be a coincidence, but every lead she follows takes her to a dead end.

Moments before the sheriff is arrested, Katie realizes that a single piece of thread she found at the crime scene could be the missing link that will stitch old crimes to new. But how can she prove her uncle's innocence without throwing herself directly into the line of fire? She doesn't have a choice, he's the only family she has left...

Reviews for Jennifer Chase

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

'Amazing... I couldn't put it down. Had my attention from start to finish. Plenty of suspense and twists and turns. Just when I thought I had it figured out, I was proven wrong. Will definitely recommend. Can't wait for more.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

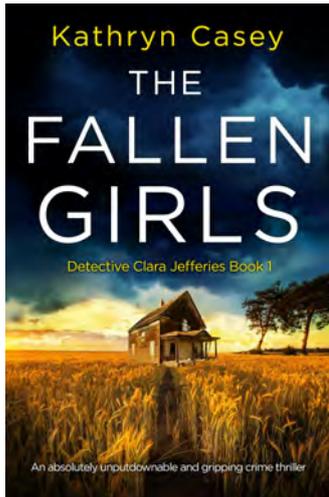
Jennifer Chase is a multi award-winning and best-selling crime fiction author, as well as a consulting criminologist. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in police forensics and a master's degree in criminology & criminal justice. These academic pursuits developed out of her curiosity about the criminal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



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The Fallen Girls Kathryn Casey

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Kendra Elliot

Author sold over 1 million copies worldwide

Editor's Note

A new US-set detective series from award-winning true crime and mystery author Kathryn Casey, the Detective Clara Jeffries series is an exciting acquisition for Bookouture. Absolutely packed with atmosphere and set in the valley at the base of a towering mountain range, it's the start of a compelling new series for readers that's packed with Kathryn's captivating research and crime expertise.

Retail Description

When Delilah, a beautiful young girl with flowing auburn hair, goes missing, everyone in the southern corner of Utah begins to search. But she is from a private family, who have isolated themselves in the small town, and it's not long before the police realise they'll need someone who shares a history with Delilah to find her.

Detective Clara Jeffries has spent years running from her childhood in Alber, and she promised herself she would never return. But when she hears her baby sister has disappeared she knows she must face up to her past.

As soon as she arrives, Clara is shocked to hear that another girl's disappearance has been ignored. Clara's mother doesn't trust the authorities and believes that she and her sister-wives can protect their own. Clara is desperate to save her sister, but she turned her back on her family for a reason, and her presence in town begins to dredge up a dark past.

And then Clara gets a call that the body of a girl has been found. Returning to her home town might have put Delilah's life more at risk...

Reviews for Kathryn Casey

'Kathryn Casey has the roots, the guts, and the talent... She takes her place as one of the best.' #1 NYTimes bestselling author Ann Rule

'Casey is a true crime great.' Gregg Olsen

Author Biography

A novelist and award-winning journalist, Kathryn Casey is the author of eleven highly acclaimed true crime books, the creator of the Sarah Armstrong mysteries and the author of the Clara Jeffries crime series. She has sold more than 1 million books worldwide. Kathryn has appeared on Oprah, 20/20, the Today Show, Good Morning America, the Biography Channel, Reelz, The Travel Network, Investigation Discovery, and many other venues.





Her Secret Past Kerry Watts

For fans of LJ Ross, Cara Hunter and Robert Bryndza

Kerry is an Amazon CA Top 10 author and has sold over 15,000 copies across the Jessie Blake series

Editor's Note

Kerry Watts is a great writer with a brilliant central detective in Jessie Blake. The third in the Detective Jessie Blake series, this book sees Jessie tackling her most complex case to date. Kerry is a Scottish crime writer, who previously self-published her books before coming to Bookouture. Her readers say she is 'one of my new favourite writers' and that her writing 'gripped me from the first page!'

Retail Description

Jean Angus pours the last of the lukewarm tea into her chipped cup, shivering as she looks outside into the dark night. Her eyes are drawn to a slow movement not far from her cosy farmhouse. She's not expecting visitors. And as the back door opens with a bang, she doesn't even have time to shout for help.

On a dark winter night, the bodies of Malcolm and Jean Angus lie cold and still in a pool of blood in their kitchen. Detective Jessie Blake is called in to find out what happened to the reclusive pair.

Searching the couple's property, Jessie learns about a vicious dispute with a nearby land owner, Rachel Ferguson, and when Jessie looks into Rachel further, she doesn't expect what comes up. Rachel isn't the person everyone thinks she is and a previous murder conviction just made her Jessie's prime suspect.

The small Perthshire town begins to gossip about the double murder and Jessie's own past comes back to haunt her, when her abusive ex-husband begins to interfere in her new life. As the town starts a witch hunt against Rachel, Jessie is under pressure to find out what really happened in the farmhouse that night. Because if it isn't Rachel, then who is the murderer living among them, waiting to kill again?

Reviews for Kerry Watts

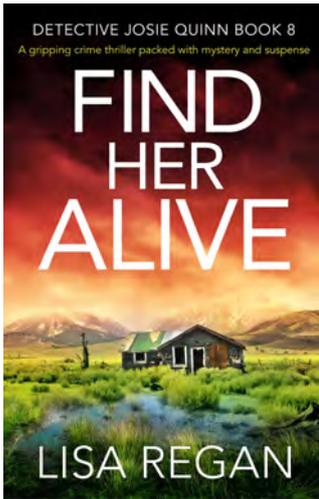
'Totally captivating and addictive read. I loved this book!... This has to be on your 2019 TBR list!' Bookedup Girl, ★★★★★

'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, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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. She's been writing for over twenty years but only recently decided to share her scribbles with the world.





Find Her Alive Lisa Regan

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

For fans of Angela Marsons and Rachel Caine

The series has sold over 1.1 million copies. USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

Hot on the heels of the news of Lisa Regan's millionth sale and a new eight-book deal taking her publishing to Summer 2024, comes her most nail-biting, hair-raising, and terrifyingly personal case yet. Lisa has an amazing way of making you care about every character, and every member of the small community of Denton. Her books read like episodes from a Netflix series, with multi-layered plots, jaw-dropping twists and unforgettable climactic scenes.

Retail Description

Detective Josie Quinn hasn't heard from her sister since Trinity stormed out of the house in the heat of an argument three weeks ago. So, when human remains are found at the remote hunting cabin where Trinity was last seen, Josie can only assume the worst.

Gathering her team, Josie feels a surge of relief when the dental records match a different body – that of a missing single mother from a neighbouring town. But now Josie's is not the only broken family desperate for answers.

Dusting the crime scene for prints, a name smudged into the side of a nearby car is the first in a trail of clues Trinity left for Josie. In need of a big story to save her journalism career, it seems Josie's sister was attempting to make contact with a dangerous serial killer known for creating sculptures with his victim's bones. And Trinity won't stop until she's found him, even if it means becoming his next masterpiece...

Josie is certain there's a critical clue in the ivory hair comb delivered to Trinity just days before she went missing. But as more bones surface, each set more likely to be Trinity's than the last, time is running out to find her alive. Can Josie's team trust her instincts in a case that is so deeply personal? Can she find her sister without putting other innocent lives in danger?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

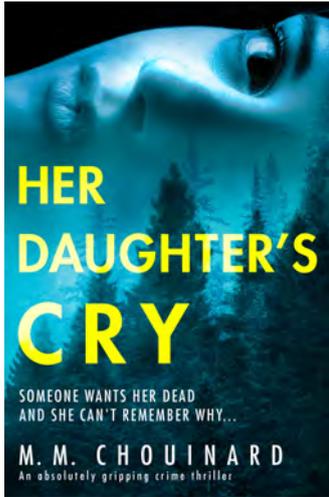
'OMG... WOW WOW WOW!!!! This book is just fantastic. Totally gripped me from the first page to the last... I love everything there is about Lisa Regan's books. I cannot recommend highly enough this page turner of a book. 5 stars all the way. Just wish I could give it more.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing story... one heck of an intriguing mystery!... As soon as I started reading, I didn't want to put it down!... I just love this series and I have no idea how I'm going to make it until the next book comes out!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Her Daughter's Cry M.M. Chouinard

For fans of *The Silent Patient*, *Gone Girl*, and the *Detective Kim Stone Series*

From the author of *The Dancing Girls*, which has sold over 54,000 copies to date, and is an Amazon US and CA and Kobo CA bestseller

Editor's Note

M.M. Chouinard's latest release delivers a killer punch. A twisty thriller jam-packed with psychological suspense. In this novel, we encounter new fan favourite Detective Jo Fournier once more, while Chouinard reminds us just how dark the consequences of fractured relationships can be. Reviewers are raving about this novel, dubbing it 'the perfect thriller', and it is written to work as a standalone book.

Retail Description

Someone wants her dead, and she can't remember why.

Zoe is a wife and a mother. Or so she's been told. Ask her for more than that and she couldn't tell you. The blow to her head wiped her memory clean.

Zoe knows the blood on her shirt isn't just her own. After she was found stumbling out of the woods, the police ran tests. They say it belongs to her missing daughter.

Zoe is trying to piece together what her daughter's face looks like, but all she can conjure up is a white-hot panic. A fear that her child is in desperate need of her help.

When a man claiming to be her husband turns up looking for her, she knows she can't trust him. Until she gets her memories back, she can't trust anyone. Not the stranger, not the police investigating, not even herself...

Reviews for M.M. Chouinard

'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, ★★★★★

'A perfect thriller.' Shalini's Books & Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Her Last Goodnight Michael Scanlon

For fans of Rachel Caine, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

Author has sold over 25,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

When I first read *Her Last Goodnight*, I was on the edge of my seat. It is rare that a police procedural novel manages to surprise even its editor, with each twist and turn; and the final revelation is as gripping as it is shocking. Scanlon's detective, Finnegan Beck, is a phenomenally realised character – with demons in his past that threaten to drag him down; and yet simultaneously inspire him to be the best he can be. In short, this is Irish crime writing at its very best.

Retail Description

Detective Finnegan Beck is called to a violent crime scene – a remote house near the rural Irish town of Cross Beg – where a dog lies whimpering beside his beloved owner's body.

At first it looks like a burglary gone wrong. But Beck spots something his colleagues didn't. The victim, Eddie Kavanagh, was wearing his smartest clothes. He'd brushed his hair. And, on closer inspection, a small velvet box containing an engagement ring is discovered in his pocket, along with a letter to a nameless woman, which seems to suggest she's in danger.

Those who knew Eddie have no idea about a female friend though – there's been no one in his life since a girl who he'd loved and who'd broken his heart decades before.

So who was the woman Eddie was waiting for? And did his connection with her ultimately lead to his murder? When a beautiful young woman is then found beaten to death, murdered exactly as Eddie had been, Beck has to ask – is the danger over? Or is it just beginning?

Reviews for Michael Scanlon

'A page-turning, don't-put-it-down, yes-you-will-be-up-all-night kind of read... amazing!' SPW Writes, ★★★★★

'I have never, ever read a whole book in one day... until now.' Booked Up Girl, ★★★★★

Author Biography

I am a civilian employee of the An Garda Síochána (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.





Damage Done Susan Wilkins

For fans of Ann Cleeves, LJ Ross and Mari Hannah

Editor's Note

The first in a brilliant new detective series by Susan Wilkins, author of the bestselling Kaz Phelps series. Sue has sold over 50,000 copies through BooksCan, her writing has been praised as 'tough, fast and unflinching... smart, exciting, hard-edged' and, as a former screenwriter for Eastenders and Heartbeat, she knows how to tell a cracking story. This new series combines a glorious Devon setting with a strong female cop struggling with memories of her years undercover and twisty, gripping crimes.

Retail Description

Megan has to climb round and step across the body to get a proper view. What's left is like a chalk white mask in the rough shape of a face. The innocence is still there, and a hint of the cheekiness. But perhaps she is imagining that.

Detective Megan Thomas spent years undercover. It cost her marriage and her peace of mind, but she got the job done. Now she has to decide if she can go back to her life before, to a regular crime unit alongside other cops who have no idea about the fear that haunts her dreams. She's still running from her memories. She doesn't know how to stop.

Moving to Devon was meant to be a fresh start. She's staying with her sister and swimming in the sea daily, battling the tides and letting the waves wash her past away. But she can't outrun everything. First, the discovery of a body in a claustrophobic crime scene triggers a panic attack. And then, when she gets too emotionally involved in an attack on a local teenager, her boss pulls her off the case entirely.

When a body is found on the stretch of beach where she swims every day, Megan remembers why she joined the force, and what she's fighting for... But how can she find justice for others, when she's no longer sure of herself?

Reviews for Susan Wilkins

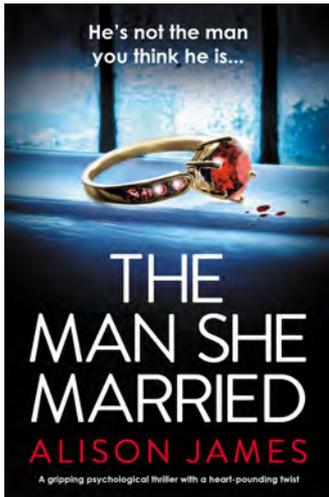
'This stylish, clever crime story never lets up... blazingly brilliant' Sunday Mirror

'Murderously good.' Elly Griffiths

Author Biography

Susan Wilkins worked in television drama writing numerous scripts for shows ranging from Casualty and Heartbeat to Coronation Street and Eastenders. She created and wrote the London-based detective drama South of the Border of which the BBC made two series. She now lives on the Devon coast, walks by the sea every day and writes crime novels, including the gritty Essex-based Kaz Phelps trilogy, twisty psychological thriller It Should Have Been Me, and the Detective Megan Thomas series, also set in Devon.





The Man She Married Alison James

Previous Translation Publishers
Profil Kitap (Turkish)

For fans of Carol Wyer, K.L. Slater and Laura Marshall

Series sales over 185,000 copies to date, top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

Alison James hit the charts in 2018 as the bestselling author of the Detective Rachel Prince series, which has now sold over 185,000 copies. Her second novel, *Now She's Gone*, was long-listed for the prestigious McIlvanney Prize. Reviewers love Alison's compelling fiction, and this twisty, domestic thriller is sure to win her more fans. *The Man She Married* is about partnership: what it really means, what it can do to a person, and how well you can ever really know your husband... Alison's writing is smart, gripping and addictive, and Bookouture are proud to be publishing her latest book.

Retail Description

How well do you know your husband?

Since Alice's fiancé walked out on her, she never thought she'd meet 'The One'. But all that changes when she meets Dominic. Handsome, charming and kind, Alice can't believe her luck when he proposes a few months later and moves into her West London home.

Three years on, Alice's catering business is thriving and she is married to a man she adores. So when she sees that little blue line, it should be the happiest moment of her life: they're going to have a baby. But then the police knock on her door and Alice's whole world is turned upside down... Dominic is dead.

Distraught, Alice goes to identify the body. There's no doubt that it's her husband. Yet when his estranged brother comes to view the coffin, he insists the man lying there is not Dominic. Alice refuses to believe it at first, but when confronted with irrefutable proof she finally has to face the truth:

The man she married is not the person he said he was. And if he lied about that, what else was he hiding from her?

Reviews for Alison James

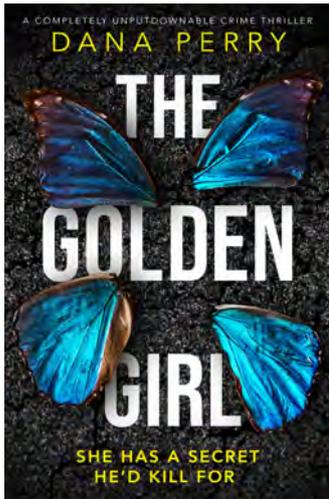
'Had me firmly in its grasp from the very first page. The twists just kept coming, and I tore through this one at warp speed in a desperate bid to unravel it all... gripping and addictive.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Could hardly put this book down, read it in a few hours. So many twists and turns, kept me guessing all the way through!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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.





The Golden Girl Dana Perry

For fans of Lisa Gardener, Karin Slaughter and Tess Gerritsen

Perry's previous books have won a number of awards including The David Award at Deadly Ink for Best Mystery and The Claymore Award at Killer Nashville

Editor's Note

Dana Perry's crime novels are immediately gripping and delightfully twisty. The author's own experience working as a crime reporter in New York really adds to the authenticity of the story – many of the details in the book are based on real crimes Perry covered.

Retail Description

One humid summer evening, Officer Maura Walsh is lead to her table at a local restaurant – it's a trendy place with cocktails on the menu, full of office workers leaning across the bar to flirt. She's prettier than most of the women here, but everybody gives her a wide berth. She doesn't eat or drink anything. She doesn't meet anyone's eye.

An hour later, Maura is dead. Her dark hair swirls in the dirty puddles beneath her body. The dank walls of a forgotten alley are the last thing she ever saw.

It took a long time for Maura to die, alone in the dark. Somebody made sure she would have plenty of time to think about what she'd done...

Reviews for Dana Perry

'WOW WOW WOW I absolutely loved this book. It completely blew my mind and I have not been able to stop thinking about it since I finished reading it! I devoured this in one sitting... What a magnificent start to a new series. I need the next book stat!' Once Upon a Time Book Blog, ★★★★★

'I was addicted to this book... As soon as I started to read, I just knew that I wouldn't be able to put the book down... takes you on one hell of a rollercoaster ride.' Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Dana Perry is a New York City author who writes mystery thrillers featuring newspaper reporter Jessie Tucker.





Seven Days in July Kerry Wilkinson

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

For fans of Catherine McKenzie and T.M. Logan

Total sales for Kerry's stand-alone psychological thrillers amount to over 380,000 copies. The Girl Who Came Back reached #2 in the Kindle UK chart and has sold 130,000 copies

Editor's Note

Seven Days in July sees Kindle US and UK top 10 bestselling author Kerry Wilkinson take a hugely exciting step in a new direction in the psychological thriller market. Written as a series of interview tapes purely from the point of view of the characters, readers are completely immersed as Kerry weaves together his characters' conflicting viewpoints. The refreshing format perfectly suits Kerry's high-octane writing style and will have readers totally addicted. We're hugely excited by the unique format and hook of this high-potential new novel.

Retail Description

On a Friday night two years ago, British businessman Geoff McGinley was standing on a cliff, looking out towards the Mediterranean. He was on the island of Galanikos, a place he had visited numerous times in the past. A short while later, his unconscious body was found on the beach below. This book attempts to unravel what happened through the eyes of the people who were there...

Enid: Of course I know what happened the night dad went over the cliff.

Daniel: I'll bet Enid already told you what she thinks happened to her dad. She did, didn't she? I wouldn't be so opinionated if I'd done what she'd done. She told you about that, has she? Bet she hasn't. Likes to keep it quiet. It's her mum and dad I feel sorry for. Imagine having a daughter like that and knowing what she did.

Enid: He'll deny it forever – but that's just the way he is. He's never been good with telling the truth. Sometimes I wonder if he knows what truth is.

Sorry, what was the question? Do I know what happened that night? Yes. Yes I do.

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

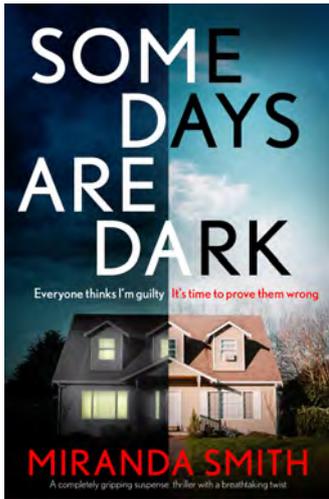
'OMG this book is so damn good... gripped from the very first page... I freaking loved it!... an utterly sensational page turner. I literally couldn't put this down and devoured it in one afternoon.' Chelle's Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Wow! This was amazing! I couldn't put it down. Now it's over I'm still thinking about it. Just brilliant... Heart-stoppingly thrilling and fiendishly addictive... one of the best psychological thrillers out there.' Renita D'Silva, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





Some Days Are Dark Miranda Smith

For fans of Megan Miranda, Michele Campbell and Lisa Grey

Editor's Note

I was sold on this brilliantly dark, suspenseful novel from its opening line: 'I was happy my husband died, but I couldn't admit it, otherwise people might resume saying I killed him.' *Some Days Are Dark* has a heroine to die for, with a serious problem in that her small-town friends and neighbours seem to believe she's capable of killing too. Her fight to clear her name and change her story is a pitch-perfect page-turner with smart things to say about modern life in America.

Retail Description

Everyone in Whitaker was sure Olivia Miller shot her husband, until Marcus Rowe confessed. But two weeks out from the trial, Marcus has been proved innocent – putting Olivia right back in the frame.

Olivia is the first to admit she isn't perfect. She's made a lot of mistakes in her life, the worst of which was marrying Dane Miller. But one bad choice shouldn't mean a life sentence. Now her neighbors are turning away from her, gossiping about her in the grocery line, wondering when she'll be arrested this time.

Olivia isn't going to run from the stares, from the whispers, from the doubts. She won't leave her son behind in Whitaker, or give her ex-husband and his new wife any excuse to stop her seeing him. And if the police and the world think she's guilty, then there's only one thing she can do – prove her innocence herself.

But if Marcus didn't murder her husband, then the real killer is still out there.

And they're not going to want Olivia stirring up the past...

Reviews for Miranda Smith

'YES!... entirely captivating, the plot twists at the end had me on the edge of my seat (in this case, on the edge of my bed, as it's currently extremely late. Cannot. Put. Down.)!... Mind blown. Do yourselves a favour, READ IT!' Goodreads reviewer,



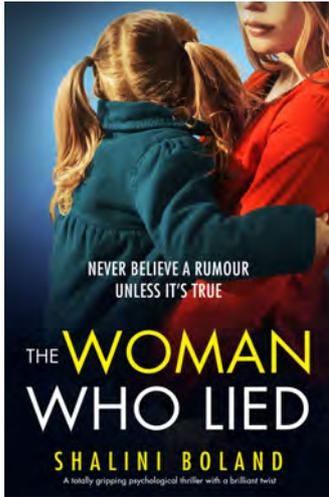
'Oh my goodness. This book!! I was literally hooked from the first chapter... a suspenseful delight.' Goodreads reviewer,



Author Biography

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





The Woman Who Lied Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Over 1 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

Shalini Boland has now sold over 1 million copies of her work. She has been Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller author for two years running and has generated £1.5 million in revenue across all her books. Her most recent books, *The Marriage Betrayal* and *The Other Daughter*, have been bestsellers in both the US and UK and received rave reviews from bloggers and readers around the world. *The Woman Who Lied* is a brilliantly twisty tale of three women, united by their past, and about to be punished for it. It has Shalini's trademark strong characterisation, excellent writing and gasp-out-loud twists and will confirm her status as one of Bookouture's key brands.

Retail Description

Tia is walking home with her children, along the lakeside of their quiet, safe town, when she realises something is wrong with her five-year-old daughter, Rosie. She seems troubled, not at all her usual happy self.

But when Tia finally coaxes Rosie to open up, she wishes she hadn't. Because her sweet daughter asks a question Tia never thought she'd hear.

'Mummy, why did you kill someone?'

Tia knows how rumours spread around her small town. She just can't understand who would have shared such a horrible story. Or why. It can't have anything to do with what happened. Only her two best friends really remember that...

Tia thought she could trust Fiona and Kelly with her life. They've been through so much together. But when she's sent photos of herself that could tear her whole life apart, she starts to wonder. Someone is determined to punish her. But who? And will her friends stand by her, or will the past destroy all of their lives?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'I read this book in a day! I enjoyed it so much I wanted to cancel plans just to read it!... Loved it loved it loved it!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wow WOW wow... can't say enough good things about this book!... unputdownable... read it in one sitting. This author never seems to disappoint!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The New Girlfriend Sheryl Browne

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

Sheryl's previous psychological thrillers have sold over 358,000 copies and reached the top 10 in the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author – delivering brilliant plots and wonderfully flawed characters wrapped up in nail-bitingly tense storytelling. This is her sixth psych thriller for Bookouture and when I first read the idea from Sheryl, I thought it was something quite special. A dark, twisted and thrilling story of lies and secrets, this is one that psych thriller readers will love.

Retail Description

The first time I met my grandson Toby, I cried. He looked just like his father. You see, my son had been dead a few months when his heavily pregnant girlfriend, Kimberley knocked on my door to tell me that she was carrying my grandchild. I remember thinking this was the miracle I had been waiting for.

So months later, when Kimberley and baby Toby suddenly vanished, I was devastated. And I wasn't prepared for what the police told me days later. They had found Kimberley – alive – but there was no sign of Toby. Kimberley told them she's never met me and she doesn't have a child. My darling grandson has disappeared.

I've tried to explain it to the police, but they think I'm a grieving mother who has lost her mind. And you might too, but I know I have a grandson out there and I'm going to prove it to you. I'm going to find him.

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

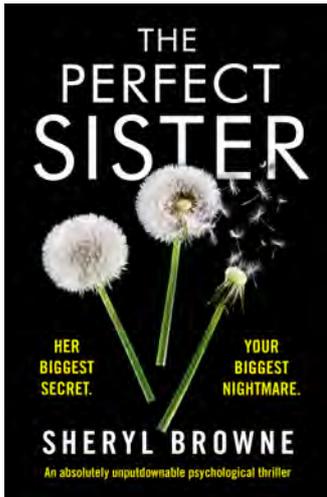
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Sheryl Browne writes psychological thriller and edgy contemporary fiction. A member of the Crime Writers' Association, Romantic Novelists' Association and awarded a Red Ribbon by The Wishing Shelf Book Awards, Sheryl has several books published and two short stories in Birmingham City University anthologies, where she completed her MA in Creative Writing.





The Perfect Sister Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers
Euromedia (Czech), Garzanti (Italian), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Polish)

For fans of *The Girl of the Train*, *My Lovely Wife* and *The Perfect Child*

Sheryl's previous psychological thrillers have sold over 358,000 copies (including over 14k audiobooks) and reached the top 10 in the

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is an author who always delivers. Her books get great reviews on Amazon, with readers calling her writing 'taut, tense and suspenseful'. Readers simply can't put down her brilliantly paced psychological thrillers and this latest book is sure to deliver great reviews as well.

Retail Description

'You don't know me, but I'm your sister.'

Claire is shocked when she receives a message out of the blue from Sophie, a beautiful young woman who tells Claire that she's their father's secret child. Having spent years nursing her sweet little daughter Ella through a life-threatening illness whilst dealing with the emotional fall-out of a devastating marriage breakdown, Claire feels tentatively excited to meet Sophie. Perhaps she might finally have someone in the family to lean on...

As Claire welcomes her sister into her life, she's delighted to see just how much Ella loves her new Aunt Sophie. But as the pair spend more time together, Claire begins to wonder where exactly her perfect new sister came from and what kind of person she really is. With their elderly father's mind rapidly deteriorating, is it possible that he's hiding something from Claire about Sophie's sudden appearance in their lives?

When Sophie suggests a family day at the seaside, little Ella is beyond excited. But as Claire takes an important phone call from her demanding ex-husband, leaving Sophie in charge of Ella, something unthinkable happens. And as Claire rushes into the ice-cold sea towards the small, limp figure of her daughter, she realises that Sophie was watching the whole time. But why would Sophie want to hurt Claire's precious daughter? Was trusting her new sister with Ella the biggest mistake of Claire's life?

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

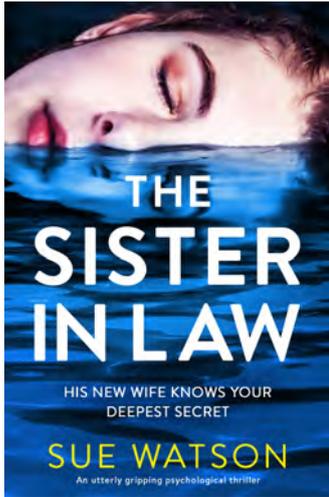
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The Sister-in-Law Sue Watson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Before I Go To Sleep, The Girl on the Train and Date Night

Over 100,000 ebook and 50,000 audiobook copies sold of previous title Our Little Lies. Top 10 Amazon UK and Top 30 Amazon US author

Editor's Note

Sue Watson really delivers with every single psychological thriller. Her characters feel so real, and the situations they find themselves in are infinitely relatable and gripping. *The Sister-in-Law* is no exception and is her best novel yet. Inspired by the natural anxiety a woman might feel when a newer, younger wife joins her husband's family, it takes that tension and drama right to the brink.

Retail Description

'You don't think Jamie and I have secrets, do you? No, we tell each other everything.' She smiled. 'Including your dirty little secret. So, thinking about it, maybe it's time to start being nice to me?'

THE WIFE: Clare is ready for a break. It's been a tough year and now she wants to put her feet up. Arriving at the Italian villa for their summer holiday, she decides it's high time her husband and his family did some of the work. After all her husband owes her...

THE HUSBAND: Even though Dan had his head turned by someone else, he's realised the error of his ways. He's here now, and he says it's for keeps. Clare can trust him, can't she? At least he'll have his brother there, to keep him in line...

THE BROTHER: Jamie is the prodigal child, back in the family fold again, after years of travelling abroad. But when he gets to the villa, it seems he's not alone. He's brought a wife, someone none of them have met before.

THE SISTER-IN-LAW: Ella is everything Clare isn't. Glamorous. Young. Influential. But she knows a secret about Clare. Something that has the power to break the whole family apart.

Reviews for Sue Watson

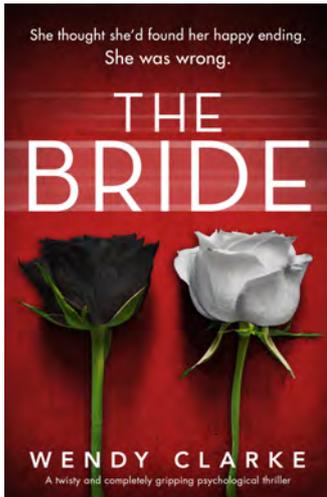
'Wow I never saw that ending!... A huge rollercoaster of events that will keep you enthralled right to the end!... Great read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG... I couldn't believe the ending and what truly happened to Kat's daughter. There were so many twists and turns in this book but the ending blew my mind.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sue Watson was a journalist on women's magazines and national newspapers before leaving it all behind for a career in TV. As a producer with the BBC she worked on garden makeovers, kitchen takeovers and daytime sofas – all the time making copious notes so that one day she might escape to the country and turn it all into a book. After much deliberation and copious consumption of cake, Sue eventually left her life in TV to write. After a very successful debut novel, *Fat Girls and Fairy Cakes* Sue signed a deal with Bookouture.





The Bride Wendy Clarke

For fans of The Girl on the Train, Behind Closed Doors and Gone Girl

Author won the Flash 500 writing competition. Previous two books have sold over 66,000 copies with Bookouture

Editor's Note

Kindle bestseller Wendy Clarke's third psychological thriller takes you on a roller coaster, desperately trying to work out which characters you can trust. With a fantastic, spine-tingling twist, and echoes of Dirty John, The Bride touches on themes of friendship, marriage and obsession, and with Wendy's outstanding reviews, we know this is one psych thriller to watch.

Retail Description

I knew something was wrong the moment I found out. Joanne and I normally tell each other everything, we speak on the phone every day, we approve each other's outfits. Growing up I spent more time at her house than I did at my own...

When she called me to tell me she was engaged I was shocked.

When she said she'd only known Mark for a month, she just didn't sound like my careful, quiet best friend. The girl who practically lived in the library at school, who's only ever dated one man, who still goes to church on Sundays.

When I went home to see her, to go to her wedding, I thought she was rushing. Then I got to her front door and saw the blood on the front step.

Joanne is missing.

And either there's more to Mark than meets the eye, or I don't know my best friend after all...

Reviews for Wendy Clarke

'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, ★★★★★

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, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





First Shot John Ryder

**For fans of Lee Child's Jack Reacher, Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne
and David Baldacci's Amos Decker**

**Author's previous title Watching the Bodies spent over two weeks at
#1 in the Amazon UK and Amazon CA charts**

Editor's Note

When you read a thriller like this, that makes your pulse pound, your jaw drop and your finger actually ache from turning the pages so fast, you KNOW it's a book you need to acquire. Pacy as all get out, this US-based action thriller is one unstoppable read and the start of an unforgettable series.

Retail Description

Lila Sutton has disappeared without a trace. Royal Marine turned mercenary Grant Fletcher takes cases like this all the time—if clients have the money to pay him. But this one he's doing for free. This one's personal.

Truth is, he owes his life to Lila's father, from that time in Helmand that he'd like to forget. And Fletcher knows that returning Lila safe and sound is the only thing that matters to his wheelchair-bound best friend.

She last called her father from a small town called Daversville in rural Georgia. A place—Fletcher discovers as he checks into the only motel—where all the faces are white, and almost all the business comes from the giant sawmill that looms large over the town.

Before he's even started looking for Lila, Fletcher finds trouble. But, as he fights off the men who don't want him nosing about their town, he also uncovers the fact that his friend's daughter wasn't the first girl to go missing there. Not the first by far.

And when the last person to have seen Lila before she disappeared is found dead, with Fletcher the only real suspect, he has no alternative but to go on the run, if he's going to find Lila. Before someone finds him...

Reviews for John Ryder

'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, ★★★★★

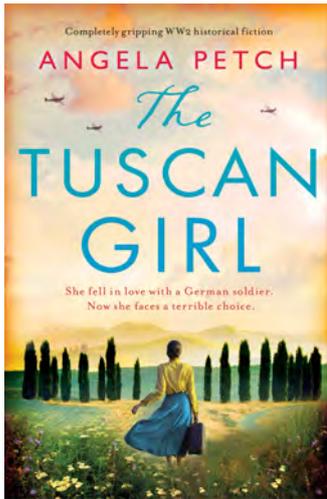
'I was absolutely gripped... A sophisticated and gripping read that will send your heart racing... A thrilling and twisted read.' By the Letter Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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.



Historical



The Tuscan Girl Angela Petch

Previous Translation Publishers
Athenaeum (Hungarian)

For fans of Kristin Hannah and Kathryn Hughes

Over 60,000 copies sold of previous title The Tuscan Secret

Editor's Note

Angela's rich and vivid descriptions bring the mountains, forests and meadows of Italy to life, creating the perfect backdrop for a moving and unforgettable WWII story of a young Italian girl who falls in love with a German soldier. Readers fell in love with *The Tuscan Secret*, with incredible Amazon ratings of 4.4 and 4.5 stars in the US and the UK, and we're thrilled to be bringing readers more of Angela's evocative writing, rich characterisation and suspenseful plotting.

Retail Description

When her fiancé is tragically killed in an accident, twenty-six-year-old Alba is convinced she's to blame. Heavy with grief and guilt, she flees to her childhood home – the tiny village of Rofelle, nestled in a remote Tuscan valley. Out hiking one day to fill the long, lonely hours, she finds a mahogany box filled with silverware, hidden in the vine-covered ruins of an isolated house left abandoned after WWII.

Could finding the rightful owner ease Alba's heartache, and somehow make amends for her own wrongs? In search of answers, Alba meets Massimo, an elderly man who wants to spend his final years pruning his fruit trees, alone with his painful memories. His face turns pale when Alba brings up the war, but she senses that their shared grief connects them. An unlikely friendship grows as little by little Massimo speaks of Lucia: a wild young girl with sparkling eyes who fell in love with an enemy soldier, bravely stole precious Italian treasures back from Nazi occupiers, and whose selfless courage and sacrifice altered the course of the war – and Massimo's life.

With each visit, Alba gets closer to unravelling the mystery of the silver, and they both start putting their ghosts to rest. But there's one part of Lucia's story that Massimo might never be able to share – and he's running out of time. Has Alba churned up emotions that are too painful to ever confront? Or, will unearthing a wartime secret that has lain buried for generations finally bring Massimo peace?

Reviews for Angela Petch

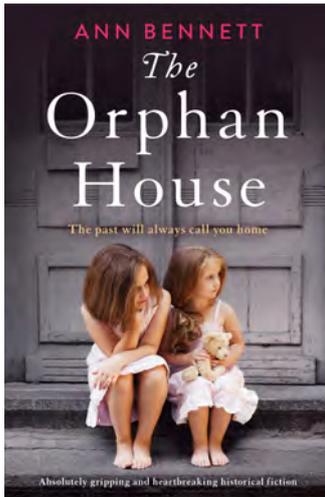
'Excellent book!... will grab you and hold onto you long after you put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'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, ★★★★★

Author Biography

I'm an award winning writer of fiction – and the occasional poem. Every summer I move to Tuscany for six months where my husband and I own a renovated watermill which we let out. When not exploring our unspoilt corner of the Apennines, I disappear to my writing desk at the top of our converted stable. In my Italian handbag or hiking rucksack I always make sure to store notebook and pen to jot down ideas. The winter months are spent in Sussex where most of our family live. When I'm not helping out with grandchildren, I catch up with writer friends.





The Orphan House Ann Bennett

For fans of *The Orphan's Tale*, *Lisa Wingate* and *The Nightingale*

Editor's Note

Award-winning author Ann Bennett writes the most captivating historical novels, and her first with us is a story brimming with secrets and full of gorgeous atmospheric setting. It's emotionally intense in its WWII setting, with huge commercial potential and has already been reviewed fantastically.

Retail Description

As she looks at the baby wriggling in her father's arms, a bolt of recognition goes through her and she takes a step back. And it's in that moment that she begins to protect her father's secrets.

1934, Weirfield-on-Thames. Connie Burroughs loves living in the orphanage that her father runs. Hearing the familiar clatter of pots and pans, the pounding of a hundred pairs of feet on the wooden stairs, having a father who is doing so much good. But everything changes the day she sees him carrying a newborn baby that he says he found near the broken front gate. A baby she recognises...

Present day. Arriving at her father's beloved cottage beside the river, Sarah Jennings is hoping for peace and quiet, to escape her difficult divorce. But when she finds her father unwell and hunched over boxes of files on the orphanage where he was abandoned as a child, she decides to investigate it herself.

The only person left alive who lived at Cedar Hall is Connie Burroughs, but Connie sits quietly in her nursing home for a reason. The sewing box under Connie's bed hides secrets that will change Sarah's life forever, uncovering a connection between them that has darker consequences than she could ever imagine.

Reviews for Ann Bennett

'What a wonderful book!! Beautifully written... I eagerly look forward to her next publication, and hope that her work gets the recognition it truly deserves.' Amazon reviewer, ★★★★★

'Excellent book, I felt that the author Ann Bennett had access to her family history as the characters were so real... I read long into the night and felt quite bereft when I came to the end.' Amazon reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ann is the author of several historical novels about WWII in South East Asia. She has a Law degree and works full time as a lawyer. Since her early twenties she has spent as much time as possible travelling in the region. She's married with three sons and lives in Surrey.





The Fortunate Ones Catherine Hokin

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *We Were the Lucky Ones* and *The Alice Network*

The Fortunate Ones sold over 6,000 copies in its first month on sale

Editor's Note

What really drew me to this book is not only the beautiful writing – which reminded me powerfully of Edith Eger's bestseller *The Choice* – but also the Romeo-and-Juliet themes in the story. Inge and Felix's relationship is a tragedy not only in the fact that they are torn apart by war and circumstance, but because they are legally not allowed to love each other. It's a heartbreaking situation, powerfully executed and I'm enormously proud to have published it.

Retail Description

A story to break your heart – if you read only one book this year, make it *The Fortunate Ones*.

Germany, 1941. When Inge – all blonde curls and good manners – first locks eyes with Felix, she knows instinctively that he's off limits. Her staunchly proper parents will never approve of a working-class Jewish boy for their precious only daughter. But that doesn't make their first, shy kiss less significant, or the moment they're torn apart less shocking.

The next time they see each other, it will be across the packed courtyard of a Nazi concentration camp – Felix in the prisoners' ranks and Inge on the arm of her new, Nazi husband.

Inge never knew that her father's 'party loyalty' would extend to marrying her off to a cruel Nazi officer twice her age, who sees his new wife as just another thing to control. She has always been a good girl – a silent wife – but when Inge sees Felix that day – beaten, bloody and brave – she knows she can't stay silent any longer.

She must save him, whatever the cost, whatever her husband or even her country might do to her later...

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

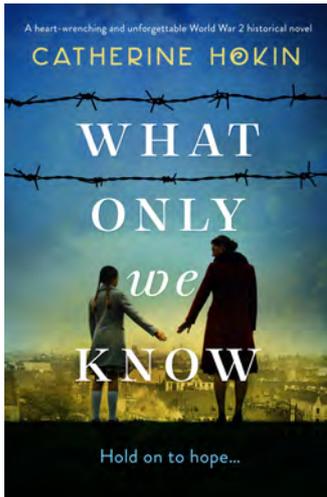
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'Heartbreaking... I cried many, many times... This story showed just how important hope can be... *The Fortunate Ones* is a must-read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author writing both long and short fiction. Her short stories have been placed in competition (including first prize in the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition) and published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia. She blogs on the 22nd of each month as part of *The History Girls* collective.





What Only We Know Catherine Hokin

For fans of We Were the Lucky Ones, The Alice Network and The Tattooist of Auschwitz

The Fortunate Ones, Catherine's previous title, sold over 6,000 copies in its first month on sale

Editor's Note

This beautiful novel really captured my heart when I first read it in how it explores the terrible choices families were forced to make during WWII. The best historical writing makes you feel like you are completely in the heads of the characters – even though they're from another time, and possibly even another country – and Catherine Hokin's writing does this every time for me.

Retail Description

A door slammed and the unmistakable sound of boots came crashing up the hall. Liese held her little daughter's hand so tightly, the tiny fingers had turned purple.

The SS officer's hand was at Liese's throat before she saw him move. 'I can kill you easily, then I can kill your daughter.' He relaxed his grip a little. 'Or perhaps I could kill her first?'

England, forty years later. When Karen Cartwright is unexpectedly called home to nurse her ailing father, she goes with a heavy heart. The house she grew up in feels haunted by the memory her father's closely guarded secrets about her beautiful mother Elizabeth's tragic death years before.

As she packs up the house, Karen discovers an old photograph and a stranger's tattered love letter to her mother postmarked from Germany after the war.

During her life, Karen struggled to understand her shy, fearful mother, but now she is realising there was so much more to Elizabeth than she knew. For one thing, her name wasn't even Elizabeth, and her harrowing story begins long before Karen was born.

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

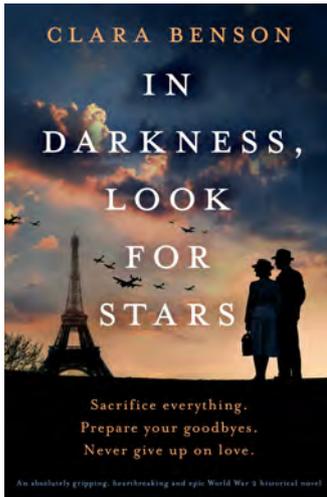
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In Darkness, Look for Stars Clara Benson

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *The Letter* and *All The Light We Cannot See*

Editor's Note

In Darkness, Look for Stars is Clara Benson's first ever historical fiction novel, after self-publishing a series of bestselling mysteries. Clara's beautifully crafted tale spans wartime, occupied France and post-war England, weaving a heart-wrenching and shocking tale of love, betrayal and the darkest of secrets.

Retail Description

Paris, 1940

The city is growing more dangerous by the day. Signs proclaiming 'No Jews' are everywhere in the maze-like streets, and men are dragged away in handcuffs and shoved into the back of vans. Amongst the arrests, disappearances and killings, Maggie Brouillard devotes herself to the Resistance, helping as many as she can to escape occupied France. Her life is a whirlwind of forged passports and midnight runs, but she cannot stop thinking about Emil, her Jewish fiancé she was forced to say goodbye to as he ran for his life. Listening to the radio in secret, she prays he is safe, and sends coded, handwritten letters to her dear sister, Cecilia.

England, 1949

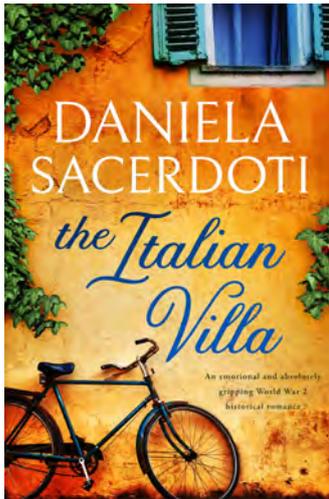
Harriet Conway turns up to grand, grey-stoned Chaffingham House, for her new job. Home to four generations of the Brouillard family, Chaffingham is no longer the opulent space it once was – its curtains faded, its carpets worn, its walls speaking of tragedy... Harriet is most drawn to quiet Cecilia, bound to her wheelchair due to an accident no one speaks of. When a strange man turns up asking for Maggie, who is nowhere to be seen, it's clear the house is shrouded in secrecy. Why won't Cecilia look her son in the eye? Why will no one utter Maggie's name? Harriet has come to escape her own grief, but she soon realises that Chaffingham is no refuge from her pain. And when she stumbles upon a sheaf of crumpled letters she uncovers a secret that will either rip the family apart, or repair a lifetime of heartbreak.

Reviews for Clara Benson

Author Biography

Clara Benson is the author of traditional English whodunits and other historical fiction. Over the years she's lived in London, Milan and Florence, and can still speak a bit of Italian if pressed. Now she lives with her family in the north of England, where she spends her days writing and trying to ignore an ever-lengthening to-do list.





The Italian Villa Daniela Sacerdoti

For fans of *The Letter* by Kathryn Hughes.

Over 1 million copies sold of Dani's women's fiction novels. Her debut novel, *Watch Over Me*, was named the eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015

Editor's Note

What I adore about Dani's writing is that it's so passionate and romantic, but also that it's inspired by true stories from her own family history. When she sweeps you up in the romance, or breaks your heart with the tragedy of war - it always feels so real. I'm so excited for this exciting change in genre for her, and I'm sure her millions of fans will be too.

Retail Description

1938 – A young Italian couple cling to each other in the shadow of the Montevino mountains, Mussolini's call to war ringing in their ears. They vow to stay together, no matter what, and hatch a plan to wed in secret before fleeing to the woods to join the resistance.

Present Day – Callie Di Giacomo, a waitress from Texas, is still reeling from the discovery that she is adopted when she arrives in Montevino in search of answers – the keys to the stunning hillside villa she just inherited clutched tightly in her hand. In her birth mother's wardrobe grief-stricken Callie finds a diary belonging to a woman named Elisa Stella, one of Italy's first ever female students of medicine, wrapped in pale blue ribbon.

Page by page, Callie unravels the story of a passionate young doctor who risked everything to marry her sweetheart, who was betrayed by her own people, and forced into hiding as Montevino was invaded. Elisa knew she must survive against all odds to see her loved ones again. But history had other plans... As the diary ends, a startling revelation about who Elisa was offers a chance for Callie to heal past wounds and spark a new future. But is she brave enough to take it?

Reviews for Daniela Sacerdoti

'Wow... thought-provoking, slightly haunting... I found this story so poignant and was completely unable to put the book down – I finished it in just one day... I have a feeling this book will stay in my mind for a long time.' Goodreads reviewer,



'This is a beautiful, magical, enchanting book... I have fallen into this book, got lost between the pages and was thoroughly mesmerised by the hauntingly beautiful story.' Goodreads reviewer, 

Author Biography

Daniela Sacerdoti is the author of the bestselling Glen Avich series which has sold over one million copies in ebook to date. Sacerdoti's debut novel, *Watch Over Me*, was named the eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015, when she was also ranked as the eleventh top-selling Kindle author. She lives in a small village in the middle of nowhere with her Scottish husband, two children, a Cocker spaniel and a foundling kitten (who was definitely a witch in a past life).





The Forgotten Heart Kate Hewitt

For fans of Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks and Kristin Hannah

Author has sold over 265,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in the Top 30 in UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

The Forgotten Heart is the first novel in an exciting new strand of our Kate Hewitt publishing. Already known for her heartbreaking emotional women's fiction novels, now she's turned her hand to a historical romance, with a novel that rivals Nora Roberts and Nicholas Sparks for its depth, passion and emotional complexity. One not to miss!

Retail Description

Abby Reese lives a quiet life on an apple orchard in Wisconsin with her father. Tormented by survivor's guilt after the tragic deaths of her mother and brother, Abby leaves the farm as little as possible, keeping her life small, quiet and safe.

But then she is contacted by an Englishman called Simon Elliot, who arrives at their farm nursing a broken heart, and bearing a WWII medal that he says belonged to Abby's grandfather.

Together they begin to piece together the story of their relatives' war. A story of love lost, unimaginable Nazi cruelty, heartbreaking betrayal, and a friendship that would change their lives forever.

But as the story brings Abby and Simon closer together, and they tentatively begin to lean on one another to heal, they uncover a further secret from the past – one that will make them question whether they can ever truly trust again.

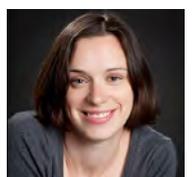
Reviews for Kate Hewitt

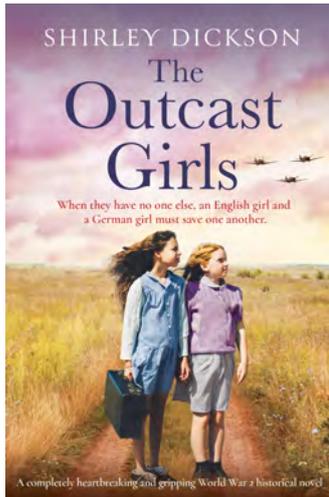
'THE book of the year!... I don't think I have ever cried as much' Sinfully Wicked Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Never has any book been able to just wipe me out with such gut-wrenching sadness... BEAUTIFULLY DONE' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Outcast Girls Shirley Dickson

For fans of *Wives of War*, Lisa Wingate and Diney Costeloe

Her previous title *The Orphan Sisters* has sold over 100,000 copies and was a top 50 Amazon title in both the US and UK

Editor's Note

The Outcast Girls is a beautifully rendered story which brings to life the friendship between an English orphan and a German Jewish girl who has had to flee her country and leave all her family behind. A book about friendship and how it can save us, it's a moving, poignant and tender tale which will have even the hardest of souls reaching for the tissues! Amongst all the heartbreak, all the devastation and the inevitable tragedy of war, Shirley Dickson spins a story about hope and light, in the darkest of times. Shirley's debut, *The Orphan Sisters*, has sold 100,000 copies to date and we're sure that *The Outcast Girls* is going to follow in its footsteps.

Retail Description

England, 1937: After a devastating childhood at Blakely Hall Orphanage, fifteen-year-old Sandra is released. She finds work as a housemaid, finally able to put her past behind her. But the start of WWII throws the country into turmoil, and her brother Alf is sent away to fight, leaving her completely alone.

Germany, 1939: Eleven-year-old Frieda is about to board a ship bound for England with her brother, Kurt. Life at home is perilous, with synagogues set alight and innocent lives lost to the Nazis. They have no choice but to flee, with only their identity cards and a small suitcase. But at the last moment, as Frieda stands on the deck crammed with frightened children, she spots her brother jumping off, back to land.

England, 1943: Joining the Land Army, Sandra is sent to a farm in the remote countryside where she meets evacuee Frieda. The girls are grappling with their own tragedies – Sandra fretting over whether Alf, flying a bomber in the heavens, will see tomorrow, and Frieda distraught that Kurt abandoned her, uncertain whether he is alive.

Sandra and Frieda form a friendship that sees them through the darkest of days, but in times of war heartbreak is always just around the corner. Will the girls ever be reunited with their loved ones? And will the relationships they have fostered amidst the terror of war survive?

Reviews for Shirley Dickson

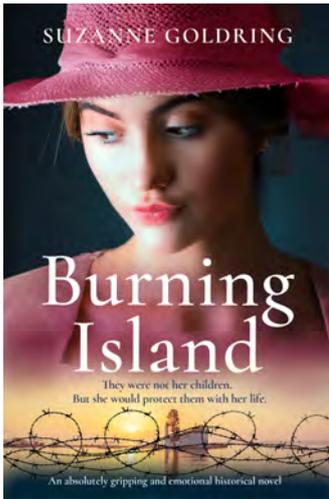
'Absolutely fabulous... Had me hooked from the very first page... Took me on a rollercoaster of emotions and had me in tears by the end of the book.' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'I absolutely loved it!... An emotional, heart-wrenching story of love and loss amidst the horror of war... Will tug at your heartstrings... Will have you reaching for the tissues... Wonderful.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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.





Burning Island Suzanne Goldring

Previous Translation Publishers
AST (Russian), Corint Books (Romanian)

For fans of The Letter, The Alice Network and The Nightingale

From the author of international bestseller My Name is Eva, which has sold 220,000 copies to date. My Name is Eva has been a top 20 bestseller in the US and a top 5 bestseller in the UK

Editor's Note

Burning Island is the much anticipated follow-up to My Name Is Eva, Bookouture's debut smash, which, to date, has sold 220,000 copies since publication in September 2019. This is the story of a Jewish family with three daughters living on Corfu in WWII. One daughter is sent overseas with her parents to a death camp. The other two are hidden on the island with a local doctor and his wife. Nobody knows what happened to the three girls, until now, the present day, when Amber arrives on Corfu and discovers the secret history behind the house that she and her husband James have bought. Few people know about Corfu's history during WWII and this provides a particularly intriguing back drop to Burning Island, a truly captivating read.

Retail Description

Corfu 1944. Though they don't know it, five-year-old Matilde and three-year-old Anna have kissed their mother for the last time. The Nazis have reached their sun-scorched home, and they are being taken to a place of safety, on the north-eastern tip of the rocky island, to be hidden at great risk by kindly Agata and her husband until the terrible war is over.

Matilde and Anna's tears are soothed by Agata's bedtime stories, but she is always alert. So far no soldiers have ventured down the steep rocky hillside to their secret haven, but Agata knows they are constantly scouring the island for missing Jews. And then, on a day when Agata's husband is away, a German soldier appears...

2016. Under a baking June sun, Amber and her husband arrive in Corfu from England, hoping for a fresh start. But not everyone is pleased by their arrival, and with the pressures of pregnancy, the couple grow further apart. Desperate to find a sense of belonging for herself and her unborn child, Amber finds herself drawn to the local story of two little girls, left by their parents and hidden for their own protection.

But there are some who would rather Amber left Corfu's terrible history well in the past. Can Amber uncover the heartbreaking truth about the two little girls, and what happened after a German soldier took a swim in the bay by their house? If she does, can the secrets of the past help her find happiness, or send her running from the island, alone?

Reviews for Suzanne Goldring

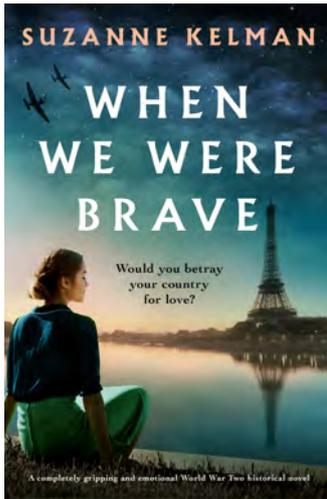
'Wow where to start with this one... both stories are gripping in themselves and as both storylines continue you are gripped with each of them...willing them on' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Told in two different time periods, this is a story that will leave you in tears, as humanity is exposed at its very worst, but also its very best' Cayo Costa, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Following an eventful career as a public relations consultant, specialising in business and travel, Suzanne Goldring turned to writing the kind of novels she likes to read, about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Whether she is working in her thatched cottage in Hampshire or her seaside home in North Cornwall, Suzanne finds inspiration in the secrets hidden by everyday life.





When We Were Brave Suzanne Kelman

Previous Translation Publishers
Planeta (Portuguese), IPC Könyvek (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian),
Moba (Czech)

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *Under a Scarlet Sky* and *My Name is Eva*

Author's previous title has sold over 52,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Suzanne Kelman's debut historical novel – *A View Across the Rooftops* – asked the big question 'how far would you go to save just one life?' Her new novel, set in wartime Paris and London, tackles the idea of how far you would go for love; as a woman goes in search of the truth about her aunt, a woman accused of betraying the Allies by eloping with a Nazi POW. It is powerful, poetic and a completely unforgettable story about love, courage and betrayal in wartime.

Retail Description

1944, Cornwall: Blinded by love, Vivienne Hamilton eloped to Paris with a Nazi prisoner-of-war, never to be seen again. A disgrace to her family, her name would not be mentioned by any of her relatives for over 75 years.

Present day, London: When Sophie discovers a photograph of her great aunt Vivi from WWII, it throws her into a world of confusion. Because, as she learns about this secret relative, she quickly realises that the photograph doesn't fit with her family's story. It shows Vivi leaving an address associated with a spy network in London – a place she had no reason to be in – and it is dated right before she disappeared.

Meanwhile Sophie's own life feels as blasted and bombed as the blitzed city in the photograph she's looking at. Her beautiful daughter – as full of joy and wild energy as Vivi had apparently once been – is gone; and Sophie's heart has been left broken into pieces.

Retreating to the family home in rural Cornwall to seek solace from her pain and the feelings of guilt that she could have done more to protect her daughter, Sophie finds herself becoming obsessed with Vivi's life. But nothing can prepare Sophie for what she is about to uncover – the story of a woman who risked everything for the person she loved the most; and a secret family history that could be the key to Sophie's own future.

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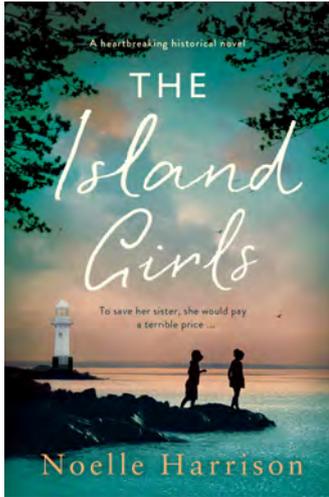
'A captivating story of love, friendships and hope for the future. It's written with such depth that the characters and settings come alive before your eyes.' Chells and Books, ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking... Make sure to have your box of tissues at the ready while you read this beautifully told story!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Suzanne Kelman is a 2015 Academy of Motion Pictures Nicholl Finalist, Multi-Award-Winning Screenwriter and a Film Producer. As well as working in film she is also an International Amazon Bestselling Fiction Author of the Southlea Bay Series – *The Rejected Writers' Book Club*, *Rejected Writers Take the Stage* and *The Rejected Writers' Christmas Wedding*. Born in the United Kingdom, she now resides in Washington State.





The Island Girls Noelle Harrison

For fans of Lisa Wingate, Anita Shreve and *The Light Between Oceans*

Editor's Note

The Island Girls is a moving, captivating historical novel about two sisters, set on the isolated island of Vinalhaven, off the coast of Maine. With beautiful vivid descriptions of the island, inspired by true events, Noelle's writing has a real sense of authenticity and backdrop, especially given that she travelled from Edinburgh to Vinalhaven to write the book. Spanning sixty years, from WWII, to present day, *The Island Girls* delves into themes of sisterhood and survival, prejudice and peril, and there is a devastating, doomed love affair which will leave readers reflecting on the book, long after they have finished it.

Retail Description

I guess our life on the island was one which never fit you right. I like to imagine you some days when I look out the window across the harbour, all those miles of sea and land between us. But, sister, we are always connected.

When young nurse Emer loses her beloved sister, she is haunted by grief and desperate to escape her memories. Taking a job in Vinalhaven, a rocky outpost in the wild Atlantic, feels like the refuge she so badly needs.

Her patient, Susannah, has lived in isolation for many years, since the tragic death of her sister Kate caused her to withdraw from island life. However, when Emer discovers a bundle of letters in a rainbow quilt in her bedroom and shares the story of her own loss, Susannah opens up. She begins to tell the story of Kate's brutal and secret past, and her marriage to a man with a heart as cold as the ocean.

But when Emer starts asking locals about Kate, the island air sizzles with hostility. There are people who would rather that Susannah kept quiet, who have no qualms about threatening Emer. But despite the warnings to stay away, Emer is determined to find out what really happened the night Kate died – and the final secret that is keeping Susannah a prisoner to the past.

Reviews for Noelle Harrison

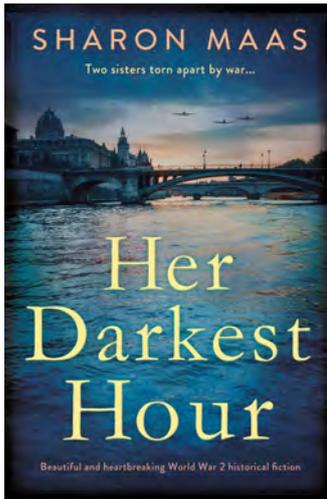
'A life affirming read with wonderful characters and beautiful writing. It is a compelling and engaging story that grips you from the start.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A brilliant but emotional book which I couldn't put down once I started. Will definitely be reading it again and thoroughly recommend' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Noelle Harrison is the Irish author of nine novels and five plays and has been translated into over 13 different languages. Her short stories have been published in *Lines of Vision*, *Irish Writing on Irish Art*, & *Gutter Magazine* of *New Scottish Writing*. In 2016, Noelle co-founded *Aurora Writers' Retreats* building on 20 years' experience of teaching creative writing in Ireland, Scotland, Norway and England.





Her Darkest Hour Sharon Maas

Previous Translation Publishers

Fingerprint (Indian), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (Hungarian), Corint Books (Romanian)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *The Ragged Edge of Night*

From the author of *The Violin Maker's Daughter*, which has sold over 63,000 copies

Editor's Note

Her Darkest Hour is an unforgettable and unputdownable story of two sisters, fighting for their freedom at the height of WWII. Set in Nazi-occupied France, readers will be captivated by Marie-Claire and Victoire, two sisters, on opposing sides, who are eventually brought together by a terrible tragedy...

Retail Description

In the small French town of Colmar, swastikas hang from lamp posts, tanks are lined up outside the town hall, and twenty one year old Marie-Claire is in love. She will do anything for her childhood friend Jacques, including, spying on her Nazi boss, Dietrich and providing Jacques with valuable information. Anything to make Jacques see her in a new light, as something more than just a silly little sister.

But when Jacques rejects Marie-Claire, everything changes. Mortified and stung, Marie-Claire feels the need for revenge. Pushed closer to Dietrich, a dangerous enemy, she turns her back on those she loves, and is catapulted into a new life.

Her little sister Victoire is aghast at her sister's traitorous behaviour, not least because Marie-Claire is endangering Victoire's own life-threatening mission, hiding Jewish refugees in their mother's wine cellar. And when Marie-Claire marries Dietrich, her relationship with her sister is poisoned, perhaps for good.

A year later and Marie-Claire is living with Dietrich, a cruel and heartless husband, in Strasbourg. She misses Victoire, and when her little sister shows up at her door, with terrible news of someone they love, she knows she must help her, even if she is putting her own life at risk at the hands of her husband. Secrets are spilled, close bonds are broken and when life changes for both sisters in a horrifying way, will they be able to save one another?

Reviews for Sharon Maas

'If only I could give this book 100 stars rather than 5!... This book is epic, a mesmerizing book of strength through unimaginable losses... Heartbreaking and beautifully written this is a gripping tale of bravery... One of the best and most memorable historical books I've ever read!' Deanne's Book Thoughts, ★★★★★

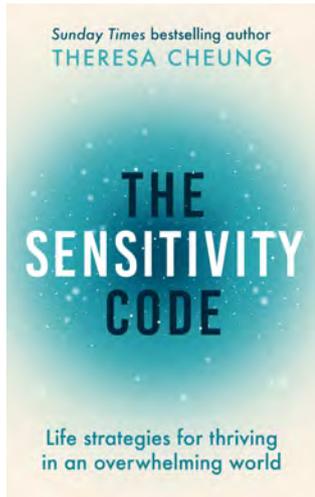
'From the minute I opened this book I was completely enthralled. I couldn't put it down. It was well thought out and expertly written... Really a great read and I can't wait to look into other books by this author!' Being Perry, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sharon Maas was born in Georgetown, Guyana, in 1951 and educated in Guyana and England. After leaving school she worked as a staff journalist at the Guyana Graphic and the Sunday Chronicle in Georgetown. Sharon has always had a great sense of adventure and curiosity about the world we live in, and Guyana could not hold her for long. In 1971 she set off on a year-long backpacking trip around South America and spent two years in an Ashram in South India.



Non-Fiction



The Sensitivity Code Theresa Cheung

For fans of Brené Brown and Susan Cain

Sunday Times bestselling author

Editor's Note

The Sensitivity Code will be one of the launch titles for the new non-fiction imprint in Spring 2020. An incredibly timely book, there is a huge and growing appetite for books focussed on personal growth. Theresa's background is in spirituality, paranormal and the afterlife. She is also passionate about scientific research in this area and has collaborated with scientists and doctors on various projects. It's this combination of science and spirituality which is what makes her work so distinctive and her previous books have had over 17 translation rights deals including in China, Japan and Russia. The Sensitivity Code is Theresa's first book targeted at a more mainstream audience.

Retail Description

The Sensitivity Code explores what it means to be highly sensitive and how to cope in an insensitive world. Simply acquiring knowledge about the reality, biology and psychology of emotional intensity can change the way highly sensitive individuals see the world and their important role in it.

The Sensitivity Code offers that empowering knowledge alongside true-life stories and life-changing advice for people who feel too much. Punctuated throughout with the diaries of highly sensitive individuals from all walks of life, this powerful and practical book will show that although being highly sensitive can be an extremely challenging genetic trait, it is also a wonderful gift.

Reviews for Theresa Cheung

Author Biography

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