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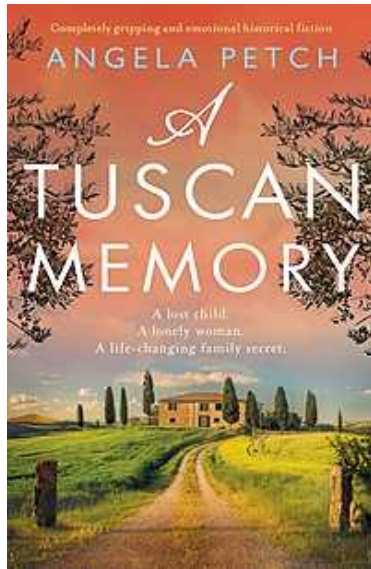
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Historical



A Tuscan Memory Angela Petch

Previous Translation Publishers
Athenaeum (Hungarian), LIST (Bulgarian)

For fans of Kristin Hannah and Kathryn Hughes

Previous title **The Tuscan Secret (110,000)** reached the **Top 10** on the
Kindle CA and US charts

Editor's Note

True stories of the hardships of life in rural Tuscany in the early 20th century inspired this beautiful timesplit novel, which follows a young Italian boy uncovering the secrets of his great-grandfather's life. With everything her fans have come to expect from Angela's books – beautiful and richly evocative descriptions of the lush Italian countryside; the secrets and complexities of family relationships; and impeccably researched and rich historical details – *A Tuscan Memory* is sure to sweep readers away.

Retail Description

When elderly Giselda Chiozzi discovers a lost little boy, curled up asleep in the beech forest outside her grand but empty home, she can't help but take pity on him. It's been a long time since she had a visitor. Waking up to her kind smile and the warming smell of Italian hot chocolate, Davide soon blurts out what drove him into the cold Tuscan night: he's different from everyone else, he's never belonged anywhere, and now his beloved mother is ill.

With her heart full of sadness for this lost child, Giselda promises to help Davide trace his family history – she hopes it will make Davide realise that home is where he truly belongs.

Together the unlikely pair discover the story of Davide's great-grandfather, Giuseppe Starnucci, a young boy who spent his days milking cows, helping with the harvest, and hammering horseshoes in the forge. But after a terrible incident that changed his life forever, Giuseppe also ran away.

Engrossed in the story, Davide is slowly starting to heal when he and Giselda discover a shocking secret which Giuseppe took to his grave – and which now threatens to tear apart Davide's family for good. Will Davide let the pain of the past determine his future, or can he find the courage, love and loyalty within him to return home... and even if Davide himself finds peace, will it be too late for Giselda?

Reviews for Angela Petch

'Fascinating and moving... intensely imagined and exquisitely detailed recreation of a lost way of life.' Goodreads Reviewer,



'If you embark on this journey of discovery then be sure to prepare some delicious crostini, in advance, as you will not be able to put the book down... completely absorbing... beautiful... a cleverly crafted narrative.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Historical

270 pages | Pub Date 7/9/2020 | 9781800190382 | Unagented



The Italian Girls Debbie Rix

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Grada (Czech), AST (Russian)

**For fans of Kate Furnivall, Dinah Jefferies, Mandy Robotham and
Fiona Valpy**

Debbie sold over 156,000 copies

Editor's Note

Debbie Rix transports readers to wartime Italy in this sweeping tale of love and betrayal set between Florence and Rome. Debbie has undertaken meticulous research to bring this period to life and her wonderfully evocative writing really makes you feel like you are walking the streets of Florence and feeling the Tuscan sun on your face. I know fans of Second World War historical fiction are absolutely going to love *The Italian Girls*.

Retail Description

The sun hung low in the sky, casting pink light all over the city. A faint breeze blew over the rooftops, as flocks of starlings swirled above her, swooping and diving in unison. It seemed unimaginable that, even now, German soldiers were marching along the streets below. It was time, she decided, for direct action. It was time to fight back.

Each morning Livia Moretti makes her way from an apartment overlooking Florence's famous Duomo to a nearby café, where she drinks espresso and reads the newspaper. To the crowds of tourists who pass by, snapping selfies, nothing about Livia will be memorable. She is simply an old lady. They walk on without knowing the part she played in ensuring the future of this beautiful city. And to Livia now, those dark days feel very far away too. But today, when she opens the paper, she sees a name she has not heard for a long time. A name that will bring memories flooding back of Nazi troops marching through the city and the dangers she faced as a young woman, carrying out secret missions for the resistance.

Isabella Bellucci. A siren of the silver screen, Isabella cultivated all the right connections to ensure her rise to stardom. But when Rome falls to the Nazis, Isabella is suddenly faced with the choice between protecting herself, and all she has worked for, or sacrificing everything to save the man she loves. As the war rages across Europe, a terrible misunderstanding causes the fates of Isabella and Livia to become forever intertwined. And each woman must decide what they're willing to risk, to protect the ones they hold dear from a brutal enemy.

Reviews for Debbie Rix

'Incredibly heart-wrenching... it's just mind-blowing... I adored this book from start to finish... If I could give it 10 stars, I would!' Confessions of a Bookaholic, ★★★★★

'I was so gripped... a beautifully written story that captivated my mind and heart... A perfect historical fiction novel that fans of this genre are going to love.' By the Letter Book Reviews, ★★★★★

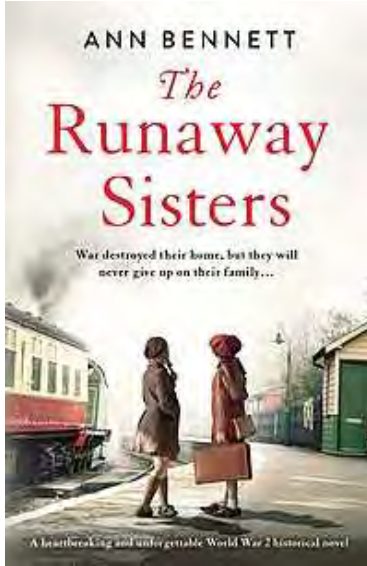
Author Biography

Debbie Rix has had a long career in journalism, including working as a presenter for the BBC. Her first novel, *The Girl with Emerald Eyes* was set around the building of the tower of Pisa and she has since released *Daughters of the Silk Road* and *The Silk Weaver's Wife*. Debbie writes heartbreaking historical novels about love, tragedy and secrets.



Historical

442 pages | Pub Date 28/9/2020 | 9781838882037 | Unagented



The Runaway Sisters Ann Bennett

For fans of Lisa Wingate and Diney Costeloe

The Orphan House, Ann's first book with Bookouture, reached number 38 in the UK Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Top 50 Kindle bestseller Ann Bennett's second historical novel is another absolute tearjerker bound to engage even more readers. This time set in WW2 just as bombs drop in Devon, Ann blends the heartbreaking tale of the orphan sisters as they escape to the country with a heart-warming modern-day strand. She invites every reader to imagine what it would be like to find secrets in their family's past.

Retail Description

The hand-painted sign reading 'Black Moor Farm' made Peggy and I feel no safer than we had under the wail of sirens at home. Mother died thinking we'd be tucked up in the countryside, running free among the daffodils, still being children. But war turns men into monsters, and we knew the ones who had us would never let us go.

When Helen Dawson finds a photograph of her mother Daisy evacuated to Devon in 1940, in an expanse of farmland, it's the first she learns of her mother's experiences in World War Two. Desperate to feel closer to her, Helen investigates, but she can't find any evidence that Daisy was sent to Black Moor Farm...

In the photo, there is also a little girl in cotton dress, and a handsome boy and Helen has no idea who they could be. And as Helen begins to dig deeper, she finds out about a young naval officer evading the Germans on the Atlantic ocean and the story of just how much her mother lost desperately fighting to survive.

Reviews for Ann Bennett

'Oh my goodness. What an amazing story of life, love, loss and finding yourself... Awe inspiring. I honestly am left reeling. This is my first book from this author, although it definitely will not be my last. Thank you for a journey that I will not soon forget.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'An amazing and spellbinding read. Exceptionally well done. I hated when it ended.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

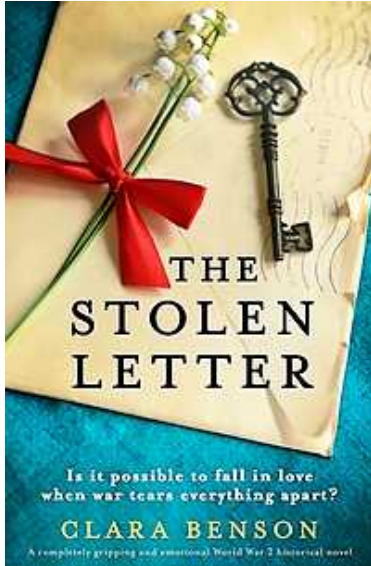
Author Biography

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



Historical

256 pages | Pub Date 15/9/2020 | 9781838882334 | Unagented



The Stolen Letter Clara Benson

Previous Translation Publishers
House of Books (Dutch)

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

Editor's Note

Clara Benson has done it again – spinning a sweeping, epic and spellbinding tale. Transporting you to the rolling hills, terracotta roofs, and lavender breeze of Tuscany, Clara's latest offering brings to life Italy under the dark clouds of the Nazi regime, the scandals and secrets of the art world, and the brutal, shocking and devastating effects of war. It's a total heartbreaker and not one to be missed!

Retail Description

Italy, 1938: When Stella arrives in Florence, it's love at first sight. She is wowed by the rolling hills dotted with olive trees, the buttermilk villas with shuttered windows and terracotta roofs that glow gloriously in the sunlight. Even the breeze holds the scent of freedom – freedom from England, where the shadow of her past haunted her.

Then there is Ted, an American journalist who is wild and mischievous, with an arrogance bordering on rude. Stella is infuriated by him – but she cannot deny the lure of the danger and excitement he promises.

But there is something dark under the bright surface of this beautiful country, with unspeakable tragedies just around the corner. When the Nazis take control of Italy, Stella and Ted – and whatever dreams the future held for them – are ripped apart. As bombs descend, destroying everything in their wake, there is nothing to do but sit in darkness, praying to see tomorrow.

And it seems that even in Italy, Stella's past has found her. Somewhere in the winding streets of Florence there is a letter that could change the course of her fate. Unknown to her, it holds a secret with the power to rewrite her past, and everything she has been running away from. But will she live to find it? And with the odds stacked against her, will she ever see Ted again?

Reviews for Clara Benson

'Amazing... I truly loved this book... Clara Benson does a masterful job of bringing her characters to life.' Historically Yours, ★★★★★

'Stirring, captivating and electrifying... So poignant it could sever readers' heartstrings.' Bookish Jottings, ★★★★★

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.



Historical

392 pages | Pub Date 24/9/2020 | 9781838882013 | Unagented



The Lost Children Shirley Dickson

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian)

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

Shirley has sold over 230,000 copies and was in the top 10 Amazon US chart

Editor's Note

Shirley Dickson has worked her magic again. Prepare to be swept away to the tragic days of World War Two, and lose yourself in the heartbreaking – yet beautifully hopeful – tale of two lost orphans. It's packed full of emotion, wonderfully written, and utterly transportive. Shirley's readers always talk about needing tissues on hand when they escape into one of her stunning novels, and *The Lost Children* is no exception. It's a tear-jerker, so be warned!

Retail Description

England, 1943: Home is no longer safe for eight-year-old twins Molly and Jacob. Night after night wailing bombs and screeching planes skim the rooftops overhead. They cradle each other, shivering in terror, not knowing if they will live to see dawn. Their mother, Martha, has no choice but to evacuate them to the safety of the countryside.

At the train station, Martha bites back tears as she says goodbye to her precious children. Knowing she might never see them again, she gives Jacob a letter, pressing the envelope into his hands and telling him to only read it if they are in danger.

In the country, Molly and Jacob must adjust to life with strangers. Every night they dream of returning home to the arms of their beloved mother. But then the unimaginable happens. Martha is killed in an explosion, leaving the twins all alone in the world.

The war has robbed Molly and Jacob of everything – all they have left is one another. Motherless and destitute, they face the grim reality of life in an orphanage. The time has finally come for Jacob to open the letter. What secret does it hold, and could it change the course of their tragic fate? Because if they are together, they can survive anything – but what if they are torn apart?

Reviews for Shirley Dickson

'A beautiful story! Had me in tears from the very beginning. I couldn't put this one down.' A Book With Review, ★★★★★

'Outstanding... I absolutely loved this superb page-turner.' 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.



Historical

356 pages | Pub Date 30/9/2020 | 9781838881849 | Unagented



A Home for Unloved Children Rachel Wesson

For fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *The Orphan Train* and *Diney Costeloe*

Rachel's self-published titles have sold 200,000 copies

Editor's Note

I don't think I could be more excited to be publishing this heart-wrenching historical novel by self-published bestseller Rachel Wesson. There is SO much to love about it... A fascinating, unique Great Depression setting. Orphans that need to be loved! Orphans that need to be saved! Orphans that might be robbed of Christmas, with no visit from Santa! Endless tears, a happy ending, a magical Christmas setting. This is heartwarming, heartbreaking historical-fiction GOLD.

Retail Description

Virginia, 1933: Lauren Greenwood was born to look pretty and land a rich husband. For her and her high-society family, it's easy to forget that America is in the devastating grip of the Great Depression, where children run wild in the streets, endless queues for soup kitchens line sidewalks, and desperation hangs in the air.

But when a young servant comes to Lauren, pregnant and begging for help, her world crumbles. Someone she loves is responsible, and when she finds out the shocking truth she must decide: protect the Greenwood name or be cast out? When the servant girl is thrown mercilessly into the street, Lauren knows what choice to make. Suddenly she is homeless and without a penny to her name – utterly broken by her family's betrayal.

With nowhere else to go, Lauren takes the servant to a home for unwanted children. She is appalled to find orphans living in squalid conditions, their hunger keeping them awake and making them too weak to even play. The orphanage is on the brink of closure – and those it shelters may lose the roof over their heads...

Yet Lauren refuses to allow such suffering. And when she sees an advertisement in the local newspaper, with an anonymous benefactor promising to donate money to families crippled by the Depression, it could be the answer to her prayers. Can she save the orphans – and her new home – in time for Christmas?

Reviews for Rachel Wesson

'Get prepared to read this book with a box of tissues at your side... A book you will never forget.' Goodreads Reviewer,



'Beautiful... Heartbreaking and heartwarming... Pulls heavy on your heartstrings. A must-read.' Goodreads Reviewer, 

Author Biography

Rachel was born in Kilkenny, Ireland but considers herself to be from the capital, Dublin, as that's where she spent most of her life. She lives in Surrey with her husband and three children, two boys and a girl. When not reading, writing or watching films for 'research' purposes, Rachel likes to hang out with her family. She also travels regularly back home – in fact she should have shares in BA and Aerlingus.



Historical

432 pages | Pub Date 26/10/2020 | 9781838889784 | Unagented

The Orphans of Hope House 1
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Under a Sky on Fire Suzanne Kelman

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of All the Light We Cannot See, My Name is Eva and A Fire Sparkling

Author's previous title has sold over 150,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon

Editor's Note

When Suzanne delivers a manuscript to me, I know I'm going to get three things: an unmistakeable WW2 setting, an unforgettable collection of characters, and a powerful emotional journey that I'll never forget. Under a Sky on Fire delivers this in buckets. It's her best book yet, and will make you see the war – but also the present day – in a totally new light. Historical fiction at its very best.

Retail Description

September 1940, London

As the German Luftwaffe begin a terrifying bombing campaign that will come to be known as the Blitz, thousands are evacuated to safety. But Lizzie McKenzie finds herself heading towards London.

She knows she must help in the war effort. But she has another reason for leaving the security of her Scottish village: the illegitimate child she gave up for adoption nearly five years before is somewhere in the city. And – as the bombs rain down – she will stop at nothing to find her and make sure her little girl is safe.

Then she finds herself trapped in a dark theatre during a bombing raid, where she meets Pilot Officer Jack Henson. Against all her instincts, she falls in love. But what chance is there for that love to flourish? Because if he discovers the secret shame of her past, he may never forgive her. And with Jack facing the enemy every day in the sky, and Lizzie's job guiding pilots into battle – life and love has never felt so fragile.

Until a chance encounter with a little orphaned girl changes everything, forcing Lizzie to ask herself what truly matters. Because, in the darkest days of war, every life counts. And – when tragedy strikes – saving one child's life might just give Lizzie a reason to survive...

Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

'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, ★★★★★

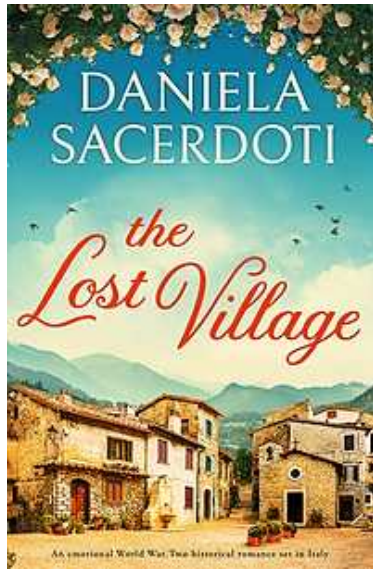
Author Biography

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.



Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 13/10/2020 | 9781838887957 | Unagented



The Lost Village Daniela Sacerdoti

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of The Forgotten Village and The Letter

**Glen Avich series has sold over 1 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**

Editor's Note

The Forgotten Village is rich with all the gorgeous escapist detail and emotional detail you might expect in a dual narrative women's fiction novel set in Italy, BUT it comes with an added, and totally unexpected and heartbreaking, twist in the form of the earthquake that shakes the little village of Bosconero to its core. It devastates the community and makes the last few strands of the mystery that bit harder to pull together. I think it's something that sets this book apart from others in the genre and makes for a totally unforgettable read.

Retail Description

1945: Two sisters give birth on the same night, deep in the woods that surround their village. They hold their babies close as the footsteps of German soldiers approach.

2006: Luce Nardini clutches a plane ticket to Italy in her hands. Since her only child left home, she's been overwhelmed with loneliness. She never knew her father, or the reason why her mother cut all contact with her family in the village of Bosconero. Uncovering her roots feels like Luce's last and only hope.

As Luce searches the maze of streets, a house with a faded blue door stops her in her tracks. Inside is the grandmother she never knew, who begins to tell the story of why Luce's mother fled home and swore never to return.

Surrounded by new friends, Luce is starting to feel like she belongs when the unthinkable happens: an earth-shattering disaster that shakes Bosconero to its core. Could it be that the secrets of Luce's past have been buried forever?

One thing is certain: she must find the little wooden box amongst the rubble of the village and return it to her grandmother. But nothing will have prepared Luce for the devastating betrayal she finds inside...

Reviews for Daniela Sacerdoti

'Mesmerising! I was totally hooked... absolutely perfect and just flowed endlessly with such ease. I really can't praise this OUTSTANDING book enough!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I fell in love with this book! It was beautiful and captivating from start to finish. I loved Callie right from the beginning, she is such a relatable character. You laughed with her and cried for her throughout... Absolutely loved this entire book!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

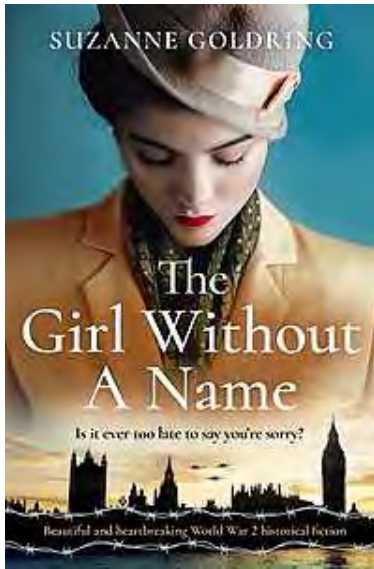
Author Biography

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



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 16/11/2020 | 9781838880118 | Ariella Feiner, United Agents



The Girl Without a Name Suzanne Goldring

Previous Translation Publishers

AST (Russian), Corint Books (Romanian), Living (Albanian)

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

From the author of international bestseller My Name is Eva, which has sold 300,000 copies. My Name is Eva has been a top 20 bestseller in the US and a top 5 bestseller in the UK

Editor's Note

Since publication in September 2019, Suzanne Goldring has sold over 300,000 copies of her books, My Name is Eva and Burning Island. My Name is Eva was Bookouture's highest-selling debut of 2019. The Girl Without a Name is a compelling and heart-breaking read about a courageous young woman who goes missing in wartime, and another woman's quest to make things right for her.

Retail Description

August 2004. Billie has rushed to her father Dick's hospital bedside. A terrible stroke has robbed him of his speech, and she is devastated to see her strong, invincible dad a shell of the man he was before. But when Billie finds a crumpled black and white photo in his wallet of a smiling, dark-haired girl she doesn't recognise, Dick frantically tries to talk. Billie knows that he is trying to tell her something important, and she must ask the questions her father cannot. All she has to go on is the name he is just able to mumble. Ruby.

September 1940. As the bombs of the Blitz fall on London, childhood sweethearts Ruby and Stevie are falling in love. United by a shocking experience when they were evacuees, Ruby believes that she understands Stevie like nobody else can. But then Stevie is sent abroad, to a dusty and dangerous place... As Ruby waits, desperately, for letters with foreign stamps that never come, she begins to fear that the man she fell in love with is lost forever. And when Stevie does return, he is changed, and Ruby must make a difficult choice.

As Billie uncovers Ruby's tragic story she is determined to find out what happened to the girl who went away for a weekend with the man she loved and never came home. Why did nobody miss her? And how is she connected to Billie's beloved father? Can Billie lay the ghosts of the past to rest, even if it means revealing the darkest secrets of her father's life?

Reviews for Suzanne Goldring

'Could not put this book down, and heaven help anyone that tried to disturb my reading !...I absolutely loved this book !...I laughed, I cried, I cheered , I sympathized all because of Evelyn...I could so picture the setting and as Evelyn sets out to fool everyone, I thought you go girl !...I don't want to say anything else but what a fantastic read... I can't recommend this book enough !!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

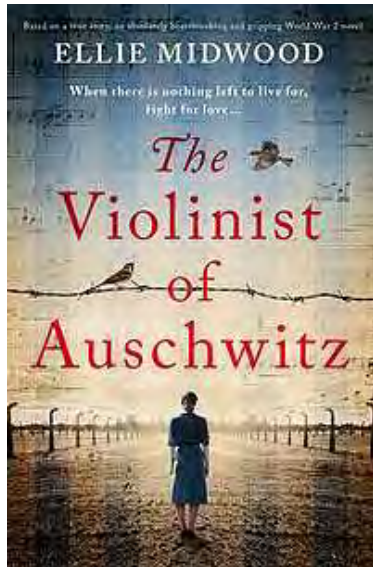
Author Biography

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



Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 5/11/2020 | 9781838888404 | Heather Holden Brown, HHB Agency Ltd



The Violinist of Auschwitz Ellie Midwood

For fans of *The Choice*, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *The Orphan Train*

Her previous self-published titles have sold over 290,000 copies

Editor's Note

There is so much to love about *The Violinist of Auschwitz*. It is a sublimely spun tale, based on the unforgettable true story of Almá Rose, a violin player in Auschwitz's female orchestra, and one of the most incredible heroines I have ever come across. Her fearlessness, bravery and spirit make for a remarkable tale, showing that even in the very darkest of times, love is worth fighting for. Ellie is a devastatingly wonderful writer – painting the most ugly and cruel world with breathtaking beauty. I am in awe of her... It will make you weep, it will make your heart soar – I guarantee you will want to shout from the rooftops about this one! I am so honoured to be publishing it.

Retail Description

In Auschwitz, every day is a fight for survival. Alma is inmate 50381, the number tattooed on her in pale blue ink. She is cooped up with thousands of others, torn from loved ones, trapped in a maze of barbed wire. Every day people disappear, never to be seen again.

This tragic reality couldn't be further from Alma's previous life. An esteemed violinist, her performances left her audiences spellbound. But when the Nazis descend on Europe, none of that can save her...

When the head of the women's camp appoints Alma as the conductor of the orchestra, performing for prisoners trudging to work as well as the highest-ranking Nazis, Alma refuses: "they can kill me but they won't make me play". Yet she soon realises the power this position offers: she can provide starving girls with extra rations and save many from the clutches of death.

This is how Alma meets Miklos, a talented pianist. Surrounded by despair, they find happiness in joint rehearsals, secret notes, and concerts they give side by side – all the while praying that this will one day end. But in Auschwitz, the very air is tainted with loss, and tragedy is the only certainty... In such a hopeless place, can their love survive?

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'This is a very emotional read and I highly suggest a box of tissues beside you!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'The writing is AMAZING and passionate... It will break your heart.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents. In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie lives in New York with her fiancé and their Chihuahua named Shark Bait.



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 18/11/2020 | 9781800191396 | Unagented



The Orphan's Island Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of The Oceans Between Us, The Orphan Sisters, and My Name is Eva

Author has sold over 400,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in UK and top 30 US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Kate Hewitt is one of our most talented authors, and so I couldn't have been more thrilled when she told me she had this trilogy sitting in a drawer! And reading this staggeringly beautiful, captivating story of a little girl without anything who grows into a woman with a place to call home – I knew we had to take it on and help find it the audience it deserves.

Retail Description

1904: Ellen Copley is still a child when she leaves behind the sooty rail yards of Glasgow, and crosses the Atlantic ocean with a heart full of dreams. Yet within weeks of their arrival in America, her father has disappeared – leaving Ellen with relatives who seem to resent her presence and disdain her Scottish brogue.

Without parents, and seemingly unwanted, Ellen's place in life feels more uncertain than ever. Until her Aunt Rose invites Ellen to stay on beautiful Amherst Island, which nestles like a jewel in the blue waters of Lake Ontario.

There Ellen finally begins to find the love and acceptance she has long been craving – both from Aunt Rose's boisterous family, and from the boy next door. The one with the twinkling eyes, who teases her, and laughs with her, and steals her heart...

But does Jed Lyman love her back? Because – even though Amherst Island feels like home – Ellen knows she could never live there with a broken heart...

Previously published as Down Jasper Lane.

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.



Historical

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Amherst Island Trilogy 1



Catherine Hokin Book 3 Catherine Hokin

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

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 80,000 copies to

Editor's Note

Catherine Hokin could write anything and I would want to read it. But luckily for us she is capturing readers' hearts with her incredible WW2 stories. This powerful, agonising read perfectly brings to life the question of what it was to try to be a good person trapped in the terrible and dangerous Nazi regime. Have the tissues handy when you read!

Retail Description

'My heart is broken, it still has to beat.'

Sat in her beloved mother's now-empty room, Peggy stares at the faded photograph of two laughing women Joan struggled to pass on to her before she died, whispering "It was inside your baby blanket. Your birth mother must have hidden it there."

All her life, questions about her adoption have been met with stony silence. The only answer her mother ever gave was "Germany", with a stuttered look which forbade any more questions. But Peggy feels a burning need to know where her dark hair and treacle eyes are from, and as she continues to stare, she realises that she has seen the brooch one of the girls is wearing before...

But nothing could prepare Peggy for the story she is about to uncover, about a girl called Anna in 1930s Berlin, who through every terrible betrayal and terrifying danger, never stopped searching for her precious child...

A poignant and beautiful WW2 story about a secret love and a mother's enduring search for her child against all the odds.

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

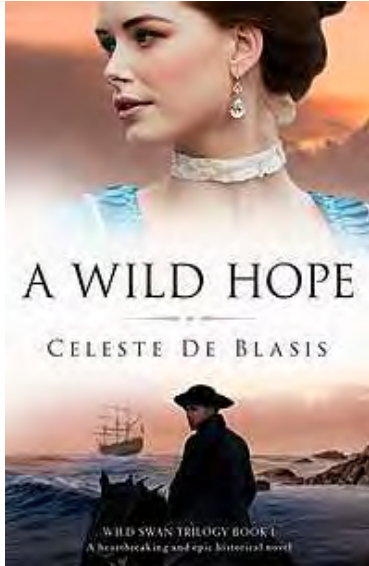
'What an amazing read, well-written emotional and very compelling... I was totally absorbed in the story and I would love to give it 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'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 of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition. She is a lover of strong female leads, a good quest, and very loud music!





A Wild Hope Celeste De Blasis

For fans of Poldark, Outlander and Daphne du Maurier

The Wild Swan trilogy has sold 1.5 million copies in the US in print and been translated into 5 languages. We're bringing these sensational stories back for a new set of readers

Editor's Note

As a diehard Outlander and Poldark fan, I was recommended Celeste's Wild Swan series and I flew through the pages of this incredible, dramatic novel in a weekend. The romance is epic, the plot sweeping and the history utterly absorbing. I am so excited to bring this classic novel back to print and introduce new readers to Celeste's gripping, enchanting storytelling.

Retail Description

Banished from her uncaring family home for her growing friendship with older neighbor St. John, Alexandria Thaine is unprepared for the new life she encounters with her distant cousins in England's West Country. She blossoms under the warmth of the Falconers, and as she throws herself into the thrilling danger of the family's smuggling trade, Alex forms an unbreakable bond with the eldest son, Rane.

But just as Alex begins to imagine a future in Devon with Rane at her side, the death of her older sister forces her back home to care for her sister's motherless twins. Still yearning for Rane, Alex grows to love the helpless babies, and as she rekindles her friendship with St. John, she finds herself caught between her heart and her home.

When the opportunity comes to start anew in Maryland's lush horse country, Alex faces the agonizing choice between the life she dreamed of and the promise of the new world. But starting over in a golden land on the brink of war brings unforeseen dangers to her door, and when Alex's new family is threatened, can she find the strength to risk her happiness today for the wild hope of a brighter tomorrow?

Reviews for Celeste De Blasis

'Read it OVER and OVER. The pages were falling out.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'One of my all-time FAVORITE books!!!!!!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Has an extra special place in my heart.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Millions of readers have fallen under the spell of the lush, enthralling and bestselling novels by Celeste De Blasis. Tales of adventure and romance set against the sweep of history—all are storytelling at its finest. After graduating from Pomona College, Celeste devoted her life to impeccable research and spellbinding writing. A native Californian, Celeste grew up on the historic Kemper Campbell Ranch in the Mojave Desert, where she lived until her death in 2001.



Historical

688 pages | Pub Date 8/10/2020 | 9781800192225 | Christina Hogrebe, Jane Rotrosen

Wild Swan Trilogy 1



The Heart Goes On Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Diana Gabaldon, Tamera Alexander and Poldark

Author has sold over 400,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in UK and top 30 US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

The first novel in Kate Hewitt's brilliant trilogy about the interlinking lives of two families from the Isle of Mull in Scotland when they move to the New World. Repackaged and retitled for a new audience, this is a perfect read for historical romance fans.

Retail Description

He drew in a deep breath. 'I know it's much to ask. I ask it anyway, for love of you and believing the love you have for me. Will you wait for me, Harriet?'

1819, Isle of Mull, Scotland: When Allan MacDougall tells his sweetheart Harriet Campbell he loves her on the eve of his departure to the New World, it breaks her heart. Because there is no way for her to go with him. She promises to wait for him, even though it could be years before they are reunited.

They vow to write, but when crucial letters go astray, they feel further apart than either could have imagined. Allan finds himself battling for his independence and future, and ultimately for his life. Whilst Harriet's family fortunes take a turn for the worse, leaving her with an impossible choice – stay faithful to the man she loves... or save her family from destitution?

Their fortunes are to have a chance to collide once again. But is their love strong enough to survive? Or will the time – and oceans – that have separated them for so long keep them apart forever?

An absolutely heart-wrenching, powerful, epic story about love, courage and betrayal.

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'Grab a cuppa before you sit down to immerse yourself in this fantastic book, as you won't be able to put it down until you're done... The writing is breathtaking' Be My Book Boyfriend, ★★★★★

'Packed with raw emotion that grabbed my attention and held it until the last page.' Steph and Chris's Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

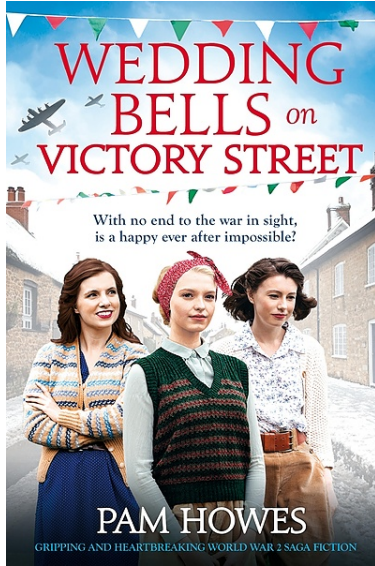
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Historical

342 pages | Pub Date 10/8/2020 | 9781800191075 | Unagented

Far Horizons 1
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Wedding Bells on Victory Street Pam Howes

Previous Translation Publishers
Mati (Greek)

For Fans of Nadine Dorries, Diney Costeloe and Wives of War

Pam has sold 200,000 copies and has been in the Amazon top 30 in both the UK and CA

Editor's Note

The second book in a stunning new series from Australia #1 bestseller Pam Howes continues the story of Liverpool girl Bella Rogers through WWII. Bella's dazzling singing career for ENSA was cut short after she fell pregnant by a dashing American airman, who wasn't all he seemed... Now little Levi is being looked after by her mother, Bella can start finding her feet again. But the war still has heartbreak in store and she will need every ounce of support from her friends to get survive some of the darkest moments of history... Pam's fans will be utterly entranced by this gripping novel from one of the best saga writers in the Kindle market.

Retail Description

Liverpool, 1943. For Bella Rogers, life is looking up. She loves performing with The Bryant Sisters, the singing trio who have become the country's sweethearts, putting a smile on the faces of the brave boys fighting the Nazis. But then tragedy strikes when a telegram arrives: Bella's beloved father has been killed in France.

Unlike her poor Mam, Bella has someone to share her grief with. Her childhood love Bobby is home from the war. He lost a leg but she counts her blessings every day that he's alive when so many young men haven't made it back. Bella longs to give her heart to Bobby but she is hiding a secret that may change their lives forever. Will he still love her if she reveals the truth?

But when bombs screech down on Victory Street in the middle of the night, blowing houses apart, Bella may lose both the home she loves and the family who mean everything to her. With so much loss around her, will Bella be brave enough to snatch her chance of happiness? And when the war is finally over, will wedding bells ring out on Victory Street again?

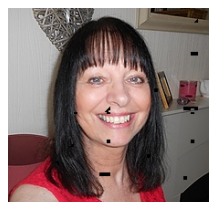
Reviews for Pam Howes

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

'Oh what a corker... fantastic... Tissues ready though, okay?... I am flabbergasted... literally moved me to tears, filled my arms with goosebumps... truly spell-binding, humble, and utterly poignant... Historical fiction at its finest.' The Writing Garnet, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Pam is a retired interior designer, mum to three daughters, grandma to seven assorted grandchildren and roadie to her musician partner. The inspiration for Pam's first novel came from her teenage years, working in a record store, and hanging around with musicians who frequented the business. The first novel evolved into a series about a fictional band The Raiders. She is a fan of sixties music and it's this love that compelled her to begin writing.



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 11/12/2020 | 9781800192201 | Unagented

The Bryant Sisters 2

Crime Thriller



Their Frozen Graves Ruhi Choudhary

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Karin Slaughter

Editor's Note

In this explosive follow-up to *Our Daughter's Bones*, Ruhi Choudhary takes us back to Lakemore, Washington, where the thick woods and deep lakes hide the darkest of crimes. During one of the worst snowstorms the town has ever seen, two bodies are found, both seemingly identical to a well-known local woman. But when they pay a visit to her house, they find her very much alive. Detective Mackenzie Price, grappling with a shocking revelation of her own, must put the past aside to unlock the mystery of the dead women and find their killer, before more victims are taken. Ruhi's second book promises the same breathtaking twists, exceptional characters and nail-biting tension as *Our Daughter's Bones*, which received outstanding early praise and continues to attract positive reviews on Amazon.

Retail Description

When the bodies of two women are discovered by a fisherman under a frozen lake, Detective Mackenzie Price is first on the scene. Both stabbed to death, the victims appear to be identical to Katy Becker, a local protester and activist.

Still grappling with a shocking revelation from her past, Mack is only too happy to throw herself into the case. But when she goes to interview Katy's husband, the investigation takes an unexpected turn: Katy is very much alive and, until now, clueless about her lookalikes.

As Mack digs into the dead women's identities, she soon realizes that everyone involved has something to hide. Then Katy goes missing, and the stakes grow higher still.

Can Mack find the killer before another innocent life is taken, or is it already too late?

Reviews for Ruhi Choudhary

'Oh my WOW!... Ruhi Choudhary knocks it out of the park... Full of intrigue, suspense, and stunning twists. I honestly didn't see that conclusion coming. I will definitely be reading the next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'What a thrill ride of a book. Had me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't put it down. Just when I thought I had everything figured out I was proven wrong.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 7/1/2021 | 9781800192461 | Unagented



A Dangerous Goodbye Fliss Chester

For fans of Jacqueline Winspear, Rachel Rhys and Agatha Christie

Editor's Note

I defy you not to be utterly charmed and immediately addicted to Fliss Chester's new historical crime series! As the Second World War finally ends and Fen Church's fiancé does not return, she determines to solve the mystery of his disappearance herself. Armed with just a handful of crossword clues, her intrepid investigations will take her away from England, through war-torn Paris and deep into the French countryside. Fen's exploits are guaranteed to put a smile on your face, and have you totally gripped as you race to the end of each mystery. With three books planned already, these new novels are your next one-sitting reads.

Retail Description

1944. While war rages in Europe, Fenella Church is doing her bit in the green fields of England. But when she finds a letter addressed to her on the scrubbed farmhouse table, she knows the news won't be good. She hasn't heard from her fiancé Arthur since he was posted to France on a dangerous undercover mission, and from his very first words she knows he may not be coming back.

I fear this may be my last letter to you, my darling, Arthur writes. Fen won't give up hope and calls the war office, wanting to know if Arthur is still alive; they refuse to tell her anything. Searching for answers, she returns to his letter, but parts of it just don't make sense. Through her tears Fen realises that her darling Arthur is giving her all the clues she needs to find out what happened to him.

1945. With the war behind them and nothing left for her in England, Fen travels to the deceptively pretty French village where she thinks Arthur might be, but there's no sign of him. She's close to giving up when she finds his silver cigarette case and another letter full of clues. But when the local priest is killed, it's clear someone wants to keep wartime secrets buried. If Arthur, a brilliant spy, was outwitted and betrayed, can Fen stay alive long enough to find out what happened to the man she loves?

Reviews for Fliss Chester

'A perfect historical mystery! What a beginning!... I could not put this book down and look forward to more from Ms. Chester.' Goodreads Reviewer

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Author Biography

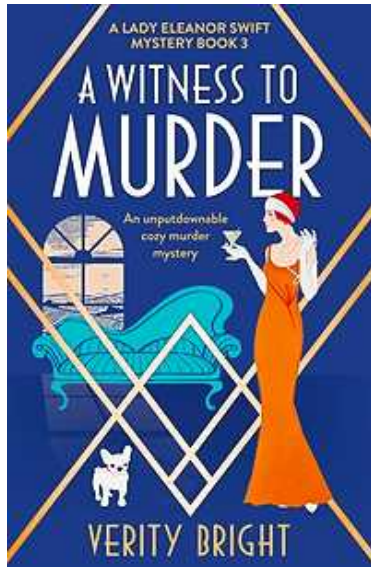
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Crime Thriller

266 pages | Pub Date 20/8/2020 | 9781838886431 | Emily Sweet, Emily Sweet Associates

A Fen Church Mystery 1



A Witness to Murder Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian)

For fans of Agatha Christie, TE Kinsey and LB Hathaway

Top UK 100 bestselling author

Editor's Note

The third book starring the fabulous and feisty amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift! Verity Bright's 1920s historical cozy novels rival 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

Autumn, 1920. Lady Eleanor Swift, accidental amateur detective and retired explorer, is determined to take a break from investigating murders. So when a local politician dies suddenly at an elegant dinner party at Farrington Manor, she tries her hardest not to listen to the raft of rumours around the village that he might have been poisoned by the fudge. It's the anniversary of the disappearance of her beloved parents and she's promised herself not to get mixed up with any more mysteries. She isn't sure they'd have approved.

But when she arrives home to discover that Mrs Pitkin, the kindly cook from Farrington Manor, has been dismissed without wage or reference because the police consider her a suspect, Eleanor knows she needs to act. If there was a murder, then she needs to track down the culprit and clear Mrs Pitkin's name.

Accompanied by her faithful partner in crime, Gladstone the bulldog, who has the best nose for sniffing out bones in the country, Eleanor sets out to find the killer. And when another body turns up and she finds poisoned fudge in the victim's house, Eleanor knows she's on the right track. But can she sort the truth from the lies before she becomes a witness to another murder – this time rather closer to home?

Reviews for Verity Bright

'I liked Eleanor a lot, she's feisty and sweet... The ending had me a little teary, because she's finally come home... The best part of the book was that it made me feel cozy and warm. Looking forward to the next book! Highly recommended.' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

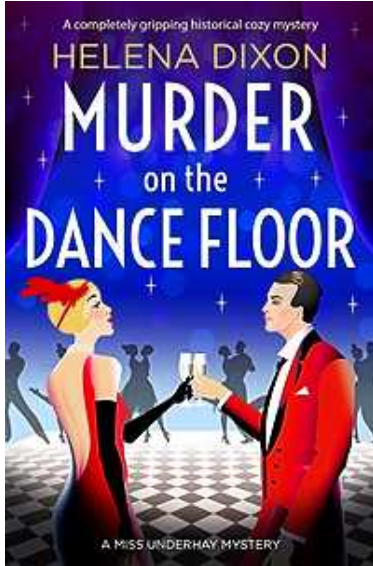
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors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



Crime Thriller

264 pages | Pub Date 14/9/2020 | 9781838887568 | Unagented

A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 3



Murder on the Dance Floor Helena Dixon

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

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. This title amassed over 1000 preorders in the first two weeks

Editor's Note

Who used cyanide for seasoning? Prepare yourself for another pitch-perfect cosy crime caper from award-winning author Helena Dixon! I am so phenomenally proud of all that Helena has achieved with this series - readers cannot get enough of crime-solving duo Kitty and Matt, and with good reason - Helena peppers her novels with plenty of tension, larger-than-life characters, and devious villains to make a completely satisfying, utterly charming read.

Retail Description

Kitty Underhay's dance card is full... of death.

November 1933. Amateur sleuth-cum-dutiful granddaughter Kitty Underhay stifles a sigh of boredom as she attends the annual Hotelier's Association Dinner and Dance on behalf of her grandmother, the proprietress of the Dolphin Hotel. She hopes the company of ex-army captain Matthew Bryant will enliven the otherwise dull evening. That is, until bullish and overbearing local councillor Harold Everton drops dead into his bowl of consommé.

While the local police are still scrambling for their whistles, Kitty and Matt waste no time leaping into action. Soon they find themselves caught up a dangerous search to uncover who amongst the distinguished guests used cyanide for seasoning?

When their digging throws light on a corruption scandal brewing in the local council involving Everton's assistant Thomas King, they are sure they've cracked the case. But before he can be questioned further, King's body is found in a smouldering car wreck. Meanwhile, the murderer has made a sinister plan to avoid detection or punishment, and it will lead Kitty and Matt into a dangerous dance with death...

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

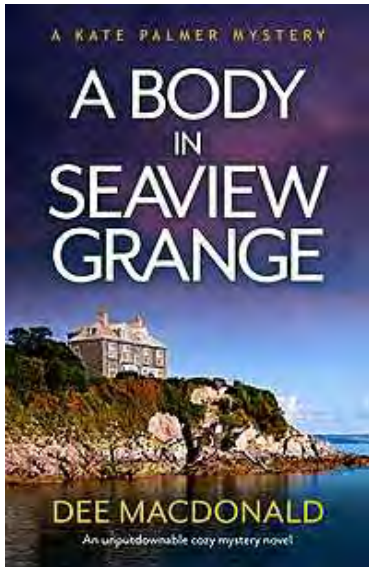
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

242 pages | Pub Date 28/10/2020 | 9781800190566 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash

A Miss Underhay Mystery 4



A Body in Seaview Grange Dee MacDonald

For fans of Robert Galbraith and Elly Griffiths

Dee MacDonald has sold over 115,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Amateur sleuth Kate Palmer returns in the addictive second book in Dee MacDonald's Cornish-set cozy crime series. As with *A Body in the Village Hall*, there's a stellar cast of suspects to get your teeth into and plenty of twists to keep you on your toes. Fans will be delighted to be reunited with Kate and her gin-loving sister Angie, not to mention the handsome ex-DI Woody Forrest. There are some new faces too, including an exciting new adversary for Kate in the shape of the new Detective Inspector, who is less than impressed by her sleuthing. Atmospheric, twisty and character-led, this is the perfect series for readers to fall in love with.

Retail Description

Kate's retirement in Cornwall hasn't quite gone as planned – Lavender Cottage is in need of substantial repairs and her sister Angie's fondness for gin does rather stretch the purse-strings. So when Kate is asked to do agency nursing at the luxury retirement flats in Seaview Grange, she jumps at the chance. The old Victorian house has stunning views of the sea and the retirees are a peaceful bunch. That is, until Edina Martinelli, a glamorous ex-opera singer, is found poisoned in her home.

Edina's death is ruled an overdose by Digoxin, the same medication she had been on for years. But Kate is sure the woman she met was not suicidal, and with the reputation of her practice on the line, she decides to do some digging. Luckily she's got the newly retired detective inspector Woody Forrest to help her...

It's not long before Kate discovers evidence of foul play, and there's no shortage of suspects. Was it the besotted vicar? The ill-tempered stepson? Or perhaps Edina's neighbour finally had enough of her constant warbling. It seems everyone had a motive, but who amongst them had the stomach for murder? And will they kill again?

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.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 12/11/2020 | 9781838882136 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates

A Kate Palmer Mystery 2
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Fliss Chester Book 2 Fliss Chester

For fans of Jacqueline Winspear, Rachel Rhys and Agatha Christie

Editor's Note

Fen Church returns! After taking the night train to Paris, Fen plans to stay with her beloved godmother, artist Rose Colliard. Fen grew up in Paris and has longed to return, though she finds it much changed after the German occupation. When her dear Rose is murdered, Fen finds herself sucked into a case whose answers will take her deep into the secrets and wounds left by the war. Atmospheric and utterly addictive, I defy you not to race through this twisty, historical mystery!

Retail Description

Autumn 1945, Paris. Fen Church arrives in Paris just as the sun is rising, determined to put the horrors of the war behind her at last. But the City of Lights is changed beyond her wildest imaginings and she can barely find her way to the apartment of her dear friend, Rose Colliard. When Fen arrives, she is overcome by memories of her childhood in Paris, much of which was spent drinking coffee at the home of the eclectic artist, Rose.

But they have barely begun to compare notes on their war years, when Fen returns to the apartment to find Rose dead: stabbed through the neck with one of her own paintbrushes. Bewildered and scared, Fen is determined to solve her dear friend's murder. Could Rose's death be linked to the courageous work she did during the war, ensuring that precious paintings stolen by the Nazis could be traced and returned to their rightful Jewish owners?

But when Fen finds a blackmail letter in Rose's mailbox, written on blue writing paper covered in grubby grease marks, she starts to wonder if she knew her old friend at all. And when another of Rose's friends is killed in a volley of gunshots, Fen realises that someone will stop at nothing to ensure that Rose's secrets stay buried with her. But if Fen keeps digging up secrets, will she too find herself staring down the barrel of a gun?

Reviews for Fliss Chester

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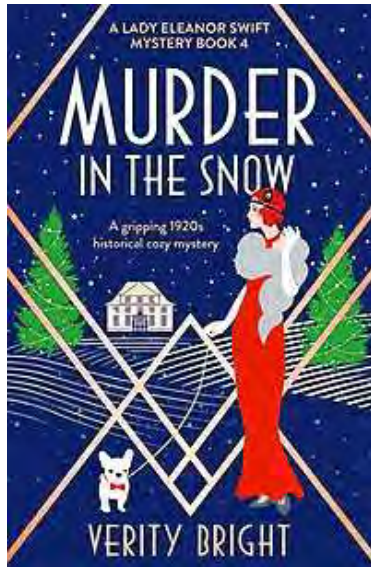
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Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 26/11/2020 | 9781838886455 | Emily Sweet, Emily Sweet Associates

A Fen Church Mystery 2
27



Murder in the Snow Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian)

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

Top UK 100 bestselling author

Editor's Note

An utterly delightful cozy Christmas mystery starring the fabulous and feisty amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift! Verity Bright's 1920s historical novels rival the very best of golden age crime. Expect a touch of tinsel, a sprinkling of snow, extra helpings of Christmas pudding and a puzzling whodunnit. Curl up in front of the fire, grab the mince pies and a glass of eggnog and dive in.

Retail Description

Winter, 1920. Amateur sleuth Lady Eleanor Swift is feeling festive. She is playing host to the entire village at Henley Hall for gifts, games and gingerbread. She's also purchased perfect presents for each of her household – not forgetting the biggest bone in the butcher's shop for her partner in crime, Gladstone the bulldog – and is looking forward to celebrating her first English country Christmas.

As snowflakes fall, Eleanor is cheering on contestants in the traditional Christmas fun run in the grounds of the Hall. But tragedy strikes when one of the runners drops dead at the finish line. Dashing Detective Seldon is convinced it's just a heart attack, but Eleanor isn't so sure. When she finds a rather distinctive key where the man fell, Eleanor knows she'll never rest until she finds out the truth about what happened in her own home.

Next the vicar is taken ill with what looks like poison and Eleanor starts to wonder if the two cases are linked. When someone tries to frame her by planting poisoned berries in her own kitchen, she knows speed is of the essence. But the entire village was at Henley Hall for the festivities and Eleanor has enough suspects to stuff a town full of turkeys. Can she nail the true killer and clear her name in time for Christmas?

Reviews for Verity Bright

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

'Worth the wait!! It was an excellent visit once again with people that felt like old friends. I can't wait until the next book in the series is ready to read. Verity Bright has created endearing characters that you want to spend time with again and again.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

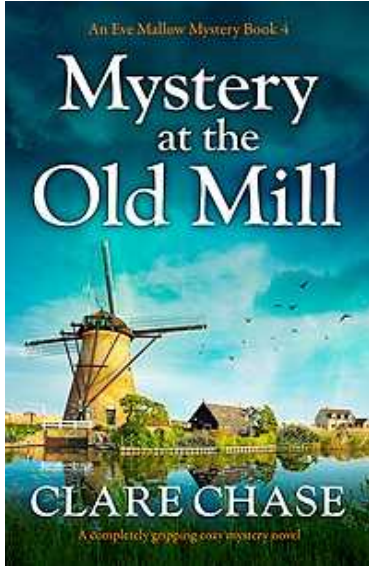
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 19/11/2020 | 9781800190702 | Unagented

A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 4



Mystery at the Old Mill Clare Chase

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

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

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 130,000 copies to date, top 15 Amazon US and CA author

Editor's Note

The fourth novel in the charming Eve Mallow cozy series which has now sold over 55,000 copies for £110,000+ revenue, and her pre-orders are growing hugely book on book. Cozy is having a resurgence in digital as people seek to escape dark times; the genre has made £300,000 this year from just six authors. Clare Chase delivers a delightful, well-plotted read every time, set in a bucolic village in Suffolk (with a darker side) and starring a lovely range of characters, not to mention the best dachshund sidekick you will ever see. In any markets where cozy crime is of interest, this series is the one to push.

Retail Description

When the calm of Saxford St Peter is disrupted by a deadly fire at the Old Mill, amateur sleuth Eve Mallow finds herself investigating a most surprising mystery!

Everyone in Saxford St Peter is desperate to know more about Harry Tennant, the newcomer who owns the Old Mill. He usually keeps himself to himself, but he's finally invited the villagers round for drinks, and Eve Mallow isn't the only one looking forward to having some questions answered.

But two days before the party, a terrible fire sweeps through the mill, and Harry is found dead. When Eve passes the burned remains of his beautiful house, she can't resist the call to investigate. Especially when it turns out quiet, charming Harry was living a double life as the famous advice writer Pippa Longford. Eve has to wonder what revelations were contained in the letters he received... and whether one of them was worth killing for.

Accompanied by her reliable dachshund sidekick Gus, Eve starts digging. She soon realises Harry was at the centre of a web of lives – and lies. There's an uncle desperate to inherit, two women who thought they were his one and only, not to mention everyone who shared their darkest secrets with him. Was one of those strangers much closer to home than Harry knew? And can Eve untangle the truth before she finds herself face to face with a killer?

Reviews for Clare Chase

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

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

Author Biography

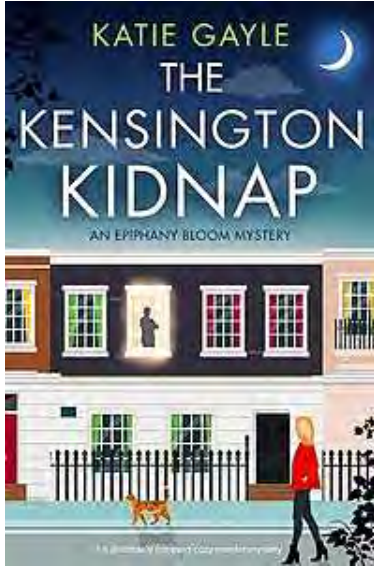
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 7/12/2020 | 9781800190023 | Unagented

An Eve Mallow Mystery 4



The Kensington Kidnap Katie Gayle

For fans of M.C. Beaton, T E Kinsey, Lauren Elliott and Joanne Fluke

Editor's Note

The moment I knew I absolutely had to publish this book was on reading about the heroine's three-legged cat. He's called Most – because he's only most of a cat, you see. That joke, coupled with the fact that said warm-hearted heroine stole him from a vet to save him from being put down, told me almost everything I needed to know about Epiphany Bloom. Luckily, this amateur sleuth's first case is also a cracking mystery, affectionately poking fun at earnest environmental activists and the strange lifestyles of the rich and famous while lining up red herrings and twists galore. If you're looking for a new detective, and cozy mystery series, to fall in love with, then look no further: Epiphany Bloom has arrived!

Retail Description

A missing teenager, a mysterious cult and a case of mistaken identity – just another day's work for Epiphany Bloom.

Epiphany 'Pip' Bloom is down on her luck. She can barely afford cat food, and just because Most has three legs doesn't mean he eats any less. So she absolutely can't afford to mess up her latest temp job. But when she walks through the door of the private investigation firm, her new boss mistakes her for a missing persons expert. He then charges her with finding Matty Price – the teenage son of two A-list celebrities – who has mysteriously disappeared from his home in Kensington.

It ought to be a disaster, but Pip reckons it's actually an opportunity. She's always been curious (nosy, her mother calls it) and has an uncanny knack for being at the wrong place at the right time (she doesn't want to know what her mother thinks of that). After years of trying to find something she's good at, has Pip managed to walk straight into the job she was born to do? She owes it to herself and poor missing Matty to find out.

But searching for Matty takes Pip into the strange, intimidating world of the rich and famous. And it soon becomes clear that some of these people's love for themselves doesn't extend to their fellow humans. As Pip investigates further, she realises the question isn't whether Matty ran away – it's whether Pip will find him alive and make it home safely herself...

Reviews for Katie Gayle

Author Biography

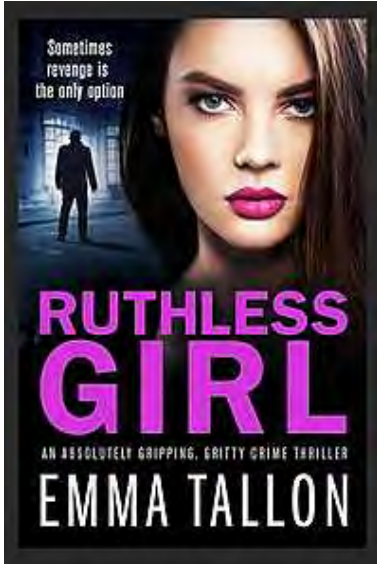
Katie Gayle is the writing partnership of best-selling South African writers, Kate Sidley and Gail Schimmel. Kate and Gail have, between them, written over ten books of various genres, but with Katie Gayle, they both make their debut in the cozy mystery genre. Both Gail and Kate live in Johannesburg,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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 2/12/2020 | 9781800191051 | Unagented

Epiphany Bloom Mysteries 1



Ruthless Girl Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jessie Keane

This series has sold over 120,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Emma Tallon is a bestselling crime author with a successful gangland series. This is the seventh book in the Anna Davis and Freddie Tyler series and it's guaranteed to keep her readers glued to the pages. Emma's books review really well with an average rating across the series of 4.7 stars on Amazon. The last three books in the series have got hundreds of reviews and 4.8 star ratings. Readers love the world Emma has created for her two central protagonists. In this book, the tables have turned and a meek and shy Anna has now switched into a ballsy, confident business woman. As Freddie struggles to deal with a face from his family's past, Anna is taking on a new business threat that could finish the business once and for all.

Retail Description

Anna Davies and her gangland boyfriend Freddie Tyler practically own the streets of London. They have finally found a way to work together and their business empire is flourishing. But all of that is set to change when a new face comes into their lives. Beautiful, rich and powerful, Sophia Ivanov has a simple goal – revenge. She thinks Freddie killed her gangster husband and she'll stop at nothing to make everyone involved pay for their actions.

As Freddie rallies against Sophia and her men, Anna is facing her own battle. She went behind Freddie's back and did something so terrible that she knows it would end things for them if he ever found out, and she's not prepared to let that happen.

As tensions between the couple flare, Sophia's threats become even more dangerous and they both risk everything to keep the business they've worked so hard to build and to save the lives of those closest to them.

And just as Anna thinks her big secret is safe, their enemy strikes and Freddie finds himself in unthinkable danger. Can he save himself and get rid of Sophia once and for all? And what will be left when the fighting stops?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'I can finally breathe again after holding my breath throughout... Amazing and addictive... I enjoyed every second... An absolute roller coaster of a story.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'To say this book is fantastic is an understatement! Emma Tallon has a brilliant gift of writing a gritty book that draws you into the pages and what a blinder this book is.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

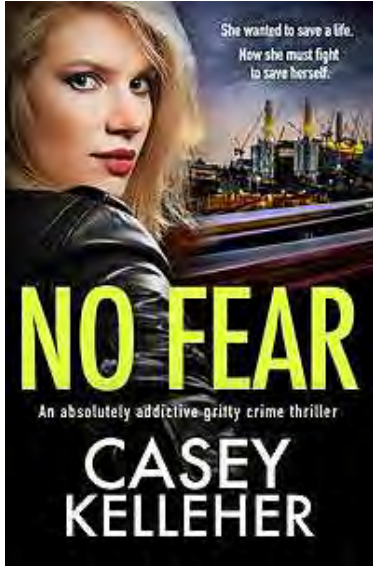
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

334 pages | Pub Date 29/10/2020 | 9781838881412 | Unagented



No Fear Casey Kelleher

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jessie Keane

Casey's previous books sold over 250,000 copies and have reached the top 30 in Amazon UK

Editor's Note

The stakes have been raised in this follow-up to the top 100 bestseller No Escape. This tense, gritty read follows DC Lucy Murphy as she ventures undercover to bring down one of London's most feared drug dealers. Casey perfectly captures the danger and adrenaline involved in undercover work in a storyline that makes for a nailbiting read. Meanwhile, the emotional core of the book – one woman's determination to put her abusive husband in jail, and Lucy's commitment to helping her – ensure it tugs at your heartstrings as well as raising your heart rate. Gangster crime at its finest!

Retail Description

When DC Lucy Murphy meets Debra, wife of feared drug dealer Gerard Jennings, she sees a young woman in desperate need of help. Brutalised by her husband, Debra is too terrified to tell the police what she knows. But Lucy is determined to bring Gerard down – for Debra's sake, and for the safety of the Griffin Estate.

Meanwhile, after the death of one of his drug runners, Gerard is under pressure from his bosses to prove he's still up to the job. Facing threats of violence as well as police interest, Gerard is getting desperate – and desperate men are the most dangerous of all.

As Lucy prepares to go undercover in Gerard's gang to get the evidence she needs to arrest him, her beloved grandmother Winnie starts acting strangely. She mentions a man visiting her at night in her care home, but that makes no sense – does it?

Any distraction could prove deadly for Lucy and the people she's trying to protect. But she has backed a vicious man into a corner, and he'll stop at nothing to get what he wants.

A gritty, shocking, action-packed thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat until the very last page.

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

'Wow!!! A gritty twisty addictive read... Casey Kelleher never fails to bring a great read with plenty of surprising shocking twists together!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG!!! What a book... It's everything you want from a book, it's a gritty, hard-hitting thriller packed with lots of shocking twists and turns and a corker of a read' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

268 pages | Pub Date 6/10/2020 | 9781800190153 | Unagented



Save Her Soul Lisa Regan

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Series has sold over 1.5 million copies. USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

In this nail-biting follow-up to the disappearance of Josie's sister in Find Her Alive, we see the devastating emotional fall-out of what happened after one of the series' most popular and personal books. Now in the hundreds of thousands, Josie Quinn fans are always begging Lisa to let them in on more of Josie's traumatic past, and in this instalment Lisa Regan delivers exactly that as we flash back to Josie's high-school years for the very first time.

Retail Description

Heavy rain pours on the small town of Denton causing the riverbanks to break and the body of a young girl to float quietly to the surface. With no crime scene to examine, the odds are against Detective Josie Quinn and her team. Mercifully, the victim's body is perfectly preserved, right down to the baseball patch on the jacket she was wearing. Josie can't hide her devastation – her dead ex-husband, Ray, owned one just like it.

Following the trail back to her high school, Josie identifies the girl as Beverly Urban, a troubled student rumored to have been dating Ray before she left town for good. It looks like a tragic accident until the autopsy reveals a bullet in her head and the heart-breaking secret she was keeping.

Josie visits the salon where Beverly's mother used to work, believing she was at the heart of a terrible scandal around the time her daughter's life was taken. With the Denton wives remaining tight-lipped, Josie's only hope is a secret meet-up with a terrified woman willing to talk. But she is murdered moments before giving Josie crucial information. It's clear that someone is prepared to keep on killing to stop the truth from getting out.

Digging deep into memories of her own past with Ray is the only advantage Josie has on this twisted killer... but at what cost?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

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

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

Author Biography

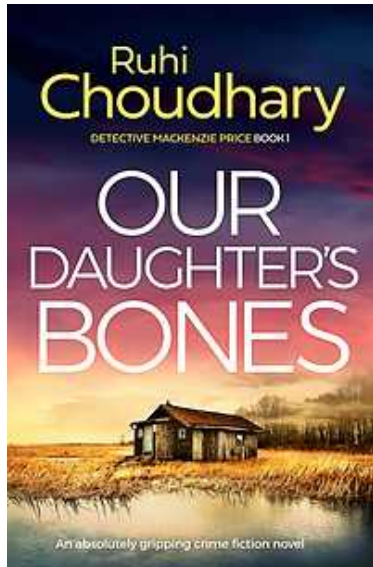
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

334 pages | Pub Date 12/8/2020 | 9781838882310 | Unagented

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Our Daughter's Bones Ruhi Choudhary

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Karin Slaughter

Editor's Note

I am hugely excited to introduce Ruhi Choudhary, author of a brand new crime series starring the unforgettable Detective Mackenzie 'Mack' Price. Struggling with a dark past, Mack is unstoppable in her quest for justice, especially when a teenage girl goes missing in her hometown of Lakemore, Washington. She will do whatever it takes to get her back.

Ruhi delivers on all fronts with her debut: the story moves along at breakneck pace, combining mind-blowing twists with compelling, relatable characters and a richly atmospheric setting. This is set to be the start of a truly unmissable new crime series in 2020.

Retail Description

When she was just twelve years old, Mackenzie Price came home to find her father bleeding to death on the kitchen floor. She will never forget that night, nor what her mother asked her to do...

Twenty years later, Detective 'Mack' Price is back in Lakemore, despite vowing never to return. Determined to atone for the sins of the past, she is unstoppable in her quest for justice.

When seventeen-year-old Abigail Correia goes missing, Mack is convinced that the case is linked to Erica Perez, who disappeared exactly one year before. Unlike Abby, Erica is daughter to one of the town's most powerful men, but still no trace of her has been found.

As Mack endeavours to find Abby and bring her back alive, she and her team unearth a shocking secret at the heart of this small town. But that is not the only secret that lurks beneath the surface, as Mack knows only too well...

Reviews for Ruhi Choudhary

'Oh my WOW!... Ruhi Choudhary knocks it out of the park... Full of intrigue, suspense, and stunning twists. I honestly didn't see that conclusion coming. I will definitely be reading the next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'What a thrill ride of a book. Had me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't put it down. Just when I thought I had everything figured out I was proven wrong.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

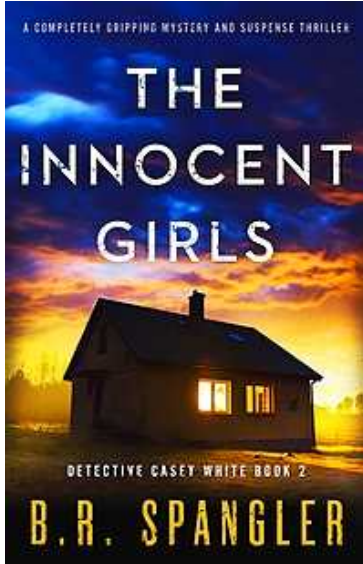
Ruhi Choudhary discovered her passion for writing when she was seven years old and wrote her first Star Trek episode. After trying her hand in different genres, she found her calling in crime thriller. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Bioengineering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



Crime Thriller

384 pages | Pub Date 19/8/2020 | 9781838888268 | Unagented

Detective Mackenzie Price 1



The Innocent Girls B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Where Lost Girls Go, First in the Detective Casey White series
(30,000), reached the Top 15 on the Kindle US chart

Editor's Note

In the follow up to Where Lost Girls Go, B.R. Spangler takes us back to the evocative and chillingly atmospheric setting of North Carolina's Outer Banks, where innocent vacationing families are being murdered, and where Detective Casey White must put aside the memories of her own missing daughter as she follows a deadly trail. Exceptional early reviews for book 1 speak to the potential behind this exciting new crime series, and with twist after twist after twist, book 2 is sure to have the author's fans totally addicted once again.

Retail Description

When Detective Casey White is called to a beachside vacation campsite in the Outer Banks, she finds the bodies of Carl and Peggy Pearson side-by-side, their throats cut, and their thirteen-year-old daughter Lisa nowhere to be found. Haunted by memories of her own missing girl, Casey fears this could soon become a triple murder: because without the medication found in the bathroom cabinet, Lisa has just days to live.

As her team struggle to untangle the meaning of the cryptic symbol carved into the victims' skin, Casey searches the area for signs of Lisa: and is rewarded when she finds her staggering along the highway. The girl whispers 'he invited me' before blacking out.

Days later, another couple is found murdered on a vacation yacht. A different symbol is etched on their bodies, and their teenage daughter is also missing. Casey's only clue is an unsettling 'invitation' found on the girl's phone.

Desperate to uncover who is luring these innocent families to their deaths, Casey matches up the crime scene photos herself. The symbols combine to form an upcoming date. The killer is taunting them with the timing of the next murder.

But when Casey arrives she is shocked to glimpse not the missing girls from this case, but her own missing daughter...

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

352 pages | Pub Date 3/9/2020 | 9781838882570 | Unagented

Detective Casey White 2
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First Girl Gone L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain

For fans of Robert Dugoni and MJ Arlidge

Self-published The Violet Darger series and The Scattered and the Dead series have collectively sold over 1 million copies

Editor's Note

What immediately grabbed me about this series idea is the clever twist on the genre provided by Charlie's dead sister, Allie, who also serves as her sidekick – she's the voice in Charlie's head pushing her to dig deeper and push harder to help the innocent. The combination of the authors' huge existing audience, proven record for pulse-pounding writing and this extra hook is that special something that is going to give this series the edge in a crowded market.

Retail Description

Private Detective Charlie Winter never thought she'd find herself back on Salem Island, but she's forced home to look after her sick uncle and re-open the wound that never healed: her sister was abducted from the small town when they were teenagers.

For Charlie, her sister's voice in her head – pushing her to risk everything to seek justice for the innocent – is a painful and constant reminder of what she lost. And never has that voice been louder than when a family friend comes to Charlie begging for help to find her missing daughter, Kara.

Searching Kara's messy, poster-covered bedroom, Charlie finds more questions than answers. Did Kara run away, or was she snatched? She's clearly been keeping secrets from her family –but don't all teenagers?

Forced at every turn to relive the trauma she ran away from, Charlie's blood runs cold when a girl's body is discovered in the exact spot on the water's edge where the last trace of her sister was found. It's clear someone is taunting Charlie, but with other innocent girls' lives at risk, she has no choice but to take the bait...

Reviews for L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain

'Leaves you on the edge of your seat until the wee hours of the morning. Kept me enthralled from cover to cover. Heart-stopping suspense.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'A great start to a new series. It is a true page turner and I was truly blind-sided by the reveal. Lots of potential and promise in this series.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

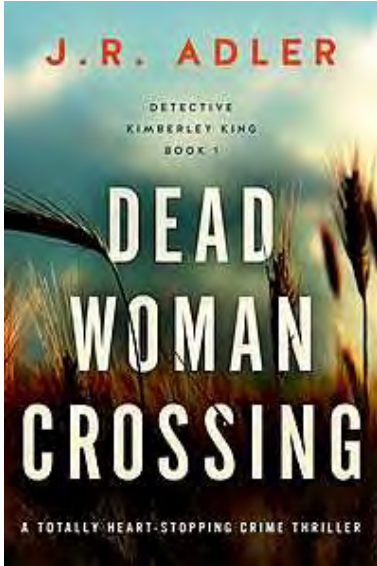
L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain are the authors of the Violet Darger series and The Scattered and the Dead series among others, which have collectively tallied over a million downloads. Their book, Dead End Girl, peaked at #3 in the US Kindle charts and has remained in the top 10 in multiple sub-categories since it was published in 2017.



Crime Thriller

400 pages | Pub Date 18/9/2020 | 9781838888329 | Unagented

Detective Charlotte Winters 1



Dead Woman Crossing J.R. Adler

For fans of Rachel Caine, Lisa Regan and Jane Harper

Editor's Note

An atmospheric crime thriller, set in small-town America, inspired by true events about the brutal murder of a mother and her daughter.

Retail Description

Dead Woman Crossing, Oklahoma got its name from the brutal 1905 murder of school teacher Katie James, who went missing with her fourteen-month old baby and was found dead at a nearby creek.

Many years later, another single mother, Hannah Hastilow, has been found dead with her baby daughter at the same creek and the close-knit community of Dead Woman Crossing is reeling in shock. Detective Kimberley King, transferred to Oklahoma from New York, with her little girl Jessica, takes the case on.

But in a small town, people don't talk and Kimberley struggles to make headway with Hannah's murder. Kimberley isn't afraid to ask questions that people don't like, but when she receives a threatening note, will she realise, that she, a single mother to a young daughter, is putting herself dangerously into the killer's sights?

Reviews for J.R. Adler

'This book is simply excellent through and through. The lead character of Kimberley King is destined to become one of the great characters in the genre... the dialogue is punchy and begs you to just go for one more chapter, and the atmosphere is phenomenal. I truly felt like I was in the town where it was all taking place, the wind brushing my face as I hear the wheat stalks sway. J.R. Adler is a dynamite talent and the first book in this series was a grad slam so I am beyond excited to see where this series goes. If you like thrillers then... scratch that... if you like reading then you owe it to yourself to pick this up. It is one hell of an amazing ride' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

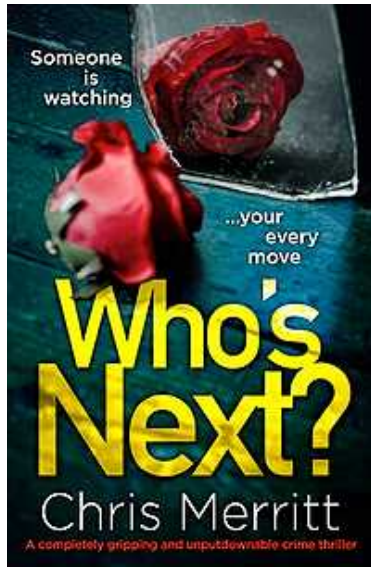
Jeneva Rose is originally from Wisconsin. She spent a couple of years in Ithaca, New York and now calls Charlotte, North Carolina home. She lives with her husband and English bulldog, Sir Winston. A lover of reading, cooking, board games, and wine, Jeneva also loves watching The Office on repeat and traveling every chance she gets.



Crime Thriller

334 pages | Pub Date 23/9/2020 | 9781838887285 | Unagented

Detective Kimberley King 1



Who's Next? 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 thrilled to be working with Chris Merritt on his exceptional new crime series. Knock Knock, the first book in the Lockhart and Green series, published in March and went into the UK top 100 a day after publication. With almost 40 reviews within the first week of sale, Knock Knock is a hit with crime readers looking for a new series. Dan Lockhart is an ex-military Met Police detective working alongside psychologist, Dr Lexi Green and they're on the hunt for a brutal killer targeting high profile victims across London. Chris is a phenomenal writer who brings his experience as a clinical psychologist to his books, giving them more depth and punch. This is the second book in the series and I think we can expect big things from this one, and indeed subsequent books in the series.

Retail Description

Stumbling to the ground, he claws at the earth around him, trying to stabilise himself, but his attacker is on him in seconds. As he stares at the lights of the bustling streets on the other side of the park gates, he doesn't even have time to shout for help before everything goes black.

When the body of wealthy businessman Charles Stott is found dead on Wimbledon Common, covered in bruises just feet away from his luxury home, Detective Dan Lockhart is called to investigate the shocking scene. Examining the sickeningly disfigured body before him, Lockhart knows he's dealing with a brutal killer. Looking more closely, he notices something on the victim's neck: a small, crudely drawn symbol in black ink. It seems the murderer has marked his victim, but why? Dan needs to get inside the perpetrator's mind, so he contacts psychologist Dr Lexi Green.

As the ensuing media circus puts pressure on Dan and Lexi's investigation, the body of a successful lawyer has been discovered in a park with the same bruising and hand-drawn symbol on his neck. Dan fears that more victims will follow.

As the case intensifies, Dan uncovers a new lead on his missing wife, Jess, who disappeared eleven years ago. Determined to follow it up, he must choose between tracking down a serial murderer and finding Jess. Can he make the impossible decision before the killer strikes once more?

Reviews for Chris Merritt

'Eeee. OMG! Ahhh! Where do I start? I have a new favourite author... a belter of a book!... I don't have the words to describe how much I loved this book!' Between the Pages Book Club, ★★★★★

'Gripping from the get go... Impossible to put down once you start... A compelling read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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.



Crime Thriller

430 pages | Pub Date 11/9/2020 | 9781838880217 | Charlie Viney, The Viney Agency

Detective Lockhart and Green 2



One Left Alive Helen Phifer

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott and Patricia Gibney

20,000 copies sold of The Girl in the Grave, the first book in the Beth Adams series. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

Helen Phifer is back with a bang! I could not put this book down - Helen hooks you in with the murky, compelling backstory of her incredible new detective Morgan Brookes, while also delivering a gripping and tense crime story with more layers than an onion! Helen constantly delights readers with her original but down-to-earth characters and the Morgan Brookes series is going to be no exception!

Retail Description

When Harrison Wright pulls up outside his girlfriend's family home, his attention is caught by the tall tree in the Potters' front garden, and the figure of his girlfriend's mother, hanging by a rope from one of the branches. Rookie detective Morgan Brookes is first on the scene, but Olivia Potter is past saving. The mother of two seemed to have the perfect life. A loving family. An immaculate home. So why would she take her own life? When Olivia's husband and daughters cannot be traced, Morgan knows there is more to the story. And then she finds them. Hidden in the dark, dank basement, their faces covered, their bodies cold to the touch.

But as Morgan kneels beside the ruined family, she realises that one of the girls is still alive. As she holds Bronte's fragile hand in hers, begging her to hold on, she vows to find who has done this. But every clue on the murdered family leads to a dead end. And every day Morgan wakes at 4.25a.m., her old insomnia now mixed with a new fixation on the case. Until, trawling through old files, she discovers a link to a cold case from years ago. Another family was murdered in this house, and the killer was never caught.

Morgan is the only one who senses that a forty-five-year-old case can unlock this mystery. The If she's wrong, she'll be demoted back to patrol, but she's willing to risk her career for the girl in the basement. And then Harrison's body is found. Morgan must act fast to discover the truth and lay two families to rest, or be the next victim the killer claims...

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Brilliant... keeps you on the edge of your seat right until the last chapter...loving this series and the characters in it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Plenty of twists... I didn't want to put it down... suspenseful and riveting, you will want time to read it in one sitting.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

302 pages | Pub Date 1/9/2020 | 9781838888480 | Unagented

Detective Morgan Brookes 1



Close to the Bone Susan Wilkins

For fans of Ann Cleeves, Angela Marsons and Mari Hannah

From the author of the bestselling Kaz Phelps series

Editor's Note

The second in a fantastic new detective series by Susan Wilkins, a former TV writer and author of the bestselling Kaz Phelps series which has sold over 50,000 copies through Bookscan. The series lead, Megan Thomas, is everything you want in a police procedural: a little bit damaged and conflicted about the job, following years undercover; determined and occasionally reckless in the pursuit of villains; and surrounded by a brilliant team of characters who support and hinder her in equal measure. And the gritty crimes are matched with beautiful Devon settings - the perfect escapist read. We've had great reviews for the first book, including from Jessie Keane, and the second book is even better, with a truly personal dilemma for Megan at the heart of it.

Retail Description

Detective Megan Thomas hoped that moving to Devon would mean a quiet life. Her years undercover in London left her broken and alone, unsure if she would ever recover. Slowly, she's learning to work with a team and trust other people. But when her sister Debbie finds the body of local businessman Greg Porter, that peace is shattered.

Porter's wife and children don't seem entirely grief-stricken, and his business dealings are not all they appear to be. So why are the police so determined to focus on Debbie? And why is Debbie acting so suspiciously? When Megan learns what happened between Porter and Debbie, it threatens to tear the family apart, and forces her to wonder if her beloved sister could really have done something so terrible.

Her boss won't allow her anywhere near the case, leaving Megan on the sidelines. Caught between the job she loves, and what she feels she must do, Megan finds herself faced an impossible decision. She's desperate to save her sister, but what if Debbie is lying? When a second body and a surprise confession takes the case into even muddier waters, Megan must decide where her loyalty lies – with her family, or the truth.

And whatever choice she makes, will she be able to live with herself?

Reviews for Susan Wilkins

"Compulsive and thoroughly captivating... I found myself unable to tear myself away and as a consequence read it all in a single tense sitting... bags of suspense and action wrapped up in a thrillingly plotted story." Reader's Retreat, ★★★★★

"My favourite read of 2020... I was engaged from the very first chapter... Brilliant." Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

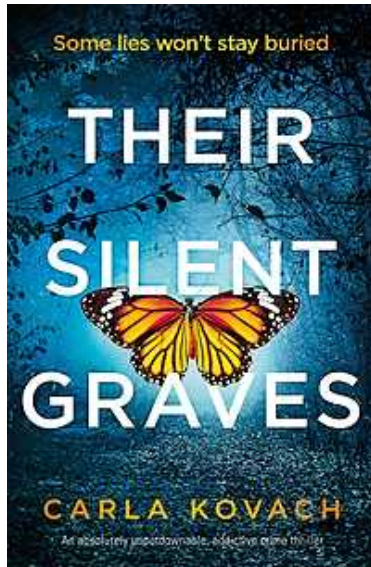
Susan Wilkins worked in television drama writing numerous scripts for shows ranging from Casualty and Heartbeat to Coronation Street and Eastenders. She created and wrote the London-based detective drama South of the Border of which the BBC made two series. She now lives on the Devon coast, walks by 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.



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 8/9/2020 | 9781838885199 | Unagented

Detective Megan Thomas
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Their Silent Graves Carla Kovach

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Over 350,000 copies sold in series to date, top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

Carla Kovach goes from strength to strength with her Detective Gina Harte Series. With over 350,000 copies sold across the series, readers love this dark and thrilling UK-set crime series. The first in the series, *The Next Girl*, has sold over 180,000 copies and spent five weeks at the top of the UK Apple charts on publication. In *Their Silent Graves*, Gina encounters a dark and twisted killer who is burying people alive in a local forest and as she comes close to catching the killer, she becomes his next victim. It is high-paced and tense, right up until the final gripping twist at the end. As with the rest of the series, this book can be read as a stand alone.

Retail Description

Dressed in garish Halloween costumes, two teenage girls run through a patch of dense woodland towards the outskirts of town. But before they can reach the safety of the streets beyond, they make a shocking discovery.

Following a piece of old rope, the girls find a large mound of freshly laid earth, undisturbed in the darkness of the trees. Clawing at the ground beneath them, they make contact with something solid. When they realise what they've discovered, the silence is broken by their piercing screams as they stare down at the shallow grave.

Without looking back, they run as fast as they can, failing to spot the person nearby watching their every move...

And when another grave is found just days later, it's clear a serial killer is preying on the small town. But who is the killer watching now? And when will another grave be filled?

With gripping suspense and a twist you won't see coming, *Their Silent Graves* will have you hooked from page one.

Reviews for Carla Kovach

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

344 pages | Pub Date 17/9/2020 | 9781838888657 | Unagented

Detective Gina Harte 7
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Watch Her Vanish Ellery Kane

For fans of Melinda Leigh, Kendra Elliot and Mary Burton

Previously published Doctors of Darkness series

Editor's Note

I'm beyond excited about this new series! Introducing the incredible Charlotte Rockwell, California's most tenacious criminal psychologist. Ellery Kane has it all as an authors; the combination of her tense, twisty crime plots, and her own expertise as a forensic psychologist – plus some sizzling romantic tension! – will have readers turning pages late into the night.

Retail Description

Forced home to Fog Harbor, California, to look after her little sister, Criminal Psychologist Olivia Rockwell is struggling to adjust to life in a town so small she can hardly breathe. Until, at church one morning, the sound of a scream leads her to the body of a missing local teacher in the shallows nearby. All the evidence points to Olivia's most threatening patient, Drake, who is safely locked up on death row...

Convinced of Drake's innocence – and desperate to believe in the system that's keeping her own murderer father behind bars – Olivia gets to work on her own suspect list. All her life she's run towards trouble, but this time she's treading on the toes of brooding and handsome Detective Will Decker.

Then a second woman's body is discovered, strangled whilst out on an evening jog. The strip of blue material used to choke her implicates Drake once again, forcing Olivia and Will to admit they are out of their depth and must work together to crack the case.

The deeper they dig, the deadlier the trail becomes. It's clear more innocent women will die if they don't get one step ahead. But then a note written on a scrap of paper found in the last victim's car leads them to a terrifying realization: the killer has his sights on Olivia's little sister as the next victim...

Reviews for Ellery Kane

'Gripping, suspenseful, and downright dark. It held me captivated until I finished it. It's that good.' Book Nook Nuts, ★★★★★

'Hits that spot that craved a good, creepy, twisty book that would hook me' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

414 pages | Pub Date 9/10/2020 | 9781838888565 | Unagented

Rockwell and Decker 1
42



Last Girls Alive Jennifer Chase

For fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh

Fourth in the Detective Katie Scott series (170,000). First title in the series, *Little Girls Sleeping*, reached the Top 100 on the Kindle CA, UK and US charts

Editor's Note

Readers instantly connect with Katie's battle with crippling anxiety and PTSD whilst fighting to find justice for the innocent. She's a character readers really relate to and I think that has been a huge part of the success of this series.

Retail Description

When Detective Katie Scott is called to the discovery of a young girl buried on the grounds of a former children's home in Pine Valley, she's hopeful it's the end to a cold case she's been working on. No one has seen Candace Harlan since she ran away from Elm Hill Manor five years ago. But the girl in the ground is not Candace.

The victim is almost identical to Candace, but fear grips Katie as she takes in the ink that decorates the girl's back – a message tattooed on her skin after she drew her last breath.

Forcing down memories of losing her own parents, Katie is certain someone mistook this soul for Candace, and that this home for lost girls is at the heart of this crime. She sets to work tracking down the last six residents and the staff who cared for them – but no one wants to talk.

The next day, a second girl's body is found down by the creek, the same words etched into her skin. Katie's worst fear is confirmed: someone is picking off the Elm Hill girls one by one. But what monster would target these girls who have already been through so much?

Katie must dig deep to protect the vulnerable – but as the body count rises further, will there be anyone left to save?

Reviews for Jennifer Chase

'THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS PUTTING THIS BOOK DOWN!!!!... I was literally holding my breath... I HAD TO KNOW!!!! As for the explosive ending WOW definitely not what or who I was expecting.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

340 pages | Pub Date 7/10/2020 | 9781838888930 | Unagented

Detective Katie Scott 4



Her Final Prayer Kathryn Casey

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Kendra Elliot

Kathryn has sold over 1 million copies worldwide

Editor's Note

This is the second book in award-winning author Kathryn Casey's new crime series. Set in the mountains of Utah, the series features the struggles of tough Detective Clara Jefferies as she investigates serious crimes within an isolated community who view her as an outsider. Kathryn writes at a breathtaking pace, but makes you want to slow down to savour the details, and we've had great sales for Book 1 in the series.

Retail Description

When Detective Clara Jefferies is called to a family ranch just outside of Alber, Utah, she's horrified to find two innocent young children murdered alongside their mothers. But she arrives at the scene quickly enough to rush their father, Jacob Johansson, to hospital where he begins fighting for his life, and to save his two-month-old son Jeremy, left untouched in his crib.

As Clara begins to investigate, nothing she finds out makes sense. Though she uncovers photos of one of Jacob's wives in his best friend's trailer, her flower necklace underneath his bed, there are rumors that she was in love with a different man altogether. And as the close knit community comes together to support Jacob, Clara's own family shut her out of the investigation...

But Clara won't give up. With the killer still at large, baby Jeremy is at risk, and every moment her family are helping Jacob they are also in danger. To earn her family's trust, Clara finally has to face the past, but can she do it before it's too late?

Reviews for Kathryn Casey

'Absolutely amazing... An outstanding crime thriller: heart-racing pace, superb plot, believable characters, tense and absorbing build-up to an absolutely brilliant climax... A stand out, stunning book.' Renita D'Silva, ★★★★★

'WOW, WOW, WOW, WOW!... Kathryn Casey has written an amazing book... I cannot wait to pick up where this novel left off! You will not be able to put this book down - fabulous!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

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.



Crime Thriller

314 pages | Pub Date 2/10/2020 | 9781800190351 | Anne-Lise Spitzer, Philip G. Spitzer Literary Agency

Detective Clara Jefferies 2



The Girls in the Snow Stacy Green

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Lisa Gardner and Robert Dugoni

Stacy has sold more than 250,000 of her thrillers worldwide

Editor's Note

Award-winning author Stacy Green joins Bookouture with her latest crime series and a standout new female lead to grip readers. Special Agent Nikki Hunt is an unstoppable force in Stillwater, Minnesota and Stacy writes her with breathtaking pace and a touch of romantic suspense.

Retail Description

In the remote forests of Stillwater, Minnesota, you can scream for days and no one will hear you. So when the bodies of two fifteen-year-old girls are discovered frozen in the snow Special Agent Nikki Hunt is sure the killer is local: he thought they'd never be found.

Everyone in town had been frantically searching for missing best friends Madison and Kaylee, and when Nikki meets Madison's step-father John she is desperate to lead the case. He was once the person she trusted most in the world. The man who stood by her when she was just a child and her parents were murdered. Who supported her when she identified their killer, Mark Todd.

But when she arrives at the Sheriff's office, she's confronted by protesters eager to see Mark freed. With new evidence that could clear his name, Mark has appealed his conviction and his brother Rory asks Nikki to take a look at what they've found.

Nikki knows she must focus on the killer, but Rory makes her wonder if she put her trust in the right people all those years ago. Are Madison and Kaylee's deaths connected to her parents murders? And can she face up to her before another life is taken?

Reviews for Stacy Green

'I cannot tell you how much I love not just this book but the whole series!... This book kept me gripped from the first page to the last and i had to follow it up with the next two in the series, i will definitely be looking for more by this author.' Amazon Reviewer
★★★★★

'Loved the story. Loved the style of writing. Intent reading the rest of the series. Highly recommend.' Amazon Reviewer
★★★★★

Author Biography

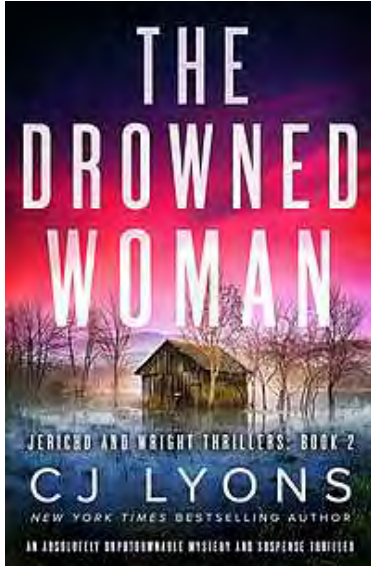
Stacy Green is the bestselling author of more than 10 award-winning novels and nonfiction short stories. The Erin Prince series has been optioned for television by a major production team. All Good Deeds (Lucy Kendall #1) won a bronze medal for mystery and thriller at the 2015 IPPY Awards. Tin God (Delta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



Crime Thriller

318 pages | Pub Date 19/10/2020 | 9781838888794 | Unagented

Nikki Hunt 1
45



The Drowned Woman

CJ Lyons

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Kendra Elliot and Tess Gerritsen

CJ Lyons has sold more than 2.5 million books worldwide

Editor's Note

The next book in the Jericho and Wright series by New York Times bestseller CJ Lyons delves into Detective Luka Jericho's complicated past and the death of his fiancée whose drowning has haunted him for nineteen years. With CJ's trademark heart and domestic plots, this suspenseful thriller will tick all the boxes for crime thriller fans.

Retail Description

Six months since she lost her husband, Dr Leah Wright knows it's time to return to her family home. Though the crime scene tape and blood stains are gone, she will never feel safe with her daughter there again. Receiving a call from Detective Luka Jericho to assist with a police investigation is a welcome distraction, until she sees the scene: a wife dead, another family ripped apart.

As Leah is the new head of the Crisis Intervention Centre, Luka knows she can help him speak to the victim's traumatized husband, who he suspects might have had something to do with his wife's death. But when Leah interviews the shut-in who lives across the hall, they uncover evidence of a serial-killer in their rural Pennsylvania town. The same person who claims responsibility for drowning Luka's fiancée seventeen years ago...

Leah knows just how hard it will be for Luka to do nothing once he's taken off the case. And then the killer begins taunting Luka, promising to kill again. Will what happened nineteen years ago stop them from saving another life before it's too late?

Reviews for CJ Lyons

'I starting reading at bedtime, I was so enthralled in the story, next thing I knew it was 3am as I was turning the last page on my Kindle. The story was compelling, captivating, suspenseful, heart-wrenching, all the good stuff you want in a crime thriller.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This book has more twists and turns than a mountain road but eventually the truth comes out in an exciting climax... One of the best mysteries of the season.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of over forty novels, former pediatric ER doctor CJ Lyons has lived the life she writes about in her cutting edge Thrillers with Heart. CJ has been called a "master within the genre" (Pittsburgh Magazine). Her novels have twice won the International Thriller Writers' prestigious Thriller Award, the RT Reviewers' Choice Award, the Readers' Choice Award, the RT Seal of Excellence, and the Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery and Suspense.



Crime Thriller

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Jericho and Wright Thrillers 2



Cry for Mercy Karen Long

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Robert Dugoni

Karen is an Amazon bestselling author

Editor's Note

I don't know when I have last read such a compelling and twisted bad guy! This story is utterly addictive from the word go and before I knew it I was completely swept up with Eleanor and the entire team as they fought to puzzle out the mystery! I am so proud to be reissuing this brilliant series!

Retail Description

Eleanor closed her eyes tightly against the image in front of her. Another innocent life taken, another family left grieving.

Detective Inspector Eleanor Raven arrives at the derelict power station briefed on the murder scene inside. A beautiful young woman has been found, her body posed and a cherry-red lipstick painted across her mouth. But when she catches sight of the engagement ring crusted with blood on her delicate finger, Eleanor pushes back on the grief it provokes. Lydia Greystein had so much to live for. The only way Eleanor can help now is to find the killer responsible, and she and her team immediately set to work.

And when another woman is found, bound in the same ritualistic stance and wearing the same bright red lipstick, Eleanor's case becomes more twisted and urgent than ever. But struggling to unpick the killer's motivations, the team is at a loss until Eleanor finds a link between the victims and a cold case, an unsolved death with a connection to her own personal life. To follow the clues now risks bringing her secrets into the open.

But as Eleanor begins to understand the killer, he starts to understand her too. Eleanor must solve this case before more women are taken. Could the secrets she keeps from those closest to her be the final clue in this case... or will they ultimately cost Eleanor her life?

Reviews for Karen Long

'The words "OH WOW" left my mouth when I realized I had finished it! That's how much I enjoyed it. This is a must read for all crime fans it ticked all the boxes for me. I highly recommend this book giving it 5 massive stars.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'The Safe Word is one of the best serial killer novels I have read in a long time. The writing is exceptional, the storyline compelling and the author very talented. If you love crime books, then make certain this is on your 'to read' list.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

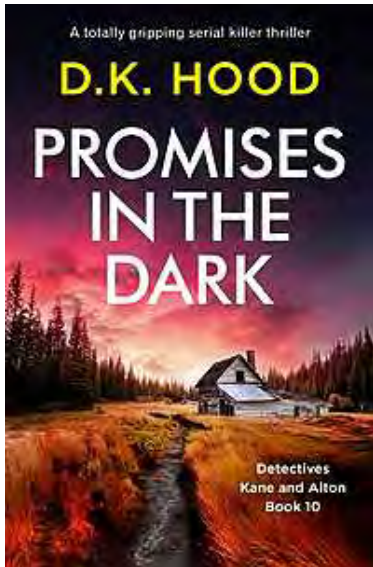
Karen Long was born in Wolverhampton but has spent the last few years living in California. She worked as an English and Drama teacher for many years, before becoming a full-time writer. She has written screenplays and articles, but primarily dedicates her time to writing crime fiction and observing wildlife. She loves to travel, which is a great source of inspiration; Toronto became the backdrop to the Eleanor Raven series of thrillers after Karen spent several months there.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Eleanor Raven 1



Promises in the Dark D.K. Hood

Previous Translation Publishers
Computer Media (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over 600,000 copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the tenth book in D.K. Hood's USA Today bestselling series. I love working with D.K. Hood for the simple fact that she delivers knock out crime stories one after another. Set in Black Rock Falls, this series gets better and better. Dark and twisted killers prey on this small town whilst ex-special agents, Jenna Alton and David Kane track them down. Fans of D.K. love the tension between the pair and always call her books gripping and thrilling and Promises in the Dark is no exception.

Retail Description

Detective Jenna Alton surveys the charred remains of the large suburban home, stopping to pause at the three lifeless bodies of the Woods family. Jenna knows she's looking for a serial killer, but her priority is finding the missing teenage daughter last seen on the night of the inferno.

Days later, Sophie Woods's body is discovered floating in a shallow pool of crystal-clear water – known locally as Dead Man's Drop – but Jenna still doesn't know who would target the quiet family in such a brutal attack. Delving into the family's past, she makes a shocking discovery – a link between the killer and someone connected to her deputy David Kane. If Jenna is right and the killer is back and seeking revenge, then she must act fast to keep her deputy safe.

When another girl is taken, Jenna and David follow the trail into a network of underground caves on the outskirts of town. With little time before the killer claims his next victim, they race into the pitch-black tunnels, unsure whether they have just walked into the killer's trap. Can they find the girl in time and escape the caves without the killer chasing them down?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

'What a fantastic book it is. Totally addictive. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'An excellent read... Had me captivated the whole way though... I had a couple of wow moments that took my breath away. All in all, a bloody brilliant book that totally deserves 5 stars.' Bonnie's Book Talk, ★★★★★

Author Biography

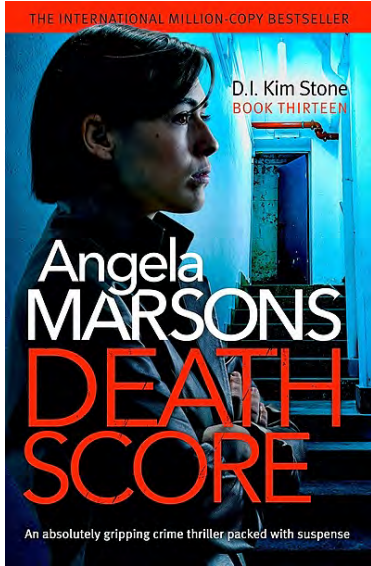
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could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



Crime Thriller

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Death Score 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), Piper (German), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Burda (Polish), Leya / Quinta Essencia (Portuguese), 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), Meulenhoff (Dutch), Poomstory (Korean)

For fans of Val McDermid, Mark Billingham and Robert Bryndza

Angela Marsons has sold 4.3 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 28 languages

Editor's Note

Death Score marks the thirteenth instalment in the bestselling Detective Kim Stone series which has now sold over 4.2 million copies worldwide. A number one bestselling author across the world, Angela Marsons has created an incredible series character that readers have taken into their hearts and her consistently stunning reviews are testament to that. In July 2020 Angela Marsons won the prestigious Premio Bancarella award in Italy for Dead Souls.

Retail Description

In a busy shopping centre, a little girl clutches a teddy bear, clinging to it in the absence of her mother, Katrina. Hours later, Katrina's body is discovered in an abandoned building. For Detective Kim Stone it looks like a quick functional murder. What was the motive for killing a young mother out shopping with her child?

Days later, a second victim is found in a local park, her neck broken just like Katrina's and, her six- year old son missing. But with Stacey working on another unsolved crime and another member of her team grieving the loss of a close relative, Kim is struggling to make inroads on what is fast becoming a complex case. And when a handwritten letter from the killer lands on Kim's desk addressed to her, and pleading for help, she knows time is running out to bring the little boy home alive.

With the support of a handwriting analyst and profiler Alison Lowe, Kim and the team begin to get inside the mind of the killer and make a shocking discovery.

Some of the victims have scratch marks on their wrists. But these are no random scratches. The killer is using them to communicate with someone. The question is...with whom?

And if Kim doesn't find them soon another person will die.

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'All hail Queen Angela! Yet again Angela Marsons has written a fantastically gripping thriller... I literally sat down with this at five on a lockdown Sunday evening and all my family got out of me until I read the last word at 11pm was the occasional grunt. I was that hooked.' Deja Read, ★★★★★

'The whole series is unmissable.' The Book Review Café

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 4.2 million copies, repeatedly hitting the #1 spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into 28 languages.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 13/11/2020 | 9781838887322 | Unagented

Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series 13



Dead Girl Walking Roberta Gately

For fans of Lisa Regan, Angela Marsons and Tess Gerritsen

Author has done particularly well in Italy – she is a bestseller there with her previous title, Lipstick in Afghanistan which still has an orange bestseller tag on Amazon Italy!

Editor's Note

Once in a while a book comes along that is so utterly gripping that it sucks you in completely! Roberta Gately's thrilling new crime series starts with a desperate 911 call on a freezing night in Boston and never lets up until the heart-thumping conclusion. She has this extraordinary ability to make you care about every character; most especially her leads, gutsy ER Nurse Jessie Novak and courageous detective Sam Dallas. Gately is a master of her craft and this new series is full of Netflix-worthy suspense, atmospheric locations, twisty crimes and jaw-dropping climaxes. I just know our readers will be absolutely hooked on her books!

Retail Description

It's a freezing winter night in Boston when a beautiful young woman, with rose petals in her hair, is rushed to hospital with a devastating gunshot wound. As Emergency Room Nurse Jessie Novak battles to keep her alive, she wonders why the husband didn't get a look at the shooter?

Jessie confides in the only person she can trust: Detective Sam Dallas. Tough and smart, Sam is a darned good cop and will do everything he can to track down a killer.

Jessie and the young woman look so similar they could be twins.
Jessie can't let her down.

As the young woman's life hangs by a thread, Jessie does all she can to find out who did this to her. But why does someone keep sending Jessie bunches of roses? Each time one arrives, her blood runs cold. Then, another body turns up and Jessie finds a shocking clue. A voicemail from the second victim changes everything about the case. Even though Sam doesn't believe her, she's determined to pursue it.

Snow starts to fall and Jessie is out on her own in the cold streets. But as she gets closer to the truth, someone is following her.

Reviews for Roberta Gately

Author Biography

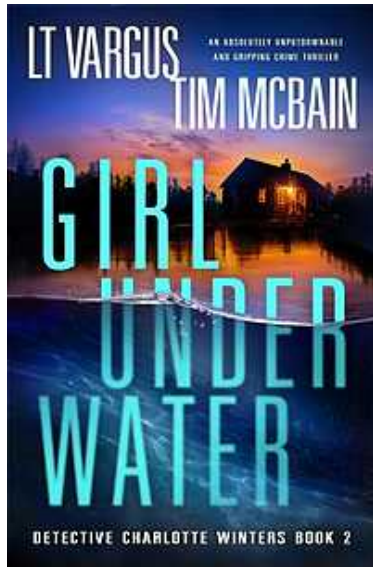
Roberta Gately, lives in Boston where she works as a nurse at the Boston Medical Center. It was in the ER where she developed an interest in the investigations behind the crimes and the victims she encountered. Working in a busy ER is much like being a detective – the search for answers is a methodical process, not unlike the work required to solve a murder! She has also worked in humanitarian aid, providing medical care in some of the world's bleakest spots ranging from Africa to Afghanistan.



Crime Thriller

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Jessie Novak 1
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Girl Under Water L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain

For fans of Mary Burton and Robert Galbraith

Self-published The Violet Darger series and The Scattered and the Dead series have collectively sold over 1 million copies

Editor's Note

The second instalment of this crime thriller series with a twist is not to be missed! L.T Vargus and Tim McBain have a large and super-engaged mailing list of over 10,000 dedicated fans that has resulted in huge spikes of sales in their thousands with every newsletter. Usually self-published on KU, our job has been to build them on other platforms and in other territories and its brilliant to see a high level of engagement in all these new markets. It's almost impossible not to read their fast-paced thrillers in one sitting!

Retail Description

When Gloria Carmichael's body is found broken and bleeding on the sidewalk just days after knocking on Detective Charlie Winters' door begging for help to locate her father's will, Charlie's instinct is confirmed: her latest case is about more than just a simple family feud.

The Carmichaels are famous in Salem Island for their large family and charitable work, but, moments before she died, beautiful, trustworthy eldest daughter Gloria called Charlie to say she had uncovered a terrible secret that would break the mystery of her father's death wide open.

With the voice of her murdered sister ringing in her ears – pushing her to risk everything to bring justice to the innocent – Charlie takes matters into her own hands. She won't let another family break apart like her own, and she knows the answers she needs are hidden somewhere inside the Carmichael home.

But as Charlie races to confront her main suspect – a file containing evidence that will devastate the Carmichael family on the car seat beside her – she's rammed off the road and over the edge of a nearby cliff. Fighting for breath in a sinking car, Charlie has to survive or other innocent lives will be taken. Everyone involved is keeping secrets, but only one twisted soul is prepared to kill to keep theirs...

Reviews for L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain

'Leaves you on the edge of your seat until the wee hours of the morning. Kept me enthralled from cover to cover. Heart-stopping suspense.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'A great start to a new series. It is a true page turner and I was truly blind-sided by the reveal. Lots of potential and promise in this series.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

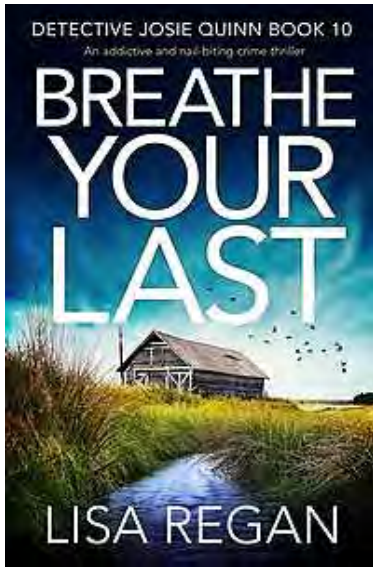
L.T. Vargus and Tim McBain are the authors of the Violet Darger series and The Scattered and the Dead series among others, which have collectively tallied over a million downloads. Their book, Dead End Girl, peaked at #3 in the US Kindle charts and has remained in the top 10 in multiple sub-categories since it was published in 2017.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Charlotte Winters 2
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Breathe Your Last Lisa Regan

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

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Series has sold over 1.5 million copies. USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

This is Lisa Regan's tenth book as total sales across the series top 1.5 million, and she shows no signs of letting up with another nail-biting, breathtaking, rollercoaster ride of thrills and emotion. If her jaw-dropping sales aren't enough to persuade you, just take a look at her INCREDIBLE reviews...

Retail Description

The body of a young girl lying face down in a swimming pool is the last thing Detective Josie Quinn expects to find on a morning visit to see her brother before class. But when she recognizes the girl's face, there's only one question racing through Josie's mind: how does a champion swimmer accidentally drown?

Nysa Somers' family are distraught. She was a model student and beloved daughter. It's up to Josie and her team to piece together what happened in the hours leading up to Nysa's death, and that begins with finding her missing backpack. But the bag, discarded in the woods on the nearby campus, contains only empty food wrappers.

The next day, a housefire envelops the nearby home of a retired fireman, nearly killing his granddaughters. The last words the girls heard him mutter before he set the blaze were, be a match.

As the body count rises, it's only Josie who can see the pattern forming. Can she convince her team that the wrapper found in Nysa's bag is the link they're missing? Josie knows she must go it alone if she's going to stop this calculated killer.

But with the killer in her sights, Josie takes a deadly risk and finds herself hanging onto life by her fingernails. Can she trust her team to save her, and before it's too late?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

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

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

Author Biography

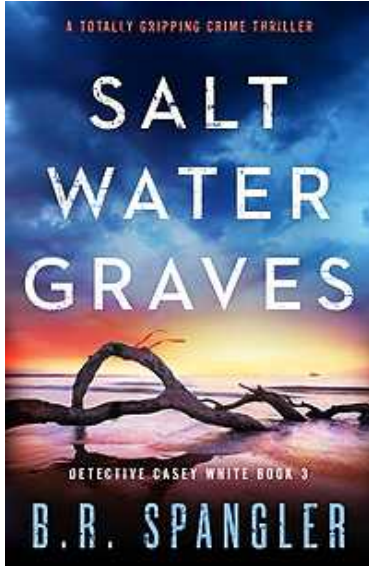
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Josie Quinn 10



Saltwater Graves B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Book 1 in the Detective Casey White Book sold over 25,000 copies

Editor's Note

I read the first draft of Saltwater Graves with my heart in my mouth! B.R. Spangler has knocked it out of the park with book 3 in the incredible Detective Casey White series. When drowned bodies start washing up on the very same beach where her partner's wife was found murdered years ago, Casey must face a chilling serial killer from the past... I cannot wait to share this chilling, addictive, action-packed and atmospheric crime read with B.R. Spangler's fans, and find even more readers for this absolutely fantastic series.

Retail Description

On a lonely stretch of coast at daybreak in North Carolina's Outer Banks, Detective Casey White is shocked to find the drowned body of a much-loved local woman, Ann Choplin, her beautiful face covered with specks of sand. The green and white rope binding her wrists reveals the terrifying truth that this innocent mother's death was no accident. With the incoming tide flooding the scene and swallowing all evidence, Casey's team has nowhere to turn... but it's Casey who realises this beach will be devastatingly familiar to her partner, ex-sheriff Jericho Flynn. His wife was found murdered here years ago, thrown into the ocean alive just like Ann. But the twisted and jealous woman guilty of that crime has been in prison for years. Days later, another woman is found drowned on the same beach, her wrists tied. Casey fears a copycat killer is on the loose, playing a deadly game with Jericho by digging up the horrors of his past.

Certain that finding a link between these women will crack the case, Casey works through the night digging into their lives and finds an old photo of the two victims at school together, smiling in their cheerleader uniforms. But cold betrayal floods Casey as she sees Jericho in the background. She'd thought it was safe to let him into her life, but he never once mentioned he knew the victims. What other secrets is he hiding? When a coil of green and white rope is found in his garage, Casey's whole team is convinced that the mounting evidence is stacked against Jericho. But with Casey's instincts screaming that Jericho could never hurt anyone, it will mean risking her own career – and her life – to clear his name. If she's wrong, she is placing her trust in a killer... but if she's right, more innocent women are in terrible danger.

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

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

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

Author Biography

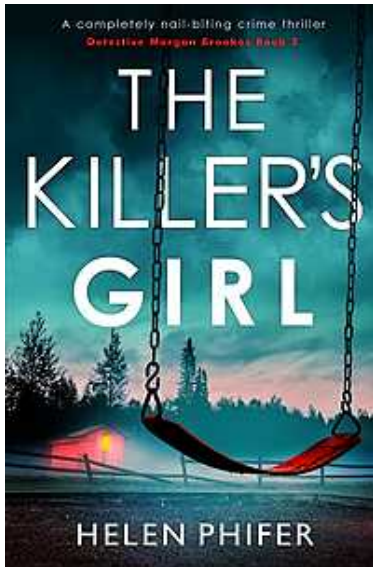
By day, B.R. Spangler pushes pixels, typing lines of code. When he's not developing software, or elbows deep in hardware, he is writing stories, plotting thrillers, or reading. B.R. Spangler lives in Virginia with his wife and kids, as well as five cats, a parrot, a finch, a lizard.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Casey White 3
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The Killer's Girl Helen Phifer

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

For Fans of Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott and Patricia Gibney

20,000 copies sold of The Girl in the Grave, the first book in the Beth Adams series. Top 50 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

This book reinvents the phrase 'I could not stop reading!' Tense and unputdownable from the start, this book has Everything I adore about police procedurals. The revelations from the past tying Morgan to the crimes in the present come thick and fast, and I am so excited to see readers' reactions to the discoveries about beloved characters from the series.

Retail Description

When the body of a young woman is found, tied to her bed and the victim of a brutal attack in her own home, Detective Morgan Brookes is sickened by what she finds as she searches the house. And unprepared for the nightmares it inspires about her childhood.

When the DNA collected gives a positive ID, Morgan can't wait to put the attacker behind bars. But the person it matches to is already in prison. How could the DNA of someone who has been locked up for over twenty years have shown up in Morgan's crime scene? And then they make another close match. To Morgan herself.

Faced with the impossible proof that she is somehow connected to this case, Morgan delves deep into the crimes of a killer who stalked the Lake District two decades ago. But distracted by the old case, she misses the signs that he has found a new victim. And when he strikes close to home, Morgan finally realises that she has been living on borrowed time. To find this killer, it's clear she must confront the nightmares in her past...

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Brilliant... keeps you on the edge of your seat right until the last chapter... loving this series and the characters in it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Plenty of twists... I didn't want to put it down... suspenseful and riveting, you will want time to read it in one sitting.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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Detective Morgan Brookes 2



The Little Grave Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

Carolyn Arnold is an international bestselling and award-winning author

Editor's Note

Amanda Steele is going to knock your socks off! Carolyn Arnold is the super talented author of several self-published crime series and it really shows! The detail in her plotting, characterisation, and forward planning, not to mention on totally badass heroine, makes the Amanda Steele series completely compelling crime fiction which I cannot wait to publish!

Retail Description

The smaller the town, the bigger the secrets.

It's been five years since Detective Amanda Carson's life was derailed in the path of an oncoming drunk driver. The small community of Dumfries, Virginia, may have moved on from the tragic deaths of her husband and daughter, but Amanda cannot. When the driver who killed her family is found murdered in a motel room, she can't keep away from the case.

Amanda is in a race to uncover the truth before her connection to the victim is made known to her new sergeant. But the more she digs into the past of the man who destroyed her future, the more shocking discoveries she makes. And when Amanda makes the link between a silver bracelet in his possession and the brutal unsolved murder of a young exotic dancer, she realises she has stumbled upon a dangerous killer, and she suspects that more girls are in danger.

But as Amanda edges towards the truth, she gets closer to a secret as personal as it is deadly. And in order to catch this killer – and save more girls as she couldn't save her own daughter – she has to uncover secrets that have been buried for a very long time.

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

'Wow! This book hooked me from the very beginning and didn't let go. This book is gritty, with plot twists that will keep you guessing for hours.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'If there was a way to give more than 5 stars, I would! This book is amazing! It's fast-paced and will have you turning pages ever faster! Never a dull moment!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

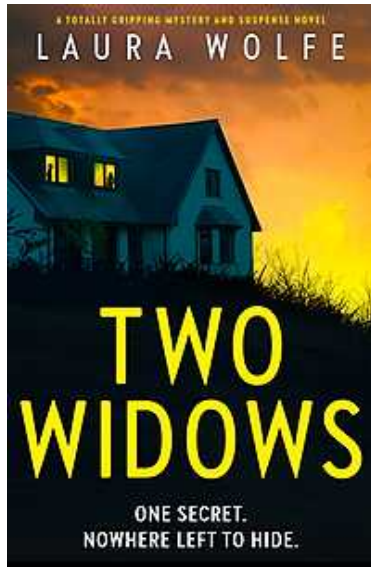
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books,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



Crime Thriller

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Detective Amanda Steele 1



Two Widows Laura Wolfe

For fans of Lisa Jewell and Shari Lapena

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

Editor's Note

Laura Wolfe is one of those writers who subtly draws you into her books, creating an insidiously tense and ominous atmosphere, until you are completely captivated and racing through the pages to find out what becomes of her characters. When I read this manuscript on submission I knew I'd come across a very talented writer, and I am sure readers are going to be as compelled as I was by Beth and Gloria's stories and feel as if they are with them in rural Michigan. Laura manages to achieve a delicate and unusual balance between tension and emotion, which makes her writing both spellbinding and affecting. I am very proud to welcome her to Bookouture and I know she'll be suspense author to watch.

Retail Description

Gloria is used to solitude. Widowed and still grieving her late husband, she spends her days with only her faded photographs for company. But when a young woman is murdered nearby, Gloria grows anxious. Living alone in an old farmhouse, surrounded by empty woods, there's no one for miles who would hear her scream.

When freelance travel writer Beth arrives with her trailer to live on Gloria's land, Gloria is relieved not to be alone. The police have no suspects in the murder and fearless Beth makes Gloria feel safe. Then Gloria discovers Beth is a widow too: the women become closer and begin to share their secrets.

But soon Gloria starts to wonder... what does she actually know about Beth? About what brought her to this isolated spot? About how her husband really died? Is it a coincidence that she's arrived just as this small town has seen its first murder in decades?

Gloria thought that Beth had told her all her secrets. She was wrong.

Reviews for Laura Wolfe

'WOW!!!! I have not read a book this good some time! It had me hooked from the very beginning and I could not stop till I finished! I had to keep going, had to know how this ended! Laura Wolfe really knows how to catch a reader's attention... I cannot wait to read more by her!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is a hidden gem of a novel!! A stonking good read, that kept me guessing. It is not predictable like many books of this genre. Definitely worthy of 5 stars!!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

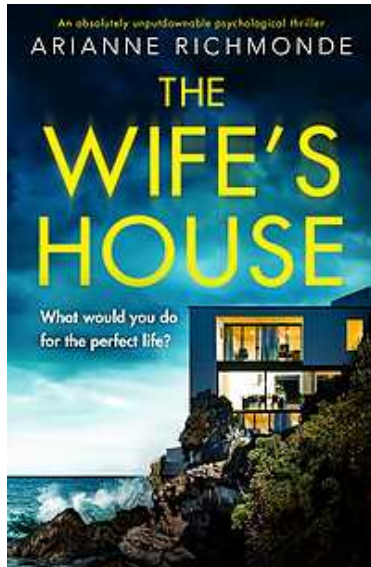
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

308 pages | Pub Date 27/8/2020 | 9781800190047 | Unagented



The Wife's House Arianne Richmond

For fans of Mark Edwards, Gillian Flynn and Netflix's You

Arianne is a USA Today Bestseller and a number 1 Amazon bestseller in women's fiction, and mystery, thriller & suspense

Editor's Note

When I first read *The Wife's House* I knew I had to publish it. Arianne Richmond is a USA Today bestselling romance author with exceptional reviews and this is her first psychological thriller, and what a book it is! Taut and tense, I honestly couldn't put it down and the ending had my mouth on the floor.

Retail Description

The moment Anna Martin sees Cliff House – a sleek and modern glass home perched on the edge of the jagged Big Sur clifftops – she falls in love. She makes a pact with herself immediately. I am never leaving this house.

Just weeks after moving in, her husband, Juan, is killed in a car crash on the perilous roads leading up to the house. She is left with a decision – leave the house she loves to escape the memories of her husband's death or stay and shut herself off from the world. I am never leaving this house.

Piecing together her shattered life, she begins to feel like she's not the only person at her remote home. First she finds footsteps along the private beach leading to her house and then blood-red flowers are left on her doorstep with a note that reads Looking at you. She retreats back to the safety of her glass home once again. I am never leaving this house.

As she stares out of the glass house, she knows someone is out there staring back. And in that moment, she realises just how remote her dream house is. In vowing never to leave, has she just put herself in unthinkable danger?

Reviews for Arianne Richmond

'A roller coaster of emotions with twists and turns, a tale of lies and deception, of redemption and forgiveness. A nail-biting edge of your seat thriller - at times dark and disturbing - that will keep you turning pages well into the night.' Reader's Delight

'I was literally biting my nails while reading this book. As always, Arianne Richmond's writing is in a league of its own. Lyrical, beautiful, intelligent, and with perfectly drawn, complex characters. It was a joy to read every word.' New York Times bestselling author, Nelle I'Amour

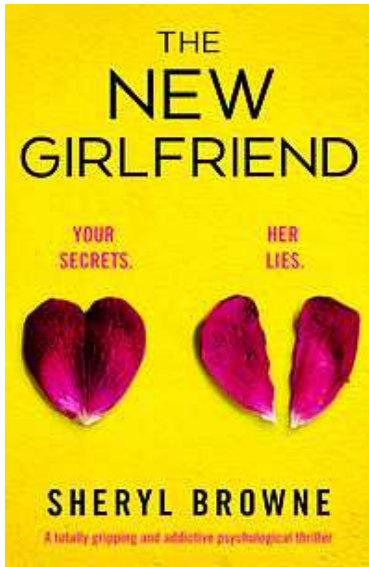
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

324 pages | Pub Date 24/8/2020 | 9781838889500 | Unagented



The New Girlfriend Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Sheryl's previous psychological thrillers have sold over 400,000 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

'Shocking, brilliant page-turner!!!!... A stunning thriller... This book will grip you immediately and by the last twenty percent, shock you, scare you and make your heart beat right out of your chest!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gripping and hard to put down. I spent an entire day reading it. One of the best thrillers I've read in a long time!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

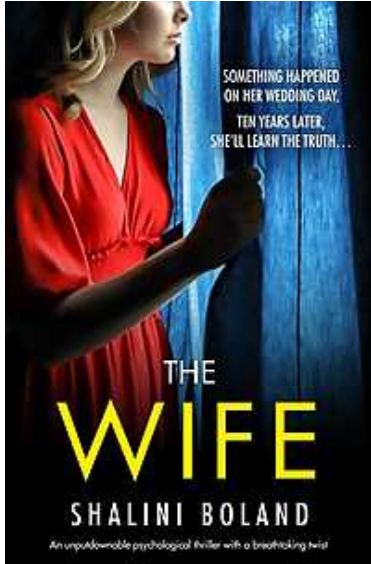
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 3/8/2020 | 9781838880378 | Unagented



The Wife 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 Big Little Lies

Over 1 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

Shalini Boland has sold over a million copies of her books with Bookouture, has generated £1.8 million in revenue, and has been our bestselling psychological suspense author since 2018. *The Wife* is classic Shalini – an everyday heroine dealing with a life turned upside down, a thrilling plot with twist upon twist, and emotional, gripping writing. We're launching in September, at a lower price to hugely expand her readership, and expect the book to be one of our major hits of the autumn.

Retail Description

Zoe fainted on her wedding day, and she never knew why. She's always felt sure something bad happened. Ten years later, she's going to find out what...

It was supposed to be the happiest day of her life. Zoe was sitting in her hotel room, in her perfect white dress, looking forward to the moment when she would make kind, handsome Toby her husband. Then, there was a blank. They said she must have fainted, overcome with emotion. But nothing felt quite right afterwards. Did something happen in that missing time?

Now, Toby and Zoe have two beautiful children and a perfect life. They're planning their ten-year anniversary party for their family and friends. The invitations have been sent, the food ordered. They're going back to the grand hotel where they got married. But as the anniversary gets closer, it becomes clear not everyone is looking forward to celebrating. Zoe catches Toby lying about where he's been. One of her best friends seems to be ignoring her. And someone is spreading stories that might stop the party from happening at all.

Zoe is increasingly sure that she doesn't have the full story. But does she want to know the truth, if it will destroy everything?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'Totally mesmerizing! I literally had to pick my jaw up off the floor... had my heart pounding so hard I thought it would burst! Totally amazing and brilliant!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Oh I have adored this book! Most definitely five stars. I literally haven't been able to put this one down... kept on the edge of my seat.' Little Miss Book Lover 87, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 9/9/2020 | 9781786819338 | Unagented



The Stepdaughter Georgina Cross

For fans of We Were Mothers, Kerry Fisher and Big Little Lies

Top UK 20 bestselling author

Editor's Note

This is the debut novel from the extraordinarily talented Georgina Cross who has a huge gift for page-turning suspense and domestic drama. Her ability to create a small-town community full of secrets reminded me immediately of Liane Moriarty and her characters are as complex as those from Kerry Fisher. The Stepdaughter is the story of Vanessa Tanner, a suburban housewife and kind stepmother to Mia, who goes missing from their backyard pool. In the days after Mia vanishes, the secrets of this small town will be laid bare. And the results won't be pretty...

Retail Description

It's a normal afternoon when I walk out the patio doors of our kitchen to check on Mia, my stepdaughter, who is swimming in our backyard pool. But she's gone. My heart stops when I see the back gate is open, her pink, fluffy towel lying folded on a chair. I was just feet away. Why didn't I hear her scream? Who took our little girl?

My husband can't understand how I could have let his daughter disappear. And when the police come asking questions, I wish I could wind back time to that normal afternoon when I was cooking lasagna for my family, Mia's favourite. I can tell the officers don't believe me: they've cast me as the evil stepmother. I just wish I could understand the messages I've found from my husband on Mia's phone: I'm so sorry, I still love you. And why his wedding ring is found at the bottom of the pool after Mia disappeared. He never told me it was missing. What else is he hiding?

But the detective keeps asking me where I was during those ten minutes when Mia vanished. And I can't tell her my secret. From the way she's looking at me, I know she thinks I did something to my stepdaughter. Mia and I haven't always been that close and sometimes she drives me nuts, just like any normal teenager, but I would never hurt her.

I just need you to believe me.

Reviews for Georgina Cross

'Awesome book! I Absolutely LOVED this book!! I liked the characters and the story was so good, the ending got me. All in all, a Great read.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

'Great read!!!... Outstanding writing and it kept me hooked right until the last twist on the last page!' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

I've been writing since I was a kid, and I have the notebooks and floppy discs to prove it! After graduating from Louisiana State University, I founded a non-profit named Susie's Wish, which sends people with life-threatening illnesses to the beach, and I currently work in workforce development and marketing & communications. My husband David and I live with our combined family of four sons in Alabama. When everyone is sleeping, I get to write: my fingertips hit the keyboard and my imagination can run wild.



Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 2/9/2020 | 9781838889395 | Rachel Beck, Liza Dawson Associates



First Date Sue Watson

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of The Wife Between Us, Friend Request and Gone Girl

Over 130,000 ebook and 55,000 audiobook copies sold of previous title Our Little Lies and reached the top 30 in Amazon US. Author's last published title, The Sister-in-Law, also sold over 120,000 ebooks

Editor's Note

Fresh from the huge success of The Sister-in-Law, Sue has written another absolutely unputdownable psychological thriller, about a date which leads our heroine into the darkest place possible. It's the flip-side of a love story, and one you will want to read in one sitting!

Retail Description

Hannah has done everything to make sure her life is safe and secure. A long way from her unstable childhood growing up in foster care, she's content with her sweet, little, messy apartment and her satisfying job as a social worker. She quietly worries that, aged 36, she might never fall in love. But otherwise her life is where she wants it to be.

Until, encouraged by her best friend to join a dating app, she meets Alex. He's irresistibly handsome. He loves the same music as her. The same food as well. They both dream of travelling the world but agree they'd be equally happy escaping to a cottage by the beach in Devon. Both of them would love to own a Labrador one day. It's like he's made for her. It's like he's too good to be true.

Hannah's friends aren't so sure about him. But Hannah thinks he's perfect.


Which is good. Because Alex knows she's perfect for him too. In fact, she's exactly the girl he's been looking for...

And nothing Hannah's done to make her life safe will ever be enough.

Reviews for Sue Watson

'I had to pick my jaw firmly up from the floor when I sadly finished this fantastic novel, I started reading it on Friday night and couldn't take myself away from it until the wee small hours. I was captivated from start until finish' Goodreads Reviewer,



'Wow wow wow I have no words for this book, I could not put it down! A gripping, on the edge of your seat page turner!... I felt like my blood pressure was up the whole way though this!' Goodreads Reviewer, 

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

332 pages | Pub Date 16/10/2020 | 9781838885113 | Unagented



Unfaithful Natalie Barelli

For fans of Shari Lapena and CL Taylor

An Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

Natalie is a self-published Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of knockout psychological thrillers such as *The Loyal Wife*, *The Accident* and *The Housekeeper*. I've long been a fan of her books, which have seen huge success in the US in a very competitive area of the market, and it took me over a year to persuade her to join us. She brings to Bookouture a huge existing audience of super-engaged readers and her totally gripping read-in-one-sitting psychological thrillers really pack a punch. She's exactly the kind of savvy, switched on and adaptable talent that really thrives in our care.

Retail Description

When I arrive unannounced at my husband's studio in need of a shoulder to cry on after hearing that my best student, Alex, has died, I see a pair of wineglasses drying by the sink and my deepest fear is confirmed: my husband is having an affair.

Most women would fall to their knees in tears and throw him out of the house – but I just can't bring myself to do it.

Instead, I go home and cook a healthy dinner for our children, walk the dog and unload the dishwasher without complaint. I will make him see that I'm still the woman he married; attractive, successful, the glue that holds our perfect family together. I need this marriage to work to protect a terrible secret of my own, something that would destroy everything I've already sacrificed so much for.

But when the police arrive at my door asking questions about Alex's death that I can't answer, and threatening text messages start appearing on my phone, I know that someone close has been watching me very carefully.

The truth is, there are three people in my marriage, but only one of them is deadly...

Reviews for Natalie Barelli

'OH. MY. WOW. What a fantastic book!... steal it, buy it, borrow it or do whatever you need to do to make this book your next great read!... I promise you will not be disappointed!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Awesome!! I finished it in 24 hours... It pulls you in at the beginning, and just keeps going full force... with pure edge-of-your-seat suspense, along with crazy "wtf" moments... keeps you flipping pages, with an ending that you absolutely will NOT see coming.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

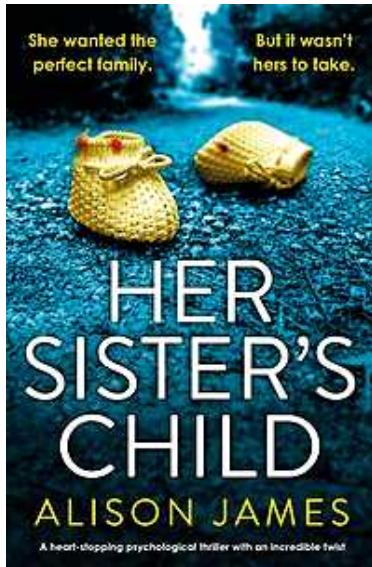
Author Biography

Natalie lives with her family in Australia, where she is forever thinking about new ways of killing people and getting away with it. Before writing full time, Natalie was an IT consultant. Favorite past time? Reading fabulous thrillers, otherwise known as research. And when she's not absorbed in the latest gripping page-turner, Natalie loves to cook, knits very badly and spends far too much time at her computer. Also she'd like to get a dog.



Crime Thriller

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Her Sister's Child Alison James

Previous Translation Publishers
Profil Kitap (Turkish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Heidi Perks and Lisa Jewell

Alison's books have sold over 310,000 copies since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Alison James hit the charts in 2018 as the bestselling author of the Detective Rachel Prince series and her second novel, *Now She's Gone*, was long-listed for the prestigious McIlvanney Prize. In 2020, her standalone psychological thriller *The Man She Married* shot into the bestseller charts. Alison's captivating new psychological thriller *Her Sister's Child* is sure to delight fans of *The Man She Married* and anyone who loves gripping, twisty suspense. It asks what you would do to get the life you've dreamed of and – if it was taken from you – what you would do to get it back. As always, Alison's writing is super-slick and highly addictive, hooking the reader with a firecracker of an opening and keeping them in her thrall until the last page. *Her Sister's Child* is sure to be another smash-hit.

Retail Description

Sixteen years ago, Lizzie Armitage woke to find her newborn baby gone. Just days later, Lizzie was dead.

Her sister Paula swore she would do everything she could to find the child. If she hadn't promised to keep Lizzie's pregnancy secret, maybe the baby wouldn't have disappeared. And maybe Lizzie would still be alive. But, in nearly a decade, Paula's never found any trace. Until now...

When Paula bumps into an old friend from the past, she realises she wasn't the only one who knew about her sister's child. Someone knows what happened that day. Someone knows where Lizzie's baby went.

But can Paula find out the truth before another family is ripped apart?

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

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



Crime Thriller

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She Lies Alone Laura Wolfe

For fans of Ruth Ware and Lisa Jewell

Editor's Note

Laura Wolfe demonstrates once again why her books are reviewed so consistently enthusiastically with her absolutely standout writing. She skilfully balances rising tension and suspense with detailed atmosphere and affecting character detail, so readers will be completely absorbed in her plot while also feeling a genuine connection to Jane and Elena. I instantly fell in love with this book when I first read it, and I am sure that readers will feel the same.

Retail Description

Jane Bryson obeys the rules. A long-standing science teacher at Ravenswood High School, she lives a simple life with her husband Craig and Moose the black Labrador. When free-spirited new English teacher Elena Mayfield joins Ravenswood, Jane's excited to have a friend who is ready to challenge authority, and Elena's soon shaking things up.

When Elena starts a controversial club, Jane is ready to support her. When Elena begins an illicit romance with a colleague, Jane is there to help her shield her secret. When people begin asking questions about Elena, Jane backs her all the way.

But the morning after the annual fundraiser, Elena's body is found crumpled on the soccer field.

It soon becomes clear that not everyone found Elena charming and funny. A thousand people were at the fundraiser: there's a town full of suspects and a long list of motives. Who was angry with Elena? What had her curiosity and rule-breaking uncovered? Who wanted to shut her up?

Who has told lies they would kill to hide?

Reviews for Laura Wolfe

'WOW!!!! I have not read a book this good some time! It had me hooked from the very beginning and I could not stop till I finished! I had to keep going, had to know how this ended! Laura Wolfe really knows how to catch a reader's attention... I cannot wait to read more by her!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is a hidden gem of a novel!! A stonking good read, that kept me guessing. It is not predictable like many books of this genre. Definitely worthy of 5 stars!!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Doctor's Wife Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Sheryl's previous psychological thrillers have sold over 400,000 copies and reached the top 10 in the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

I'm thrilled to be working with bestselling psychological thriller author, Sheryl Browne on her latest gripping tale of family drama, small town secrets and twists that reader absolutely won't see coming. This is Sheryl's seventh book for Bookouture. This book sees Sheryl revisiting familiar territory – a seemingly perfect family living with a big secret.

Retail Description

Emily is the woman everyone looks up to. Smart, beautiful and married to the town's most eligible man, local GP, Jake, she seems to have the perfect life. But Emily just read an email she wasn't supposed to. And now she thinks her husband is having an affair. And as she looks around at her friends and neighbours, she only has one thing on her mind... who is the woman sleeping with her husband?

Working alongside Jake at the local surgery, Emily monitors his whereabouts closely, and it soon becomes clear that her perfect husband has been keeping secrets from her. She knows the signs of a liar because she's been keeping secrets for years.

As Emily delves into the lives of the people she used to trust, she soon discovers that not everyone is who they seem. And when notes begin to drop through the doors of their friends and colleagues, threatening to expose secrets of everyone in the small town, fingers point to Emily. After all, she's the one with access to everyone's private history.

And when Emily becomes the town's local pariah, she doesn't know who she can trust anymore. One thing is for sure, she didn't send those letters, but when the culprit is exposed, nobody is expecting what happens next. Emily's little secret is about to be revealed and her perfect life will never be the same again.

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'Shocking, brilliant page-turner!!!... A stunning thriller... This book will grip you immediately and by the last twenty percent, shock you, scare you and make your heart beat right out of your chest!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gripping and hard to put down. I spent an entire day reading it. One of the best thrillers I've read in a long time!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 20/11/2020 | 9781838888695 | Unagented



The One Before Miranda Smith

For fans of Ruth Ware, Joshilyn Jackson and Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen

Editor's Note

Stories about distrust between partners are a classic in psychological suspense for a reason – that sense that the person closest to you in the world might be hiding something is deliciously gripping. In *The One Before* Miranda Smith dials that tension up to an unbearable pitch, when Madison moves to her charming, kind, gentle fiancé Cooper's hometown only to learn that everyone there thinks he killed his first girlfriend years before. The revelations come thick and fast through the book, with a midway twist that will completely shock readers, all married with Miranda's excellent writing, strong characterisation and her brilliant depiction of a small US rural town that is entirely genteel on the surface – but hiding so much darkness underneath...

Retail Description

Madison can't wait to move to Whisper Falls with her fiancé Cooper. They may not be moving for the best reasons – they may be fleeing due to the terrible mistake she made – but it's the chance for a fresh start. Their whole life is ahead of them: new jobs, new love, new friends, the support of his family.

But Cooper has a past. His beautiful, spirited high-school girlfriend Celia drowned, and there are still some in the town who think he was responsible. Madison loves Cooper. She trusts him. But as she walks around Whisper Falls, she can hear people talking, people turning away from her. She has to know the truth.

And there is someone in town who has never forgiven Cooper. Someone who will do whatever it takes to make sure he pays—and the best way to do that is through Madison.

As Madison struggles to find out what really happened, she has no idea of the danger she's in.

Is she right about the man she plans to marry? Or will her doubts save her life?

Reviews for Miranda Smith

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

'Boy did I enjoy it!! My heart was racing throughout... I didn't relax until the end. And what an ending it was!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

276 pages | Pub Date 4/11/2020 | 9781838889371 | Unagented



The Perfect Liar Beverley Harvey

For fans of *The Girlfriend*, *The Holiday* and *Something in the Water*

Editor's Note

We've all watched on, powerless, as one of our friends makes a romantic decision we just know will end badly. But very few of us have watched one of our friends fall for a man who, it turns out, is lying to her about everything he is – and is very possibly a killer. This is the chilling scenario Bev puts the characters of *The Perfect Liar* in, and with her razor-sharp characterisation and fast-paced plotting, drives to an electrifying conclusion. As soon as I read this book I knew it could and should be a bestseller. It's the perfect twisted holiday read and you'll be racing to finish it.

Retail Description

Harry is the perfect holiday romance. He's handsome, charming, sophisticated. Except everything he's told you is a lie.

The month in Tuscany was meant to be a relaxing getaway for Susanne and her two best friends. Meeting handsome fellow holidaymaker Harry, and the passionate fling they embark on, is just the icing on the cake.

But Harry is not who he says he is.

He has a plan, and Susanne is at the heart of it. Win her over, turn her against her friends, make her see he's the only one who can make her happy. Then she will become his ticket to the luxurious life he craves. He has done terrible things to get this far – nothing will stop him now.

And not even Harry could plan for what happens next.

As Susanne's friends fight for Susanne's affection, hostility builds in the villa along with the heat until it erupts in a devastating act of violence. But a worse betrayal is yet to come – from the last place any of them expected...

Reviews for Beverley Harvey

'A very skilled, wise, and intuitive writer, who creates fully-fleshed, highly relatable characters... Will keep you hooked to the very last page!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Shocking. It's very clever storytelling... A fantastic read which I heartily recommend.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Born in Yorkshire, and raised in Kent, Beverley currently lives in West Sussex with her partner and their adorable terrier. When not writing, you'll find her reading, walking the dog or listening to rock music.



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 6/11/2020 | 9781838889562 | Unagented



The Stranger in My Bed Karen King

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

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

Author has sold over 20,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

This is Karen King's first psychological crime novel and it 100% delivers. The premise – of a husband with amnesia and a wife who remembers his abuse but finds herself in a situation where she has to be his carer – is so powerful; and the pacy, relatable, commercial writing is sure to set Karen up as a big new author in this area.

Retail Description

'I'm calling from the hospital. We have a patient who has been involved a serious accident. The only name he seems to remember is yours.'

When Freya met Phil, she'd believed he was the man of her dreams. He bought her roses every week, booked surprise holidays to sun-soaked destinations, and showed her affection like she'd never experienced before. But over time the dream had become a violent nightmare. And Freya was making secret plans to escape their increasingly-broken marriage.

But then Freya gets a call from the hospital. Phil's been in a horrific car crash and remembers nothing since getting back from their blissful honeymoon two years before, back when their relationship was perfect. Now all he wants is to start their marriage over again.

Freya knows taking him back could be dangerous. But now he's the one who needs her, it's a chance to turn the tables, and to change the outcome of their relationship once and for all.

But what really happened during those two years of marriage? And as they start over again; who is safe? And whose life is in danger?

Reviews for Karen King

'I really can't begin to tell you how much I adored this book. It is ideal escapism at its best...' By the Letter Book Reviews,



'Wonderful!! I absolutely loved it!... I was hooked!... If I could give it more than 5 stars I would!!' Stardust Book Reviews,



Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Missing Woman Georgina Cross

Previous Translation Publishers
Euromedia (Czech)

For fans of We Were Mothers, Kerry Fisher and Big Little Lies

Top UK 20 bestselling author

Editor's Note

The Missing Woman is the outstanding follow-up to Georgina Cross's phenomenal debut, The Stepdaughter. Cross's first novel exploded onto the psych thriller stage, reaching #13 in the UK just six days after publication. Can she do it again? The answer is absolutely yes. The Missing Woman is super fast-paced, small-town suspense with a twist you'll never see coming. I had shivers up my spine whilst reading it and my heart was absolutely thumping when I reached the conclusion. Georgina Cross is one to watch!

Retail Description

They live in the big houses on the pretty street. Those other women, as we call them. And to think I used to want to be like them, to have their money and happiness, to live and laugh and play like them. Not anymore.

It's the fourth of July and tonight the whole town will be watching the firework display at the neighborhood pool. The single moms like me can gossip by the side and feed our kids juice boxes, chips and homemade sandwiches. Across from us are the other women, who live in the big houses with their perfect husbands. Women like Sabine Miller. We don't mix.

But tonight, when the whole town is gathered by the water, Sabine shoots me the most desperate look before picking up her bag and exiting through the back gate. When I head towards her, all I find is an old bracelet she dropped on her way out.

Hours later, I wish I'd run faster. Sabine is declared missing, her husband is desperate and the whole town goes out searching the nearby streets and woods, calling her name. I may have been the last person to see her alive, but there's something I can't tell anyone yet. Not my best friends, not the police or even my boyfriend. Something that happened a long time ago between me and Sabine.

Can you keep a secret?

Reviews for Georgina Cross

'Awesome book! I Absolutely LOVED this book!! I liked the characters and the story was so good, the ending got me. All in all, a Great read.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

'Great read!!!... Outstanding writing and it kept me hooked right until the last twist on the last page!' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

I've been writing since I was a kid, and I have the notebooks and floppy discs to prove it! After graduating from Louisiana State University, I founded a non-profit named Susie's Wish, which sends people with life-threatening illnesses to the beach, and I currently work in workforce development and marketing & communications. My husband David and I live with our combined family of four sons in Alabama. When everyone is sleeping, I get to write: my fingertips hit the keyboard and my imagination can run wild.



Crime Thriller

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The Other Mothers M.M. Chouinard

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

For fans of Gregg Olsen, Christopher Greyson and Teresa Driscoll

Author has sold over 260,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in top 80 in the US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Fans called M.M. Chouinard's previous novel 'the perfect thriller', and with *The Other Mothers* she proves that it is indeed possible to improve on perfection. *The Other Mothers* is a deliciously twisty thriller focused on the lives of three women living in the well-to-do Harristown, Massachusetts, where everyone is desperate to keep up appearances. When one of their daughters is found dead, secrets begin to fall out of their closets quicker than they can be shoved back in. M.M. Chouinard delivers us a modern, psychologically astute *Desperate Housewives*, where the reader will find themselves glad not to be one of 'the other mothers' even though they seem to have it all. Chouinard reminds us that we don't all know what goes on behind closed doors, and that the more perfect the life on the surface, the darker the secrets beneath...

Retail Description

It's a crisp spring morning when the small-town community around Briar Ridge Elementary School is shattered by devastating news. Bright and shy five-year-old Nicole has disappeared at playtime.

Nicole's mother, Gia, is lost in her grief. On the same day her baby girl vanished, Gia found out she was pregnant with the sister Nicole had begged for. Gia is also devastated that her best friend Karen was supervising the playground when Nicole was taken. And when Nicole's body is discovered, Gia can't help but ask: why didn't Karen protect her little girl?

Someone knows what happened in school that day and Detective Jo Fournier is determined to find the truth. Jo's little nieces also attend Briar Ridge and Jo would cross mountains to keep them safe. As she starts to dig into the mothers' secrets, she begins to wonder if anyone is telling the truth. Gia's been hiding a part of herself for years and Jo can tell it's eating her apart. And Karen is definitely lying—but what is more important than finding the killer of her best friend's daughter?

As Gia and Karen struggle with their guilt, a teacher at Briar Ridge dies in what looks like a tragic accident. But with two deaths in such a short time, Jo knows better than that. In this school, where soccer moms flock to the gates with cookies for teachers, someone is willing to kill to keep a secret. The only question is who.

Reviews for M.M. Chouinard

'Had me hooked from the first page to the last with a heart wrenching story and explosive conclusion. I love psychological thrillers and police procedural with strong female leads so I felt as if I won the Jackpot with this one.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Just WOW!! The twists I just didn't see coming... The story was crazy SO CRAZY!!! That if you think you can guess what is going to happen you will be sadly mistaken!!... I loved every second of it.' Crossroad Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

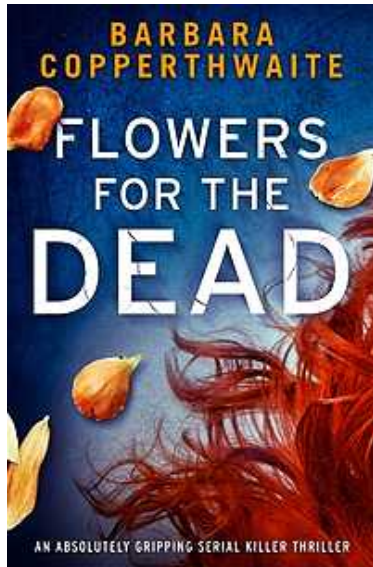
M.M. Chouinard's first fiction story was published in her local paper when she was eight, and she fell in love with Agatha Christie novels not long after. While pursuing a Ph.D in psychology and helping to found the first U.S. research university of the new millennium, the stories kept rattling around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



Crime Thriller

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Detective Jo Fournier 4
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Flowers for the Dead

Barbara Copperthwaite

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Caroline Kepnes and Samantha Dowling

Previous title **The Darkest Lies (95,000)** reached the Top 50 on the Kindle CA, UK and US charts

Editor's Note

An undiscovered self-published gem in this bestselling author's backlist, we are republishing *Flowers For the Dead* with a fresh new look and marketing spend to bring this sensational crime thriller to more readers. An unusual twist on the serial killer thriller, this hair-raising and eerily relatable page-turner will have you rethinking everything you think you know about stalkers and serial killers.

Retail Description

Adam is the perfect boyfriend. He pays attention, he buys flowers. He knows everything about Laura and looks after her every need. He cooks, he cleans – he even does the dishes without being asked.

But Laura has never met Adam. Still grieving after a devastating car crash that killed her family, she's forgetful and struggling to pull her life together. She'd be horrified to know the depth of this unsettling fantasy in which she is the star. But there's no denying the chill she feels every time she finds another elaborate bouquet on her doorstep, or wakes in the night sensing she is not alone.

Adam has been watching her every move, and now it's time to act. Except, there's one little detail he's missed: Laura has been watching him too.

After everything she's been through, Laura's ready to fight back and stop being the victim in her own life story. But in Adam's world, there are no happy endings...

Reviews for Barbara Copperthwaite

'A darkly addictive and creepy page turner that had me on the edge of my seat... the last few chapters were breathtakingly shocking with developments I hadn't been expecting and the final pages were absolutely brilliant, leaving me with goosebumps!' My Chestnut Reading Tree, ★★★★★

'Compelling, claustrophobic and horribly believable – a great read!' B.A. Paris, author of *Behind Closed Doors* and *The Breakdown*

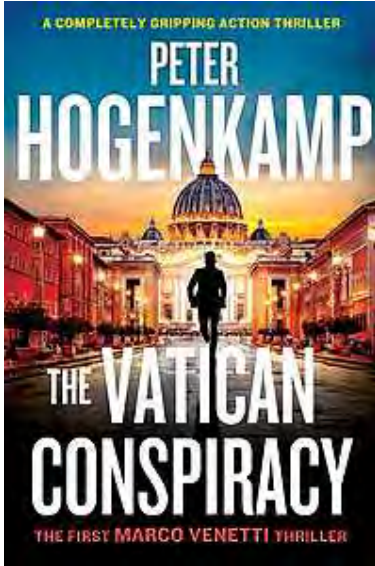
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

384 pages | Pub Date 16/9/2020 | 9781800190863 | Unagented



The Vatican Conspiracy Peter Hogenkamp

For fans of Joel C. Rosenberg, Tom Clancy and Steven Konkoly

First in the Marco Venetti Thriller series

Editor's Note

Can a man of God be a man of action? This is a thriller unlike anything I've read before. The Bookouture team have nicknamed it Jesuit Jack Reacher and that gives you some idea of the joys contained within. It's so rare to find an author who can write cracking action sequences, and when I read the opening – which pits a man armed with a spear gun against a whole host of baddies on a boat – I knew I had to publish it. Peter is a well connected writer who knows the places he's writing about. He's a practising Catholic, and I love how he treats the conflict at the heart of the church with great sensitivity, while also delivering a gripping thriller.

Retail Description

It is an ordinary day in Marco Venetti's quiet coastal parish – but the woman who's come to confess is not ordinary. Marco has always been drawn to beautiful Elena, and she brings news that will shatter his peace.

Elena's sister and daughter have been kidnapped, to force her to bring a gang of ruthless men into the country – if she doesn't, her family will be brutally killed. But if she obeys, many more innocents will die... In her desperation she turns to Marco, knowing his time in the military has given him the skills she needs. Determined to protect her, Marco draws on the violent past he has tried to forget.

A terrifying battle on a rocky island offshore leaves no survivors. But after the last man is dead, Marco finds a note on one of the men's bodies, a map that reveals their ultimate goal: a deadly terrorist attack on the Vatican City itself.

Marco and Elena find themselves racing to reach the Vatican City, and stop the deadly threat against the pope. But Marco quickly realises that his mission isn't over. Accompanied by a CIA assassin, Marco must prevent a deadly weapon falling into the wrong hands or see a truly apocalyptic outcome. Once more he must confront his own darker nature, and decide whether a man of God can justify going to war...

Reviews for Peter Hogenkamp

'An exhilarating action thriller of a priest thwarting terrorist activities. The plot is authentic and the narrative is fast-paced and engaging. The settings are beautifully described. I look forward to reading the sequels.' DP Reads, ★★★★★

'The Vatican Conspiracy is a great novel. I am shocked this is Peter Hogenkamp's debut novel. I cannot wait for the next book in the Macro Vanetti series.' Just Read Jess, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Peter Hogenkamp was born in upstate New York and attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He graduated in 1986 and was exiled to Europe for three years by his premedical adviser, for which he will be grateful the rest of his days. Supposedly teaching chemistry and algebra in Salzburg, Austria, he traveled extensively and made many a lifelong friend. When he isn't writing or hiking with his strong-willed Cairn Terrier, Hermione, Peter practices medicine with his lovely wife, Lisa, hosts Your Health Matters, and tends to his four children.



Crime Thriller

344 pages | Pub Date 20/10/2020 | 9781838888428 | Unagented

A Marco Venetti Thriller 1



Final Second 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

This fantastic and pulse-pounding thriller is one that readers will not be able to put down. A man on a mission, non-stop action, twists you won't see coming... this novel has them all. One not to miss!

Retail Description

Sometimes it takes a stranger to find a killer...

In a small farming town in rural Wisconsin – where generations of families have lived in peace for decades – no one expects trouble to come calling.

But then a farmer's beautiful young wife is found brutally murdered, with a chilling calling card that suggests she's just the first victim of a serial killer. And the FBI elect not to send one of their own. Instead they send a stranger to town – former Royal Marine turned mercenary, Grant Fletcher. And they're giving him no choice. Find the killer. Because we know what you've done.

With the threat of the executioner's chair hanging over him, Fletcher finds himself in an impossible situation – and a race against time. Catch a murderer whose killings are escalating with every day that passes. Or face certain death...

Reviews for John Ryder

'Fasten your seat belts and hold on tight... Grabs you and pulls you full throttle into his pulse-pounding, gripping and exciting thriller.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Outstanding... Grips you from the start to the end... A fantastic book... Move over Jack Reacher.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

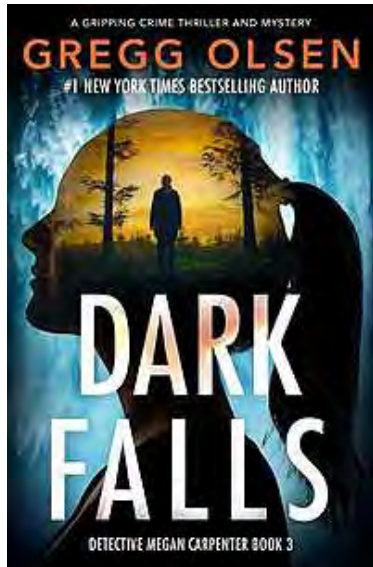
After serving my time as a joiner, I have dug drains, slated roofs and built bridges to put food on the table. Since 2000 I have run a busy hotel and wedding venue near Gretna Green. I have a teenage son and when not working, reading or writing, I enjoy socialising with family and friends.



Crime Thriller

306 pages | Pub Date 5/10/2020 | 9781838887971 | Unagented

A Grant Fletcher Thriller 2



Dark Falls Gregg Olsen

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

A multi-million New York Times, USA Today and Amazon #1 bestselling author

Editor's Note

A New York Times, USA Today and Amazon Number One bestselling author, Gregg Olsen constantly dominates the Amazon bestseller charts. Dark Falls is the third book in the Detective Megan Carpenter series which has sold over 200,000 copies so far. Megan is a character with a terrifying past, the daughter of a serial killer, she was on the run with her brother and created a new identity for herself. This series is incredibly distinctive and readers have really invested in Megan's character.

Retail Description

They say your past can come back to haunt you. For Detective Megan Carpenter, her past might just come back to kill her.

Detective Megan Carpenter is no stranger to horrifying crime scenes, but when she arrives at the home of a woman whose body has been brutalized, Megan is shocked to discover that she knows the victim. Monique Delmont helped Megan when she was in danger years ago. And the killer has left a disturbing calling card... two laminated photographs of a sixteen-year-old high school girl – Megan.

Someone is taunting her in the worst way possible and Megan is convinced she knows who is responsible. She just has to find him. With the help of her new partner, Deputy Ronnie Marsh, Megan begins to unravel the clues that will lead them to the killer including links to three female murder cases from nearly twenty years ago – one of which was Monique's daughter.

But to protect those closest to her, Megan must continue to hide the dark truth of her past, even if that means lying to her team about her connection to Monique. When two photographs of a teenage Megan are found at her boyfriend's place in Snow Creek, she knows the killer is circling and ready to strike again.

Can she get to him before he finds her? And will she pay the ultimate price for trying to keep her terrifying past buried?

Reviews for Gregg Olsen

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

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

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 4/12/2020 | 9781800193116 | Susan Raihofer, David Black Literary Agency

Detective Megan Carpenter 3



Find My Child Wendy Dranfield

For fans of Robert Galbraith

Previous title, *Who Cares If They Die*, sold 5,000 copies

Editor's Note

I knew I wanted to be Wendy's publisher the moment I read her cover letter. In just a few short paragraphs there was no doubt in my mind that she was smart, creative, commercially-savvy, brimming with ideas, digitally-focused and not afraid of hard work. It almost didn't matter to me what the book was like, I just knew she was right for Bookouture, through and through. Luckily for me, the manuscript attached left no doubt in my mind. Maddison and Nate are absolutely unforgettable, and it's the perfect first in series because there is SO MUCH mystery and heartbreak to unpack in their backstories. And don't even get me started on their complicated and addictive chemistry...

Retail Description

When disgraced former Detective Madison Harper arrives at a remote small-town summer camp in Shadow Falls, northern California, her heart breaks for Jenny, the innocent little girl last seen splashing in the lake with her friends before she vanished. Driving past a silent line of wood cabins covered in bunting, Maddison knows this idyllic place is hiding a terrible secret.

The girl's parents are distraught, and the local police have no leads – they desperately need Maddison's help. But Maddison needs them too; she's agreed to help Private Investigator Nate Monroe find Jenny in return for his help clearing her name after she was framed for a crime she didn't commit and kicked out of the police force. Cracking this case is the only way back to the son she lost to the care system as a result.

But with the camp staff keeping tight-lipped and her new partner on the edge of a breakdown, Maddison keeps hitting dead ends – until she discovers a disturbing family portrait Jenny did at the local library. Was this sweet child more troubled than anybody knew? Was she in danger from those she trusted most?

When the trail leads her to a waterfall high up in the mountains, and into a deadly trap, will she realise her fatal mistake in time? And will she find this innocent little girl alive?

Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

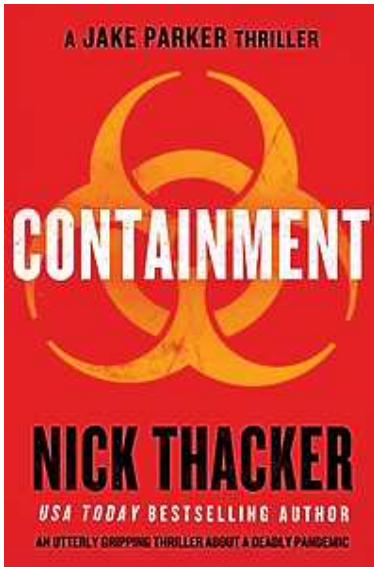
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

362 pages | Pub Date 25/1/2021 | 9781800191310 | Unagented



Containment Nick Thacker

For fans of David Baldacci, Jason Kasper and Tim Tigner

Nick is a USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

When Nick and I were discussing the idea for this book, we had no idea a pandemic was about to sweep the world. But it has, and it makes Nick's fast-paced, full-throttle novel an even greater delight! Jake Parker is the best kind of action hero, and his calm, unfazed manner whether performing unauthorised autopsies or returning gunfire fulfils every wish for readers who want to escape their lockdown into a high-octane thriller.

Retail Description

At a remote detention centre on the US border, an innocent family has been found dead, killed by a bone-eating disease which has been weaponised by a ruthless organisation. A highly trained killer leaves no trace as he exits the compound. If his mission is successful, it will bring down the entire fabric of government.

Jake Parker has hung up his gun and detective's badge for good, unable to continue working for a corrupt police department that has cost him everything he held dear. Now, he'll fight for what he believes is right. And when he receives a call from an old acquaintance at Homeland security, he finds himself heading to the small border town to uncover the devastating plot aimed right at the heart of government. But with powerful forces ranged against him, Jake's early retirement might well become permanent.

Reviews for Nick Thacker

'I absolutely love the Harvey Bennett thrillers! Each book gets better and better. I anxiously look forward to each next instalment.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'What a ride this one is. This one got so exciting that I had to put the book down and walk away to slow my heart rate down. Each Harvey Bennett Thriller just gets better. Job well done, Nick. Can't wait for the next one.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Nick Thacker is the USA Today Bestselling Author of action-adventure thrillers and mysteries, including the Harvey Bennett Thrillers series. His stories are written in a fast-paced, punchy style. He lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, two kids, and two dogs.



Action Thriller

292 pages | Pub Date 10/9/2020 | 9781838887155 | Unagented

A Jake Parker Thriller



The Patriot Nick Thacker

For fans of David Baldacci, Jason Kasper and Tim Tigner

Nick is a USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

Ex-army, ex-detective, total badass. Jake Parker is back! The world first met Jake in Containment, the utterly sensational, action-packed thriller from Nick Thacker, and he blows us away (pun not intended) once more in The Patriot, a story guaranteed to have you totally glued to the pages!

Retail Description

It's the last thing ex-counterterrorism officer Jake Parker expects to hear from an old friend from West Point, Lt Colonel Douglas McDonnell. Officially, his wife Mel was an unlucky bystander during a terrorist attack no one could have anticipated, but Jake has always felt there was a missing part of the puzzle. When McDonnell tells him that he has been tracking the cell who claimed responsibility, it's Jake's opportunity to finally lay Mel's ghost to rest.

McDonnell believes that the cell is linked to one of the big pharma companies operating in Puerto Rico, and he has one task for Jake: find the link and take them down. But as soon as Jake arrives, the plan begins to crumble. Focused on targeting the cell members one at a time, the team on the ground won't listen to Jake's insistence that they look at the bigger picture.

When Jake meets Veronique, a bio-chemist working for one of the pharmaceutical companies, they hit it off, and when she confesses her fears that her company are manufacturing a drug for the US market with deadly side effects, he realises that the terrorists have moved beyond bombings, and more innocent lives than Mel's are going to be taken if he doesn't act fast. But with all sides against him, Jake is pushed as never before to take down two cunning operations before they take down the US population...

Reviews for Nick Thacker

'A fast-paced read that grabs you on the first page... Full of twists and turns, it will keep you on the edge of your seat from the first page. A definite page-turner that I couldn't put down until the very last page!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'If you seek a book that is filled with action with a race against time, then Containment will be a right thrill for you. It'll have you on the edge of your seat. Great read! Definitely recommended for action thriller lovers.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Nick Thacker is the USA Today Bestselling Author of action-adventure thrillers and mysteries, including the Harvey Bennett Thrillers series. His stories are written in a fast-paced, punchy style. He lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, two kids, and two dogs.



Action Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 8/1/2021 | 9781838887179 | Unagented

A Jake Parker Thriller

Women's Fiction



Some Like It Greek Sue Roberts

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Carole Matthews, Jenny Colgan and Sophie Kinsella

**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' glorious escapist fiction brings joy to every reader (and she has over 100,000 of them!). Reading her books makes you long to befriend her delightful larger-than-life characters, and escape on a laughter, food and cocktail filled holiday to the Greek islands.

Retail Description

In the month-from-hell, incurable optimist Anna has lost her father and her job, and her trademark smile is dimming. Clearing out her dad's house, she discovers a postcard of a beautiful sandy beach and a map with a route plotted to the Greek island of Kefalonia. With an empty summer stretching ahead, Anna's eyes stray to her father's ancient camper van. Next thing she knows, she's hitting the road with friend Maria in tow, on a course from Salford to Skala!

Over the unforgettable summer, Anna and Maria make their rickety way along the sparkling Mediterranean coast to Greece, the hot sun shining down on their frequent mishaps with cheerful local characters. It's the trip of a lifetime, and scent of lemons in the air, as well as an unexpected romance, is just what Anna needs to awaken her inner Greek goddess.

But there are big surprises in store when they arrive at the island paradise, which could change both women's lives forever. And as summer comes to an end, Anna has to decide whether she has had enough of the Greek life, or whether it's only just beginning.

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!





Thank You, Next Sophie Ranald

Previous Translation Publishers
Albatross (Czech)

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

Her previous title Sorry, Not Sorry has sold over 245,000 copies

Editor's Note

Sophie Ranald, queen of the rom-com, is back with what is sure to be another smash hit. Thank You, Next is a love story with a difference. It's funny, feel good and has that all-important happy ever after, but it also deals with current issues and deeper subjects. Sophie never shies away from tackling bigger themes and her novels are always zeitgeisty, fresh, frank and totally on-point. You don't get more relatable than this – and I think that's exactly what readers are looking for in a romantic comedy. That, and lots of LOLs, which Sophie has in spades!

Retail Description

Zoe really doesn't want to die alone and surrounded by cats. But it's not looking good: she's had sex precisely twice in the last year, and her feline friend isn't the kind of male company she wants in bed...

Her top dating disasters include:

- 1) The guy who kissed her hand, took out a violin and serenaded her in public.
- 2) The guy who force-fed her oysters (she can confirm that they're not an aphrodisiac).
- 3) The guy who was so hungover he turned up with his t-shirt on inside out, sweating sambuca.
- 4) The guy who brought his actual kid on a dinner date.

And don't even get her started on the dick pics, or how on earth you're supposed to know whether a total stranger is an axe murderer or not.

She's ready to give up on the search for love, until her friend has an idea. Robbie lives by his horoscope, and he's sure she's got this dating stuff all wrong. He dares her to work her way through the zodiac until she finds The One.

Usually Zoe would laugh at such a suggestion, but desperate times call for desperate measures. Could love be written in the stars? Or is she destined to end up alone, eating take-out in bed and watching endless re-runs of Friends?

Reviews for Sophie Ranald

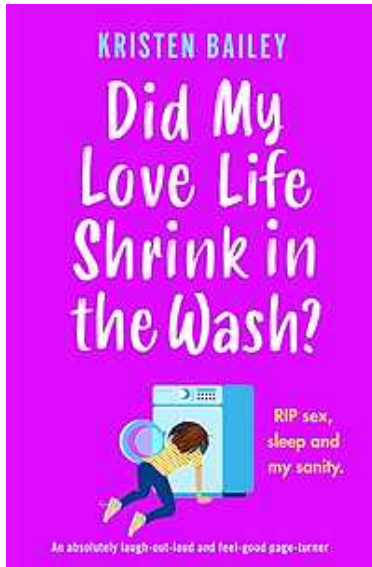
'SIMPLY BRILLIANT... I finished the book at 3:40 am and I was so happy that I lost my hours of sleep over this book. One of my great midnight reads.' Book Reviews by Shalini, ★★★★★

'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.





Did My Love Life Shrink in the Wash? Kristen Bailey

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

**From the author of top 10 Amazon bestseller, Has Anyone Seen My
Sex Life? Over 87,000 copies sold**

Editor's Note

I am not exaggerating when I say that Kristen Bailey is THE funniest writer I have ever had the pleasure of publishing. She makes me ugly laugh every time I edit one of her books, and I have learnt not to drink tea while I do so because I always end up spitting it out. Did My Love Life Shrink in the Wash? is no exception. Kristen gets straight to the heart of domestic set-ups – everyday scenarios of love, life and family – delivering them with a genius comic twist. Her writing is a powerful, winning combination of total relatability and that all-important laugh-out-loud factor. I have no doubt that this is going to be a big bestseller, just like all her previous books with us.

Retail Description

It's normal to wish that your baby came with a snooze button, right?

When I got pregnant, Will and I didn't have a clue what we were signing up for. It turns out that there's loads we weren't warned about:

- 1) In the middle of the night you'll be begging Siri for advice on getting your baby to sleep. (Whale music won't work.)
- 2) If you make the mistake of going to a nightclub you'll nod off, drool, and be woken up by an angry bouncer.
- 3) You'll spend more time spooning your child's cuddly donkey than your own boyfriend.
- 4) Communication with your other half will be through the medium of post-it notes on the fridge, mainly telling him to buy more milk.
- 5) Sex is something that happened in another dimension (even with the lights on and the covers on).

But even if I feel like I'm waiting for my motherhood powers to come in the post, at least I've got Will. Our old life (festivals, sambuca shots, an actual sex life – oh, how I miss you) might be a distant memory, but we can get through anything together, can't we? At least that's what I thought until, one day, Will walked out on us...

Reviews for Kristen Bailey

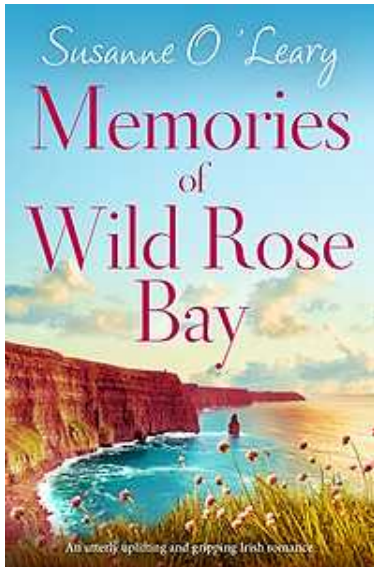
'Utterly utterly brilliant! Without a doubt THE funniest novel I have read in a long time.' For The Love of Books, ★★★★★

'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 Mslexia & Riptide. Her first two novels, Souper Mum and Second Helpings were published in 2016. In 2019, she was long listed in the Comedy Women in Print Prize and has since joined the Bookouture family. She writes women's fiction and she hopes her novels have fresh and funny things to say about modern life, love and family.





Memories of Wild Rose Bay Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Author has sold over 200,000 copies with Bookouture

Editor's Note

Susanne's bestselling Sandy Cove series has now sold more than 200,000 copies, and the books go from strength to strength. Book five in the series, *Memories of Wild Rose Bay*, is heartfelt and compelling, drawing you into Kate's story and the O'Rourke family from page one. As GP Kate learns about the legendary Irish healing in the Wild Atlantic Way, readers will fall in love with the shores of Sandy Cove once again.

Retail Description

When Kate O'Rourke takes up a temporary position as a doctor in Sandy Cove, she hopes spending time in the place where her father was from will help her find herself again. Ever since his passing she has felt lost, but she imagines the calming sound of the sea on the Irish coast will allow her to heal.

Kate immediately feels at home in the old surgery, and as she takes walks beside the camellia bushes along Wild Rose Bay and meets every resident in the tiny village, she feels like this is where she's meant to be. And when she's told about local healer Cormac O'Shea, she's excited to learn even more about the history of the area, and meet the man who every woman in town says is so charming.

But Kate quickly realises that she and Cormac have different ideas about how their patients should be treated. Kate is efficient and well-organised, whilst Cormac is wild and spontaneous, passionate about his ancestors' reliance on Irish healing. And their differences cause more sparks than Kate is prepared to admit.

Just as Kate and Cormac begin to understand one another, Kate's old life threatens to call her away from Sandy Cove forever. And she is finally forced to decide what life she wants to lead, and what kind of person she wants to be...

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

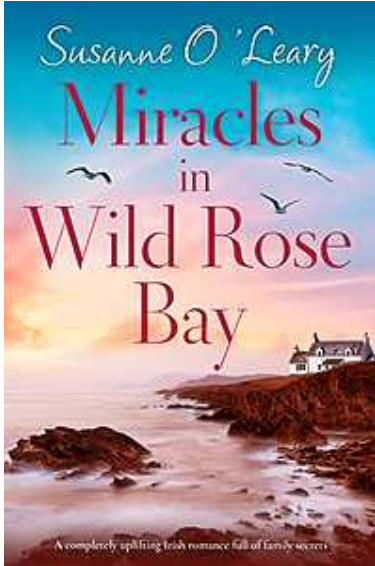
'I really wish I was still reading this book... I suppose I had to run out of pages at some point, at the rate I was devouring them... Perfect for these hot summer days... A pure joy to read... fabulous' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'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.





Miracles in Wild Rose Bay Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Author has sold over 200,000 copies with Bookouture

Editor's Note

The sixth book in the Sandy Cove series, which has swept thousands of readers away. Susanne's trademark Irish charm and likeable protagonists feature once again, as our lead, Tara, heads to Ireland from New York city on a photography assignment and uncovers a family secret.

Retail Description

Arriving in Sandy Cove to views of the shimmering ocean, Tara O'Rourke is excited to get to work. She's been sent from New York City to take photos of Ireland for a travel magazine, and she knows the perfect area to visit: the mysterious, picturesque Wild Rose Bay.

Staying in her sister Kate's sweet little cottage, the long nights and beach strolls inspire Tara. But Kate isn't pleased with Tara's assignment: she doesn't want the untouched beauty of the area spoiled by tourists. And when Tara ignores Kate and heads out on her own, she encounters more opposition from Kate's handsome friend Mick O'Dwyer.

Despite their differences, Tara soon finds herself captivated by Mick, and as he helps her research the area, they uncover a tumbledown farmhouse that holds a secret about Tara's family. Soon Tara is forced to make a choice: should she give up her story and the career she's always wanted, or the man and the country she's falling in love with?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'A sweet escape... Trust Susanne O'Leary to give me a book which was JUST PERFECT on a lazy rainy afternoon. Took me two hours to read. What a bliss to escape into the delightful locales of Sandy Cove.' Shalini's Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'A book you won't want to put down... Absolutely exquisite... Can make you laugh and cry. A brilliant feel-good story that I really needed.' Beyond the Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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What We Leave Behind Anna Mansell

Previous Translation Publishers
Heyne (German)

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

Author has sold over 55,000 copies to date and is a top 20 Amazon CA and top 70 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

With the most powerful themes of motherhood, loss and family secrets, this novel takes Anna Mansell to the next level. It's one of those stories you absolutely can't put down, I think because Anna has such a unique ability to get to the heart of a tragic storyline in a way that is also beautiful and ultimately uplifting. She's such a special writer, and this is her best book yet.

Retail Description

Imagine you get home one day... and waiting for you on your doorstep is a gift.

It is wrapped beautifully, and inside is a notebook, its pages empty. There is no message.

But its sender has a story to tell.

About a secret. About the little girl you once were. About everything you know about your family.

The gifts keep arriving. But when tragedy strikes – leaving your beloved only daughter fighting for her life – the person who has been sending the gifts will have no choice but to come forward. And to finally tell the truth.

Even if it's the very thing that will tear your family apart...

A heartbreakingly beautiful novel about motherhood, loss and family secrets.

Reviews for Anna Mansell

'Heartbreakingly good... An emotional, powerful and insightful story that should not be missed... Emotions are kept high throughout... Do not start before bed because you will be up half the night finishing it... Wonderfully believable characters, heart wrenching.' Shelley's Book Nook

'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, ★★★★★

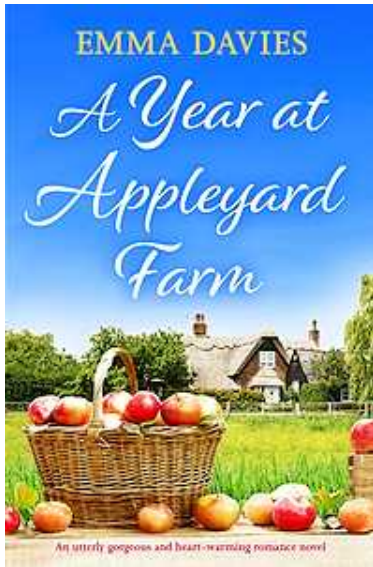
Author Biography

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!



Women's Fiction

394 pages | Pub Date 29/9/2020 | 9781800190009 | Unagented



A Year at Appleyard Farm Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Jenny Colgan, Lucy Diamond and Debbie Johnson

The Little Cottage on the Hill series has sold over 110,000 copies and reached the Top 100 on the Kindle CA and UK charts

Editor's Note

Previously self-published as four novellas, this title narrates the goings-on of Appleyard Farm and its inhabitants across the seasons of one year. Having sold over 110,000 copies of Emma's Little Cottage series, we were absolutely delighted when she agreed to give us the rights to these backlist women's fiction titles and the opportunity to republish them with a fresh and contemporary look. Escapist, utterly charming, and full to the brim with her signature warmth, Emma has written yet another story that whisks readers away into the beautiful English countryside and immerses them in the everyday lives of their characters. A gorgeous romance for every season, this book is sure to bring a smile to your face.

Retail Description

Life on Appleyard Farm is all Freya Sherbourne has ever known. Having spent her childhood playing in the emerald green meadows and berry picking until sunset, Freya intends to call the farmhouse home forever. But when her father suddenly passes away and Appleyard Farm goes up for sale, Freya's world comes crashing down.

Holding back the tears, she starts packing boxes while waiting for a buyer. Now the river no longer sparkles, and the apples taste a little less sweet. Until Freya learns the exciting news that her best friends Merry and Willow are moving nearby to open a local shop. And when someone from her past re-emerges, handsomer than ever and offering to mend the cracks in her broken heart, Freya's eyes begin to twinkle once again.

But falling in love is scary, especially when you don't know what the future holds. And when Freya discovers that her new love has been keeping a secret, one that threatens both their fragile relationship and the farm, she risks losing everything.

With the clock ticking, will Freya choose to follow her heart or save the farm? Or can she find a way to do both?

Reviews for Emma Davies

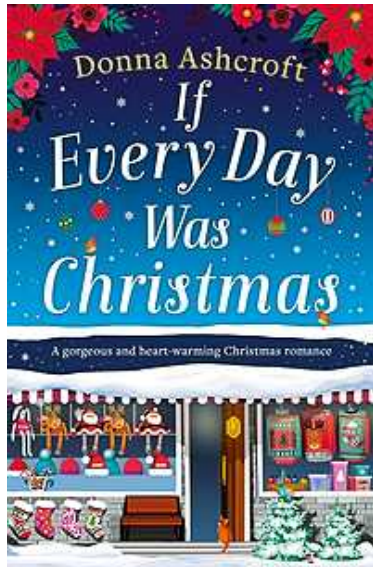
'Wow!!! Five stars is not enough for this book!... I did not put this book down!!... touched my heart on so many levels, that I feel my words are not enough!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'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.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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If Every Day Was Christmas Donna Ashcroft

Previous Translation Publishers
Heyne (German)

For fans of Nicola May and Milly Johnson

Donna has sold over 80,000 copies with Bookouture since we published her first book in 2018

Editor's Note

Donna's reviews and reception from her fans are always incredibly strong, and in her third Christmas book with Bookouture she demonstrates why once again – there's no one better at creating a cosy, inviting world that readers just want to curl up inside. You'll want to wander down the snowy streets of picturesque Lockton, buy a bauble for the tree at Meg's Christmas Shop, and stop in at the Apple Cross Inn for a mulled wine. Donna is fantastic at building a cast of loveable and quirky characters and weaving involving romances that will have you racing through the pages to find your happy ending, and *If Every Day Was Christmas* displays all of these skills and more. It's a true delight of a book, and I know readers will adore it as much as I do.

Retail Description

Meg Scott has promised to make a success of her first solo Christmas. She runs a year-round Christmas shop in the little Scottish village of Lockton, and is a fan of all things mulled, sparkly and festive. So when her warring family shows up on her doorstep, ready to spread discord and spite, Meg is determined not to let them ruin her favourite time of the year.

Meanwhile, Tom Riley-Clark has barely noticed the season. Called to the Highlands to help his old friend Davey at The Apple Cross Inn, he's ready to work hard and has no time for mince pies, tinsel or hanging a promise on the tree. Everyone is surprised when Christmas-loving Meg and grinch Tom start to get cozy under the mistletoe.

But Tom has a big secret about his past, and in a small town like Lockton it's hard to keep anything hidden for long. Will everything fall apart when Meg discovers who he really is? The pair are about to learn the hard way that some promises are impossible to keep...

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

'Oh how I loved this book. Spent my whole afternoon reading it and once I finished it, I was filled with joy... You get so involved with these characters... Honestly this was such a good book. Would recommend it to everyone.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I have absolutely loved this book, I couldn't put it down. Donna Ashcroft engaged me from the very start. This book is so good, I finished it in just two hours. Definitely deserves a five star rating. I love the writing style used in this book! Should be a must read for everyone.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

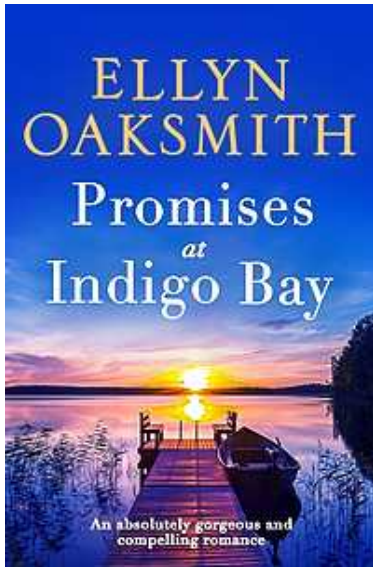
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Promises at Indigo Bay Ellyn Oaksmith

For fans of Robyn Carr and Debbie Macomber

USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

Ellyn Oaksmith brings us the second book in the Blue Hills series and it has all of the winning ingredients of the first: a stunning setting and gorgeous atmosphere; smart, complex characters that readers can get behind; and an involving romance that will keep you hooked until the final page. Just as comfortable with creating laugh-out-loud moments as tugging on your heartstrings, Ellyn's warm and confident voice is totally compelling. With this book, Ellyn takes us back to Lake Chelan, the setting for Summer at Orchard House. This time we follow Stella, who we met in Book 1, and watch her relationships with charming Italian Paolo and his slightly less charming family unfold...

Retail Description

Things are finally working out for Stella Gallagher. Underwhelmed by all the uninspiring men in her small town who she's known since grade school, she was beginning to give up on love altogether... until mysterious Italian Paolo Gentillo moved to Chelan. He's smart, kind, gorgeous and, most importantly, completely obsessed with her: Stella has finally found her match.

So why did Paolo have to ruin everything by proposing? It's way too soon. Stella wants to be with him, but now he's offering her a priceless family heirloom engagement ring and his formidable mother's coming all the way from Italy to meet her. And stay at her house. For a whole week. Stella tries to act thrilled, but there are things she hasn't told Paolo – she doesn't know how he's going to feel about her when he finds out about her past.

Suddenly it's all going wrong for Stella: Paolo's mother hates her, her best friend Carmen has let her down, and she's struggling under the weight of her secret. All she and Paolo do is fight, and she's never felt so alone. Forget the wedding – Stella is about to lose everything...

Reviews for Ellyn Oaksmith

'Wine? Romance? Beautifully written romantic tension, high personal stakes, and charming characters on every page? SIGN. ME. UP. This was my first read from Ellyn Oaksmith and I adored every word. I am already dreaming about the sequel. 5 Stars! Highly recommended.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Woohoo loved this book! I've found a new author to love. Her writing was so full of life, so descriptive... so many laugh out loud moments... I can't wait for Ellyn Oaksmith's next book!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

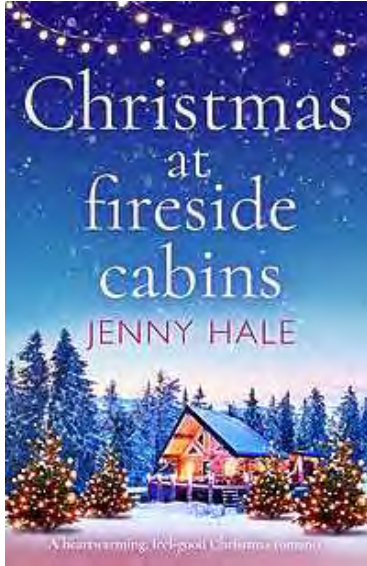
Ellyn Oaksmith is the USA Today and Kindle bestselling author of the Blue Hills Series, featuring the Alvarez family. After graduating from Smith College and attaining her MFA from The American Film Institute, Ellyn began her writing career as an award-winning screenwriter in Hollywood. Her books explore the same themes as her screenplays: grit, humor, family and love. Ellyn lives on one of Seattle's many hills with her husband and spends as much time as possible on the water as part of a competitive rowing team.



Women's Fiction

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Christmas at Fireside Cabins Jenny Hale

Previous Translation Publishers

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

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

Jenny has sold over 850,000 copies, top 15 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

No one does Christmas like Jenny Hale, and Christmas at Fireside Cabins is pure gold. Wrap yourself in a comfy blanket, grab a hot chocolate topped with marshmallows and treat yourself to a generous sprinkle of festive magic. What better way to spend Christmas than in a toasty, rustic cabin in the heart of Nashville's countryside, cosying up to hunky, sapphire-eyed café owner? I'm not complaining!

Retail Description

For Lila, Christmas is the toughest time of year – a heartbreaking reminder of losing her father, and just how lonely she is... That's why, every holiday season, she organizes a blissful getaway: just the remedy for the December blues.

Fireside Cabins, tucked away in the snowy Tennessee hills, seem like this year's perfect setting. But it's far from a winter wonderland—the crumbling cottage is falling apart and the owner, a widow called Eleanor, confesses that the cabins are on the brink of closure. Lila should pack her bags right there and then, but she can't bear to leave the tearful elderly woman. She clearly has no one, and Lila, more than anyone, knows how that feels...

In search of holiday cheer, Lila finds a local coffee shop. But the rugged, surly owner has an apparent aversion to Christmas, seeming downright angry when she asks for a peppermint latte. No one in the area knows who Theo is—but it's clear he's running from something...

Yet there's more to this small town than Theo's frosty reception. As much his coldness infuriates her, Lila can't deny that on the rare occasions when he does smile, it feels like coming home. And the cabins are just calling for some sparkle. Pinewood Hills could hold a new beginning for Lila... Can she save Fireside Cabins in time for Christmas? And – with a dusting of festive magic, spiced apple cider and sugarplum pie – could this be the first holiday she doesn't spend alone?

Reviews for Jenny Hale

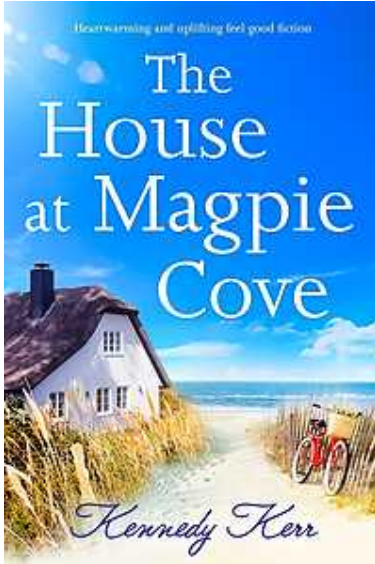
'I loved it so much. 5 stars just doesn't seem enough. I can honestly say it had me hooked from the first few lines. I could barely put the book down... the best book I have read in a long time.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'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 House at Magpie Cove Kennedy Kerr

For fans of Pamela Kelley, Susanne O'Leary, Debbie Macomber

Editor's Note

This is escapist fiction at its best – beachy, indulgent and ultimately uplifting – but it's also a very 'grown up' story about relationships, grief and motherhood too. Perfect for someone looking for an excellent women's fiction read that's also more emotionally satisfying than a standard romance.

Retail Description

"When Mara Hughes inherits her late mother's tumbledown beach house overlooking the bright, sandy sweep of Magpie Cove, it couldn't have come at a worse time. With her marriage on the rocks and her husband threatening to take the family home, the beach house – with all the bittersweet memories it holds – might be the thing that finally sends Mara's world crashing down around her. She tells herself she'll only spend a few days there: sell it and move on to figuring out how to rebuild her life.

When Mara arrives, the house is in a worse state than she feared – holes in the bedroom ceiling, birds' nests in the attic and the beautiful, wrap-around porch on the brink of collapse... but she loves it anyway. With all its history it feels like the last link to her late mother and, determined to do whatever it takes to keep it in the family, Mara strikes a deal with local handyman – and town heartthrob – Brian Oakley to save the crumbling cottage from ruin.

But when a box of unopened old letters arrives on her new doorstep – a bequest from her mother's will – Mara's resolve to save the beach house will be tested to the limit. Because Mara's mother's perfect childhood in Magpie Cove was forever spoiled by one haunting day in July, and the letters contain a secret about her family that Mara can scarcely believe to be true...

A story of secrets, family and forgiveness, this heartfelt summer read is perfect for fans of Pamela Kelley, The Hideaway and Liz Fenwick.

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

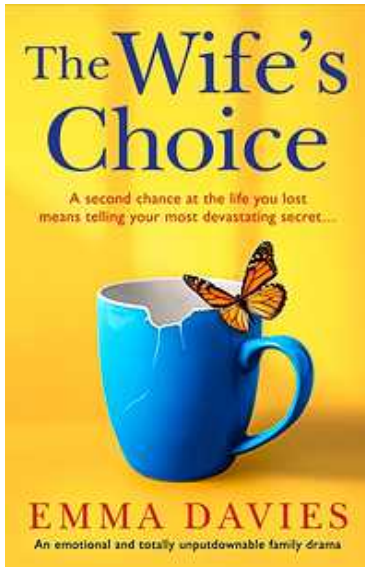
'Absolutely fantastic, had me gripped! Loved it! Can't wait for more from this author. Storyline was great, characters were easy to connect with.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'I really enjoyed this book. I liked the mystery – it really kept me guessing...' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Wife's Choice Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Amanda Prowse, Kerry Fisher and Jodi Picoult

My Husband's Lie reached the Top 50 in the Kindle UK chart. The Little Cottage series has sold over 110,000 copies

Editor's Note

This follow up to My Husband's Lie, Emma's hugely successful move into family drama, sees her taught, emotional, relatable writing really come into its own. She has an amazing way of making you care so much about each character and really feel every moment of the dilemmas and difficult choices she puts them through. There's always reconciliation and a happy ending in Emma's books, however, and I think that's something we all need right now!

Retail Description

Then: Twenty years ago, Alys' husband, Sam, was in a terrible car accident that left him fighting for his life. His recovery was slow and painful and, just at the point when Alys began to hope, he sent her away, refusing to see her ever again for reasons she could never understand.

Now: Married again and living in a new town with a new family, Alys feels like she's sleepwalking through life. She's just lost her job, her grown-up daughter is flying the nest, and her husband doesn't see – or even seem to care about – the downward spiral she is in.

But a chance encounter changes everything. As the life she could have had crashes into the one she settled for, Alys must decide whether or not to reveal the lie she's been telling everyone all these years. Will it tear apart the ones she loves, or could it set them free?

Reviews for Emma Davies

'A powerful and engrossing read!... a real page-turner... consumed me... I lost myself in the story... filled to the brim with secrets and lies... I absolutely loved this book. An engrossing, edge-of-your-seat read.' By the Letter Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'What. A. Book... such a perfect read... kept me glued from beginning to end. Even when I had to do my chores... A delightful book filled to the brim with suspense and emotions... a completely immersive read where I had to know how the book ended. Addictive and captivating.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

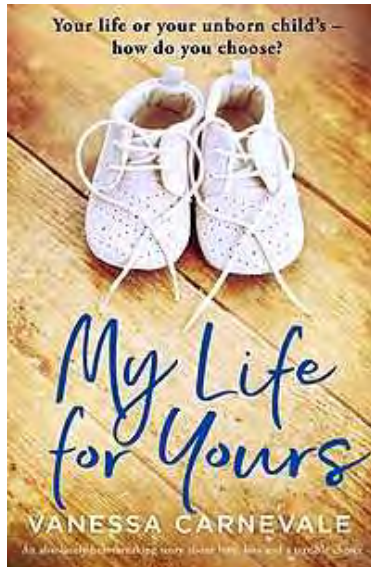
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Women's Fiction

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My Life for Yours Vanessa Carnevale

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Kelly Rimmer and Kate Hewitt

My Life for Yours sold 10,000 copies within a month of being published by Bookouture

Editor's Note

My Life for Yours is emotional women's fiction at its best. Full of warmth and heart, Vanessa brings to life her characters beautifully and, from the moment I started reading, I was fully invested in Paige and Nick's journey. You are right there with them as they face the unimaginable; you will laugh with them, cry with them and hope that, against all the odds, their end will be a happy one. It's a story that is both heartbreaking and heart-warming and I know readers everywhere will be as compelled by it as I was. My only suggestion is that you have a box of tissues at the ready – you're going to need them!

Retail Description

Paige never expected to meet the love of her life in a nursing home, but seven years on, Paige and Nick are happily married and ready for the next chapter in their lives. Paige has always wanted to be a mother, so when she eventually falls pregnant it feels like all her dreams are coming true.

But joy turns to despair when the couple discover too late that Paige has a rare, life-threatening heart condition. After suffering the unthinkable loss of her baby and nearly losing her own life, Paige is delivered the heartbreaking news that she may not be able to carry a future baby to term without risking her life and that of her unborn child.

Just as they begin to come to terms with their loss and the reality that they might not become parents after all, Paige unexpectedly falls pregnant again. She wants to keep the baby, but Nick is vehemently opposed. As a paediatric surgeon, he knows only too well that he could lose everything. As their marriage begins to fall apart, Paige must make a choice. If she has the baby she risks destroying the man she loves. But if she chooses to save herself, it might just destroy her.

Reviews for Vanessa Carnevale

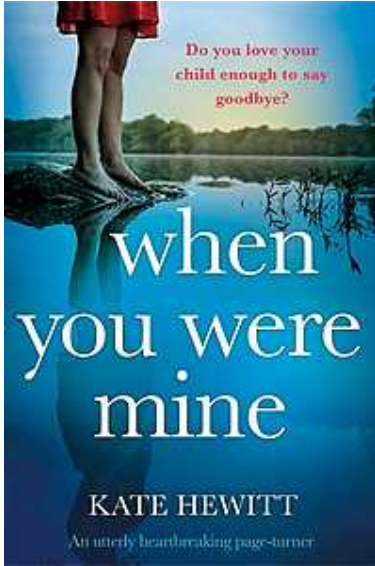
'Grabbed me from page 1 and it kept me on the edge of my seat. So heartbreaking... I can honestly say I have only cried a handful of times when I have read a book and this one got to me!! This was fantastic.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'An emotional and heartbreaking book and really makes you think about the heart wrenching choices some people have to make. Once I had started reading I couldn't put it down... be warned tissues will definitely be required.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Vanessa Carnevale is a women's fiction author, whose previous novels include The Memories of Us and The Florentine Bridge. She is also the host of Your Beautiful Writing Life retreats, held in Tuscany and Australia. Vanessa loves to travel, and spent several years living in Florence, Italy, a place she considers her second home. She lives in Australia with her husband and two children.





When You Were Mine

Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

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

For fans of Diane Chamberlain, Jodi Picoult and Jojo Moyes

Previous title **The Secrets We Keep (125,000)** reached the **Top 5** on the **Kindle CA** chart, **Top 50** on the **Kindle US** chart, and **Top 100** on the **Kindle UK** chart

Editor's Note

Every novel Kate writes I think is her best ever, but *When You Were Mine* completely blew me away. It's the story of a little boy, told by his mother and his foster mother. The two voices are both completely compelling, and your heart will be broken into smithereens as you seek to work out what is the best thing for Dylan. You'd need a heart made of stone not to fall in love with this powerful, important, and ultimately uplifting novel.

Retail Description

Single mother Beth loves her seven-year-old son Dylan with all her heart. He's her world. But life with Dylan isn't easy – and his emotional issues push Beth to her very limit. When a misunderstanding leads Dylan to be taken into foster care, she is determined to do whatever she can to get him back.

Mother of two, Ally has always dreamed of fostering – it feels like her chance to give back when she has been so lucky in life. But when Dylan joins their family, Ally finds herself struggling to balance his needs with those of her own children and husband – something Beth can't help but witness when she visits.

Beth wants nothing more than to find a way to bring her beloved child home. But where is the right home for Dylan? Is it with the mother he was born to? Or is a new mother the greatest gift Beth could give her son?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'Holy heck!!! Kate Hewitt brought her A-game with this must read... I was completely entranced... There were so many well-timed twists and turns and just when I thought I couldn't be surprised anymore, there was another bomb waiting to drop!!!... A complete 5 star novel that will most certainly "wow" you!' Steph and Chris' Book Review, ★★★★★

'A powerful, emotional and captivating book... very gripping... a fantastic story.' MoMo's Book Diary, ★★★★★

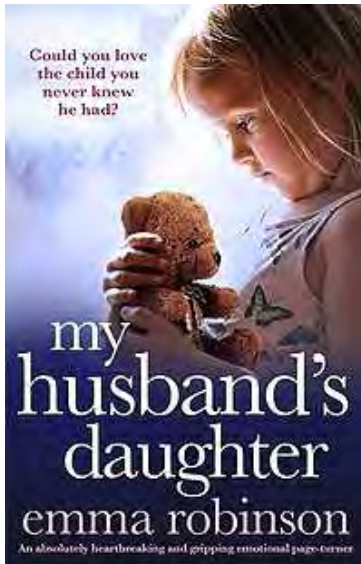
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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My Husband's Daughter Emma Robinson

For fans of Jojo Moyes, Jodi Picoult and Kate Hewitt

Author has sold over 40,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Imagine that your husband discovers he has a daughter he never knew about. And then that you might have to look after her. What would you do? Emma Robinson absolutely knocks it out of the park with this one - giving us a powerful, emotional, completely relatable and unputdownable story. It's one not to miss!

Retail Description

It is just past ten o'clock on a cold Friday evening when Rebecca and her husband Jack's doorbell rings. Outside is a woman who introduces herself as Jack's ex-girlfriend Cara. And she's holding the hand of a shivering, blue-eyed, four-year-old girl. Who she claims is Jack's daughter.

Rebecca is shocked to discover he has a child from his last relationship – even one he hadn't known about. Because becoming parents isn't part of their life plan. They like children, but they also love their freedom and spending time together uninterrupted; the way that, if they wanted to, they could travel the world at a moment's notice.

But Cara needs them. Because Cara has a devastating secret that she can't tell anyone yet. Not even her daughter. A secret with the power to change all of their lives.

A secret that will ultimately mean Rebecca has to ask herself – could she find it in herself to welcome her husband's child into her home, and into her heart?

A heartbreaking and powerful emotional women's fiction novel about love, friendship and what it truly means to be a parent.

Reviews for Emma Robinson

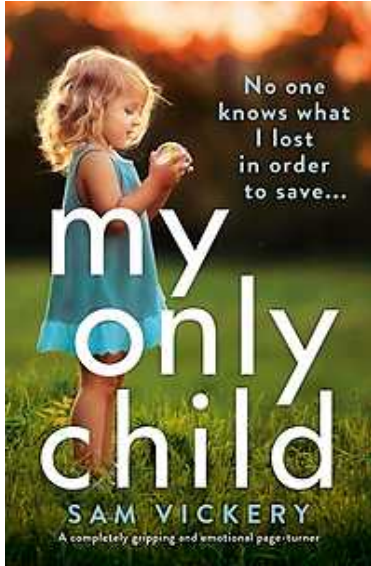
'I just loved this book so much. If I could give it more than 5 stars I would!... I absolutely love the way the story unfolds and the revelations are made. I laughed out loud, I gasped and I sobbed like a small child. Everything you could want from a book and more.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Emotional and brilliant at the same time! I have laughed and shouted out loud and cried throughout the book. It is a brilliant read and very hard to put down.' 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.





My Only Child Sam Vickery

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlaine and Kate Hewitt

Editor's Note

Sam's first Bookouture title *One Last Second* stormed into the UK Top 100 just a few days after publication, and we're expecting great things from her next, even more emotional page-turner. Reviews have been absolutely sensational for Sam's first book, her topics are timely, her writing sensitive and engaging, and this book is no different.

Retail Description

It's a miracle when Katherine's baby boy Jamie is born healthy. He had such a slim chance of survival, and Katherine's husband Davis and her mother Hazel are relieved to finally hold him in their arms. But then Katherine is told she can't have any more children, and she can't bear to tell Hazel what else she and Davis lost in order to save Jamie.

Jamie's twin sister didn't survive and, even as Katherine nestles Jamie's body into hers, she feels like something is missing. As weeks turn into months, she is desperate for Davis to agree to adopt a sibling for Jamie. But Davis is concerned that Katherine isn't coping, and even Hazel, unaware of the true depth of Katherine's grief, can see that the pressure she is putting on herself is pushing her to breaking point.

Katherine won't give up on the chance to have more children, no matter how challenging an adoption might be. But then Hazel reveals a devastating secret that changes everything Katherine thought she knew about her own childhood. And she realises that in her pursuit of another child, she could lose the family she has fought so hard to save...

Reviews for Sam Vickery

'Wow! This book blew me away... Will make you think and break your heart in equal measure and is a breathtakingly beautifully written story of a mother's love. I will be looking out for more from this author.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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

Author Biography

Sam Vickery is an English author who loves gritty, emotional stories that can make you sob. As a child, she was forever getting in trouble for being caught with her nose in a book, and these days are no different. She lives on the south coast of England with her husband, two children and a cat that thinks it's a dog.



Women's Fiction

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The Girl Who Never Came Home Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and Linda Green

From the author of *The Boy in the Photo* (over 165,000 copies sold)

Editor's Note

What would you do if you sent your daughter off on a school trip, but she never came home? Nicole Trope is back with another total and utter heartbreaker. I'm not exaggerating when I say that she is one of the most phenomenal writers I have ever published. Her writing is exquisitely crafted, her stories are beautifully spun. This novel gets straight into the heart of a mother's worst nightmare – a breathless, stirring and poignant tale which explores the darkest sides of ourselves, and the secrets that are lurking just under the surface...

Retail Description

Nothing tests your faith like being a mother. The first time your children walk to school alone, their first sleepover, when they finally fly the nest. As a parent, you have to believe that everything will be OK.

It's why, when Lydia's sixteen-year-old daughter Zoe goes on a school camping trip, she has no idea of the horrors that will unfold. It's why, when Lydia gets a call saying that her daughter has disappeared, she refuses to give up.

As she searches the mountains, her voice hoarse from calling Zoe's name, she imagines finding her. She envisions being flooded with relief as she throws her arms around her child, saying, 'you gave us such a scare'. She pictures her precious girl safely tucked in bed that evening.

It's why, when they find Zoe's body, Lydia can barely believe it. It is unthinkable. Her little girl has gone.

Something terrible happened, she is sure of it. Something made Zoe get out of her sleeping bag in the middle of the night, walk out of the warmth and safety of the cabin, into the darkness of the mountains. Driven by the memory of her youngest child, Lydia needs to find out the truth. What kind of mother would she be if she didn't?

Reviews for Nicole Trope

'Loved, loved, loved this book!... What an incredible story... 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,



'Incredible... It's going on my list of favourite reads of the year. I had tears streaming down my cheeks... I was blown away... I really can't say enough great things about this book. It is a must-read.' Jaynie's Book Reviews, ★★★★★

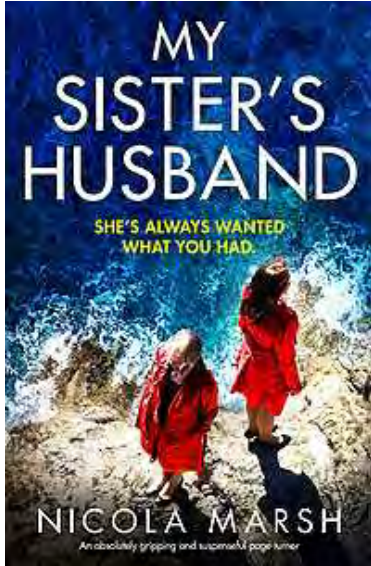
Author Biography

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.



Women's Fiction

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My Sister's Husband Nicola Marsh

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Kerry Fisher, Big Little Lies and The Other Woman

USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

This is the third domestic thriller from Nicola Marsh, whose last Bookouture title reached #1 on both Apple US and Kobo Canada and propelled her into the USA Today bestseller list. Her third title focusses on the fierce, unspoken rivalry of two sisters, and a brother-in-law neither of them can trust. Her signature twists and unreliable protagonists feature as always, alongside the kind of domestic drama featured in the most successful psychological thrillers so far this year.

Retail Description

The sunroom at the back of the house is just as I remember. I can't taste homemade lemonade or smell oatmeal cookies without thinking of home, of the beautiful cliffs of Martino Bay, and I feel welcomed. But all thoughts of a happy family reunion are destroyed the moment I see him...

Hair the color of burnt toffee, a handsome face, piercing blue eyes.

The man who once meant the world to me. The reason I fled eleven years ago. The reason I lost everything. The reason I haven't been back since.

But what is he doing at my sister's house?

And then I see her. My baby sister. She smiles, she tips her hand so I can see the ring. And his arm slides around her waist, pulling her close...

Reviews for Nicola Marsh

'What an amazing book. 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.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gripped right from the start, I couldn't turn the pages on my kindle fast enough. Everything immediately drew me in... Taken on a wild addictive ride and what a bloody great ride it is!... Wickedly twisted, highly addictive, utterly deceptive and I absolutely loved it!' Once Upon A Time Book Blog, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Summer at Hope Haven Kristin Harper

For fans of Elin Hilderbrand, Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

First in the Dune Island series (5,000)

Editor's Note

In Kristin Harper's debut novel, an atmospheric and evocative Cape Cod island setting is combined with warm and welcoming characters to create wonderfully escapist, whilst at the same time completely relatable, women's fiction. With writing sparkling with charm, readers will fall head over heels for the romance at the core of this story and be totally captivated by the family secrets and journey of grief, loss and healing our main character takes.

Retail Description

When Emily's fiancé walks out on her while she's still grieving the loss of her family in a terrible accident, she escapes back to Hope Haven on the remote Dune Island, where her family vacationed every summer. Emily hopes that fixing up the house will also mend her broken heart, but the cottage holds more than just bittersweet childhood memories. Emptying her father's antique writing desk, Emily finds a letter that reveals a devastating secret about her parents.

With a head full of questions that can never be answered, it seems like returning to the island was the worst decision Emily ever made... until she meets Lucas Socorro, saltwater dripping from his dark curls after a surf session. As they take long walks on the soft sand, and talk late into the firefly-lit night, Emily wonders if Dr Luke – as the kids in the hospital call him – could be the one to help her heal.

Painting the gloomy cottage walls the colour of seashells, and revamping her grandmother's flea-market furniture, Emily starts to feel she might call Dune Island home for good – and that she could build that home right here with Luke. But when Emily's family secret spreads through a network of local gossips, her fragile heart breaks all over again.

Emily has a difficult decision to make. Does she pack her bags and leave the island for good? Or take a risk that Hope Haven has everything she's been looking for?

Reviews for Kristin Harper

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

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

Author Biography

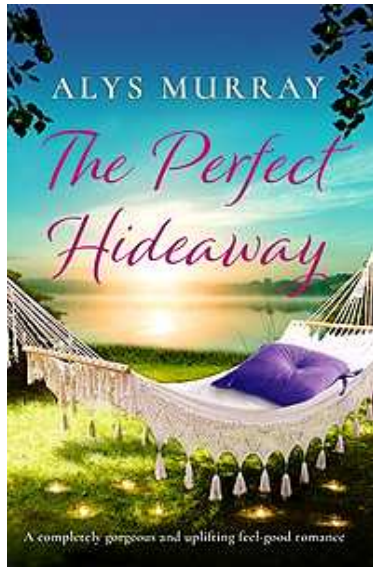
Ever since she was a young girl, there were few things Kristin liked more than creative writing and spending time on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with her family. Eventually (after a succession of jobs that bored her to tears), she found a way to combine those two passions by becoming a women's fiction author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



Women's Fiction

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The Perfect Hideaway Alys Murray

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Robyn Carr and Jenny Hale

The first book featuring the Anderson family, *The Magnolia Sisters*, reached #40 in the US top 100. Alys' previous title, *The Christmas Company*, was turned into a Hallmark movie

Editor's Note

The new novel about the boisterous Anderson clan is an absolute delight. Like a classic Cary Grant/Katherine Hepburn pairing, my cheeks hurt from smiling at the quick wit and fast-talking banter between main characters Annie and George, and I know readers will feel the same. Though part of the Full Bloom Farm series, all of Alys' titles can be read as standalones.

Retail Description

Some say she's a meddler, but Annie prefers the term 'matchmaker'.

Moving from the hectic buzz of L.A. to the small town of Hillsboro, Northern California, has been a happy adjustment for Annie Martin. But the best thing about Hillsboro? The Anderson sisters. Annie has repaid their friendship with some obvious-but-effective matchmaking and now the only Anderson sister still looking for love is the eldest of the clan: Rose.

Local reporter and all-around grouch George Barnett has been a thorn in Annie's side since she came to town. He's sure there's a story beneath her perky persona and thinks it could be the scoop that makes his career. Annie is sure her skeletons are under triple lock and key, so she offers him an exclusive, if he'll help her find a match for Rose.

But the more George and Annie try to control the love lives around them, the less they're able to control their own hearts. And when secrets from Annie's past threaten what is blossoming between them, Annie must decide whether this love is really worth risking it all?

Reviews for Alys Murray

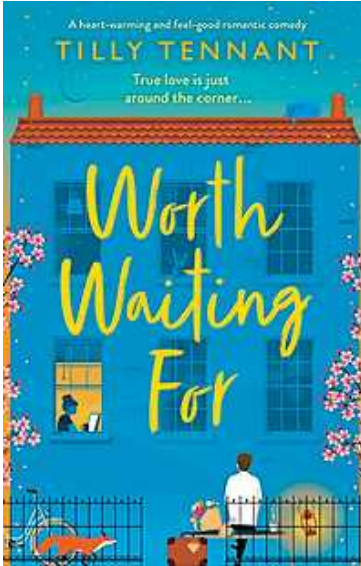
'This was truly the PERFECT sweet romance! I fell in love with Harper and the other Andersons immediately, and could almost smell flowers blooming around me as I read... Murray created an adorable, quirky small town that felt like home.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Swept me away in its warmth. I couldn't stay away until I finished the book. This was a complete book of feels and fun, family and love, where the complex and varied characters made the romance come alive.' 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.





Worth Waiting For Tilly Tennant

Previous Translation Publishers
Lighthouse Pictures (TV & Film), Bastei Luebbe (German)

For fans of Jenny Colgan, Lucy Diamond and Josie Silver

Top 20 Amazon CA and top 30 Amazon UK author. Tilly has sold over 290,000 copies

Editor's Note

I am absolutely thrilled that we have acquired four backlist titles from Tilly Tennant, previously published through The Soho Agency, that we are planning to re-release, starting with *Worth Waiting For*! Tilly is a real star on the Bookouture women's fiction list and her writing sparkles with warmth, humour and heart. I know her existing fans who haven't yet discovered this title and new readers alike are just going to fall head over heels for it!

Retail Description

On an ordinary, grey day a little bit of magic is about to happen on a street corner near you...

Ellie Newton's life revolves around telling other people's stories. As a journalist for the *Millrise Echo*, she's always a phone call away from the latest goings-on in her hometown. But school fundraisers and shopping trolley thefts have started to feel slightly, dare she say it, boring. Until she hears about a story that definitely has something special.

Ben was heartbroken when his girlfriend Gemma walked out on him without a word. But rather than mope around the house and eat his body weight in cookie-dough ice cream, he's decided to do something about it. This calls for a grand gesture, and a bunch of flowers just isn't going to cut it. Ben has set up camp on the street outside Gemma's house and is determined to stay there until she explains why she left and offers him a chance to fix things.

The story has everything Ellie loves – local interest, romance, a rather handsome man – and she decides to do everything she can to help Ben win Gemma back. But as Ellie and Ben join forces to reunite him with the girl of his dreams, could their story lead them somewhere more unexpected, after all?

Reviews for Tilly Tennant

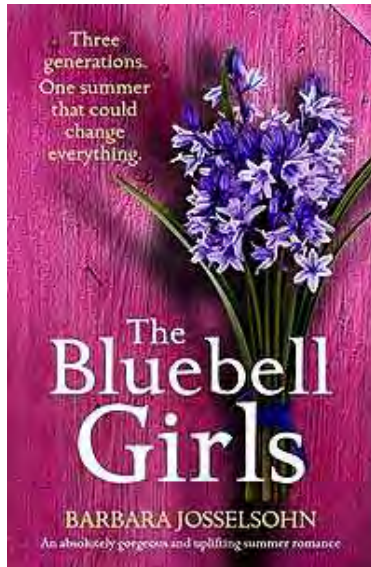
'I loved every minute of it... I was glued to my Kindle for a few days that's for sure!... A really brilliant read that will leave you hooked even after a few pages' *The Cosiest Corner*, ★★★★★

'Literally couldn't put it down!... makes you laugh and tugs at the heartstrings, all in one go!... absolutely perfect!... breath-taking... made me cry and it made me laugh... filled me with festive warm feelings... Love love LOVED it!!' *Stardust Book Reviews*, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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





The Bluebell Girls Barbara Josselsohn

For fans of Carolyn Brown and Debbie Macomber

Editor's Note

Barbara Josselsohn's Lake Summers series is pure escapism. Book 2 in the heart-warming and issue-led series follows Jenna, her mother Sweet and daughter Sophie, also known in town as The Bluebell Girls. Utterly gorgeous descriptions whisk you away in this stunning novel. It's about family, friendship and long lost loves, and the handsome next door neighbour, handyman Troy, is enough to keep readers turning the pages.

Retail Description

In Lake Summers, Jenna and her mother Sweet were known as the bluebell girls. Always running barefoot through their wildflower garden, everyone knew their infectious laughs and no one expected them to live in their little lake house forever. But when Sweet's health declines Jenna must return, and with her own daughter Sophie in tow, their family home comes to life again.

Jenna finds comfort in lazy afternoons along the water and long nights watching Sweet tell Sophie stories about her long lost loves. And when she meets Sweet's new next door neighbour Troy, she recognises him instantly as the boy with whom she shared her first kiss as a young girl.

Seeing Troy reminds Jenna of just how reckless she once was, but as their feelings resurface, so do the secrets they hid from one another. And with Sweet and Sophie closer than ever before, Jenna is forced to make a choice. Is she brave enough to take her second chance and finally settle down in Lake Summers forever?

Reviews for Barbara Josselsohn

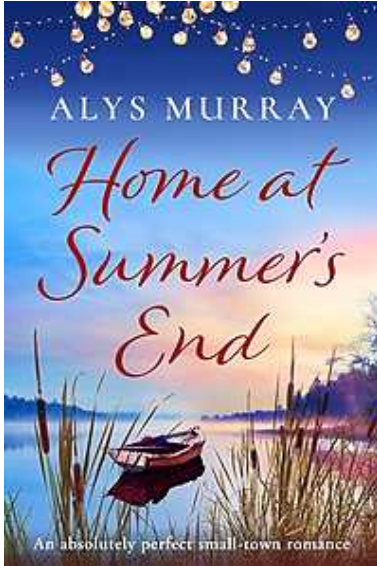
'This book about second chances both wrenched and warmed my heart... I highly recommend this book... One of my favorites this year. Please don't miss it!' Fireflies and Free Kicks Fiction Reviews, ★★★★★

'This book, uplifting and lovely, is very important in this time of chaos and uncertainty. Read it to sooth your frazzled nerves and to restore your faith in humanity.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Barbara Josselsohn is an award-winning journalist and novelist. Her novels center around second chances, family relationships and, of course, romance. She is the author of the Lake Summers series set in the fictional town of Lake Summers, nestled in the Adirondacks Mountains, which includes the books The Lilac House and The Bluebell Girls. She lives just north of New York City.





Home at Summer's End Alys Murray

For fans of Jenny Hale, Debbie Macomber and Carolyn Brown

The first book featuring the Anderson family, *The Magnolia Sisters*, reached #40 in the US top 100. Alys' previous title, *The Christmas Company*, was turned into a Hallmark movie

Editor's Note

The one we've all be waiting for! I have been dying to read Rose Anderson's story since I first met her - no one can be That nice, right? Correct. If you've ever hidden your feelings for the sake of someone else's, you will feel as though this book was written just for you. Prepare to grin and cheer your way through this enchanting small-town romance as you fall in love with the Andersons of Hillsboro County, and Alys Murray's writing. Though part of the Full Bloom Farm series, all of Alys' titles can be read as standalones.

Retail Description

Rose Anderson is done with being known as 'the nice one' in the small town in Northern California where she lives. She's done with playing third, fifth, seventh wheel at loud gatherings on her family's flower farm. And most of all, she is done with the pitying looks and well-meaning comments she gets about her single status from the way-too-interested townsfolk. So when news spreads that Hillsboro is being used to shoot an upcoming Hollywood movie, Rose gets an idea. One that will appease her family while keeping her heart safely intact...

Cole McKittrick is trying to keep calm. So what if he quit a steady TV gig for a shot at his dream, was dumped by his superstar girlfriend and – having just read the fifteenth script re-write – is now convinced this movie is going to be career-ending? It's all about perspective. And when he meets the beautiful Rose Anderson, he can't believe his luck. She'll help him fix his lines, pose for a few shots to make his ex jealous, and all for the bargain price of a few fake dates.

But in a town like Hillsboro, the resident beauty queen and Hollywood's hottest bachelor can't expect a plan like this to work. And the more time they spend together under the scrutiny of their neighbors, the more blurred the lines become between what's real and what's fake. But Cole has been hiding a big secret from his past. And when Rose finds out could it spell CUT for their picture-perfect romance, or will she realize that he has taken over not just her home, but her heart...?

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.





The First Time We Met Jo Lovett

For fans of Jojo Moyes and Josie Silver

Editor's Note

I am absolutely delighted to be publishing Jo Lovett's gorgeous debut novel – an unforgettable love story about two people who are destined to be together, if only the universe could hurry up and realise it. Jo's writing is warm, funny and full of heart, and this book is like all my favourite Richard Curtis movies rolled into one. If you want a story that will tug at your heartstrings and put a smile on your face, then look no further!

Retail Description

Izzy doesn't believe in love at first sight, but when Sam walks into the cafe where she works one winter's morning, she knows without a doubt that he's the one. Too bad Sam's getting married. Today.

Nearly a year later, Izzy still can't stop thinking about Sam, the one that got away, but she knows it's time to move on: he's a married man and probably wouldn't recognise her if he passed her on the street.

But Sam has never forgotten Izzy, the funny, gorgeous woman who asked him out on his wedding day. If the timing had only been better, he knows they could have had something wonderful.

When Izzy and Sam's paths finally cross again, everything has changed. But with the Atlantic Ocean and decades of baggage between them, they are about to find out whether some obstacles are too big for even true love to overcome.

Reviews for Jo Lovett

'It has been so long since I've read a romance that made my heart swell as this one did. There were points when I felt unable to breathe because of how much I loved this.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'The First Time We Met hooked me from the first chapter. I loved Sam and Izzy and was rooting for these two to end up together... I can't wait to read another book by Jo Lovett.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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No More Secrets Jennifer Harvey

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Diane Chamberlain, Kerry Fisher

Editor's Note

I devoured Jennifer's debut novel *Someone Else's Daughter* in one sitting on submission and her second novel is just as addictive, dark and compulsive reading as her first. With masterful skill, Jennifer draws us into a broken family, hiding a myriad of dark secrets, all set against the backdrop of an eerie alpine landscape in the rural United States. Definitely not one to read when you are alone late at night and a novel that will take your breath away with the final twist.

Retail Description

I'm only saying what you're thinking. I know you don't want him here either. You know how they feel about him. They will never forgive him or accept him back here.

I stand alone in the gathering darkness with the mountain rising in front of me. The Whisper Mountain, I always called it because of the sound the wind makes as it blows off the slopes. The mountain isn't the only thing that whispers up here, where everyone has a secret to keep and a taste for gossip. It's been twenty years since I last saw my brother. Since that perfect summer turned to perfect hell, in an instant. If I'm honest, I don't want him to ever return here. But I can't make him stay away now. Not from his own father's funeral. He'll only be here for one day and then he'll be gone. What harm can he do those few hours?

But I'm worried how everyone will react when they see him again. I'm afraid that what has been buried, might come back into the light. And I'm scared of the things he has been waiting all this time to say to me.

Reviews for Jennifer Harvey

'Wonderful from start to finish... Amazing. Stunning. Brilliant.' Renita D'Silva, ★★★★★

'Engaging, twisty and page turning... I could not put this book down.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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.



Non-Fiction



100 Ways to Be Kind Theresa Cheung

For fans of Brené Brown and Susan Cain

Sunday Times bestselling author, her previous books have had over 17 translation rights deals including in China, Japan and Russia.

Editor's Note

In 100 Ways to be Kind Theresa Cheung offers readers a roadmap of practical and simple ways to be kind. We have all lost our old way of life and the global crisis is giving us a period of global reflection as never before. Theresa shows readers how the power of kindness can not only heal but help us rebuild lives of true meaning and purpose. This book is incredibly timely and centred around a topic that will have universal appeal. Theresa Cheung is a Sunday Times bestselling author and her previous books have had over 17 translation rights deals including in China, Japan and Russia.

Retail Description

Acts of everyday kindness can boost your mood and immunity, lower blood pressure, ease anxiety, make you look and feel younger, improve all your relationships (including the one you have with yourself) and give you a sense of deep meaning and purpose.

100 Ways to be Kind is a road map of practical and simple ways to be kind including how to be kinder to yourself, to others and to nature.

Often the simplest solutions are the best ones. Kindness is the simple and scientifically proven remedy that everyone needs to administer right now. Contrary to what you may believe, it is not anger or aggression that brings out your true inner grit, but kindness. Kindness gives our lives meaning.

So, if you want to find your meaning and purpose and help save the world at the same time but aren't quite sure how - this book is for you.

Reviews for Theresa Cheung

'This is exactly the book I needed to read right now. So much insight on kindness... I love this book, it's great to pick up when needed a little inspiration on how to be kind, or if you need a reminder to be kinder to yourself and laugh a little.' Goodreads reviewer

'This beautiful new book by Theresa Cheung is as timely as it is uplifting... the first book I have seen that offers solid ways to get your mind re-focused on what is important in life...' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

Theresa Cheung is a Sunday Times bestselling author. She has over two decades experience, both personal and professional, with a Master's degree in Theology and English from King's College Cambridge. Theresa has had her work featured in the Daily Mail, most recently with her latest book The Premonition Code and bestseller Answers from Heaven. Theresa has also set up her own podcast, White Shores, interviewing some of the world's greatest minds and sharing inspiration on personal growth.



Self-Development

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