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COMMERCIAL FICTION



THE GOOD SERVANT

Fern Britton



A sweeping historical fiction with the warmth, emotion and rich storytelling loved by Fern's fanbase. This novel is inspired by the true story of Marion Crawford, governess to the Queen.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kimberley Young
Publication: 9 Jun 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical

The author: *Sunday Times* bestselling author Fern Britton's books are cherished for their warmth, wit and wisdom, and have won Fern legions of loyal readers. Fern has been a judge for the Costa Book of the Year Award and is a supporter of the Reading Agency.

Good daughter. Good woman. Good servant. She tried to be them all.

1932, Dunfermline, Scotland. Marion Crawford, a bright, ambitious young teacher, is ready to make her mark on the world. Until a twist of fate changes the course of her life forever...

1936, Windsor Castle. At first this ordinary woman is in a new world, working as governess to two young princesses, in a household she calls home but where everyone is at a distance. As the course of history changes, she finds herself companion to the future Queen, and indispensable to the crown. And slowly their needs become her needs. Their lives become hers.

It's then she meets George and falls in love for the first time. Now Marion faces an impossible choice: her sense of duty or the love of her life.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

A No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestseller three times over, the *Daughters of Cornwall* HB spent 13 weeks in the *Sunday Times* top 20 and sold over 55K in hardback.

Praise for Fern Britton:
'Incredibly atmospheric.' *Sun*

'A heartfelt novel about family secrets and atonement.' *Woman & Home*



Paperback cover

A book to truly lose yourself in.' *Sunday Times* bestseller Milly Johnson

'This is ideal holiday reading.' *Woman*

'The warmth and empathy that have made Fern Britton such a popular TV presenter are evident in her latest novel.' *Woman's Weekly*

Previous rights sold to: MVG (German), Muvet Nep (Hungarian), Tre60 (Italian), HarperCollins (Swedish).



GINGER AND ME

Elissa Soave



Imprint: HQ

Editor: Katie Seaman

Publication: 21 Jul 2022

Format: Hardback

Extent: 384pp

Genre: Commercial fiction

The author: Elissa Soave won the inaugural Primadonna Prize in 2019. She was also a Bloody Scotland Pitch Perfect finalist 2019 and has had work published in *New Writing Scotland*, *Gutter*, *Structo* and the *Glasgow Review of Books*. She's had two short plays performed by the Short Attention Span Theatre Group and has performed at various spoken word events.

The debut novel from the winner of the Primadonna Prize that will appeal to fans of Joanna Cannon's *The Trouble With Goats and Sheep* and Emma Healey's *Elizabeth is Missing*.

Wendy is nineteen and living alone.

All she wants is to drive the 255 bus around Uddingston with her regulars on board, remember to buy milk when it runs out and to just be ok. After her mum passed away, there's no one to remind Wendy to eat, what to do each day and most importantly to love herself. Every week Wendy proudly shows her social worker Saanvi the progress she's made, like the coasters she bought to spruce up the place, even if she does forget to offer her a cup of tea.

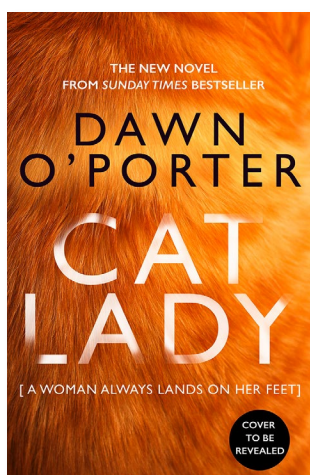
But Wendy is ready to put herself out there and really live.

She joins a writer's group to share stories she writes including the one about a bullied schoolboy who goes to Mars. The other writers are total amateurs, unlike Diane Weston – a famous local author who likes and sometimes even comments on Wendy's tweets.

Everything changes on a rainy day when Wendy meets Ginger.

A teenager with flaming orange hair, Ginger's so brave she's wearing a coat that isn't even waterproof. For the first time, Wendy has a real best friend. But as they begin the summer of their lives, Wendy wonders if her life would be simpler if she hadn't met Ginger. And that's before she realises just how much of a mess Ginger is about to get them in.

My Name is Leon meets *Thelma and Louise* in this part-coming of age and part-mystery from the winner of the Primadonna Prize 2020.



CAT LADY

Dawn O'Porter

Set to be the most-talked-about book of the autumn, this is another conversation-starting story told with Dawn's inimitable candidness and warmth.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Charlotte Brabbin
Publication: 27 Oct 2022
Format: Royal Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Contemporary fiction

The author: Dawn is the bestselling author of the novels *The Cows* and the Richard and Judy Book Club pick *So Lucky*, and her non-fiction title *Life in Pieces* was also a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

We've all known a cat lady in our lives – and we've probably all judged her too. But behind the stereotype and the label – the one that only sticks to women – there's a story worth nine lives. Dawn's new book is for the cat lady in all of us – because a woman will always land on her feet.

Praise for Dawn O'Porter:

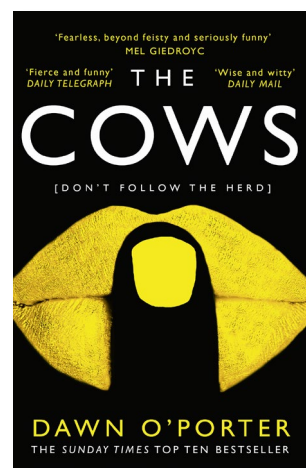
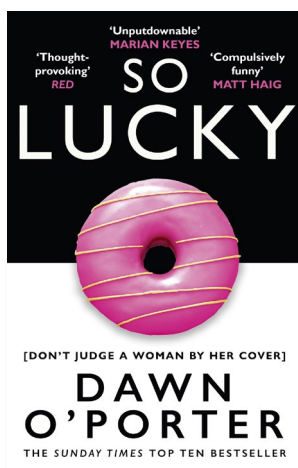
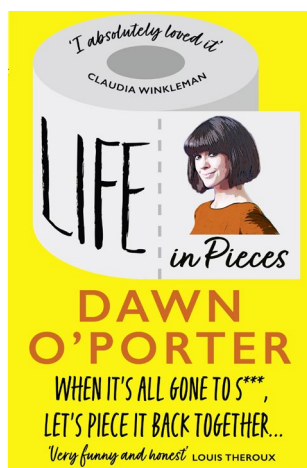
'Dawn's writing is addictive – fearless, beyond feisty and seriously funny' **Mel Giedroyc**

'Dawn O' Porter has the ability to make everyone want to be her best friend' **OK**

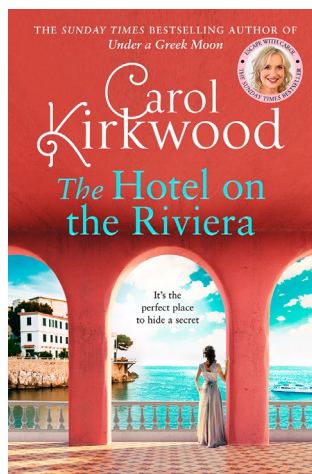
'Thought-provoking . . . Beautifully drawn characters espouse the idea that you shouldn't judge any book by its cover' **Daily Mail**

'Funny and heart-rending in equal measure' **Sunday Express**

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: Primavera Editorial (Brazilian Portuguese), Flamingo/Gyldendal (Danish), Leduc s. (French), S. Fischer (German), Astoria (Italian), Arkadia (Russian), Bokförlaget Nona (Swedish), HarperCollins (Brazilian Portuguese).



THE HOTEL ON THE RIVIERA

Carol Kirkwood

From *Sunday Times* bestselling author and the UK's best loved TV presenter Carol Kirkwood comes a glittering escape to the French Riviera.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 21 Jul 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Escapist romance

The author: Carol Kirkwood is a TV weather presenter on *BBC Breakfast*, Radio 2's *Breakfast* show, Wimbledon fortnight and has appeared on *Strictly Come Dancing*. Carol was inspired to write her first novel by her passion for travel and her love of Hollywood glamour.

Heiress Ariana Theodosios wanted everything that Hollywood had to offer, took it all, and is now paying the price. When she inherits a hotel on the beautiful French Riviera, she hopes it's a chance to start again.

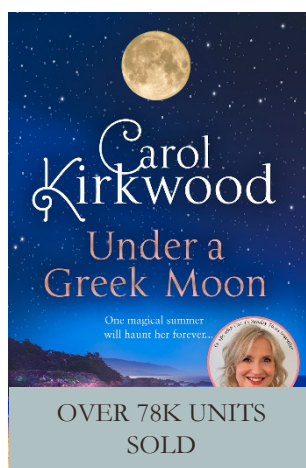
Elizabeth and Robert Chappell were Hollywood's fiery English golden couple. Their legendary breakups and passionate make-ups were tabloid gold, but now they are headed for divorce. Will they say their last goodbyes by the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean?

Madame du Lac has watched the rich and famous pass through the faded doors of the Hotel du Soleil for over four decades, and has kept its secrets too. As the past catches up with her, is it time to break her silence, or are some things best left buried?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'Utterly engaging, deliciously escapist, with a heart as warm as its author's.' **Cathy Kelly**, bestselling author of *The Family Gift*

'Sun-soaked, glamorous escapism.' **Cressida McLaughlin**



Paperback cover

'Loved it! It sizzles with secrets and passion. A real page turner!' **Jo Thomas**

'A sizzling summer read. I couldn't put it down.' **Alex Brown**, bestselling author of *The Secret of Orchard Cottage*

Rights sold to: Stilus Knjiga (Croatian), Newton Compton (Italian).



ONE LAST SECRET

Adele Parks

The *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestseller Adele Parks returns with this blisteringly provocative story about power, sex, money and revenge.



Imprint: HQ

Editor: Kate Mills

Publication: 7 Jul 2022

Format: Hardback

Extent: 448pp

Genre: Psychological thriller

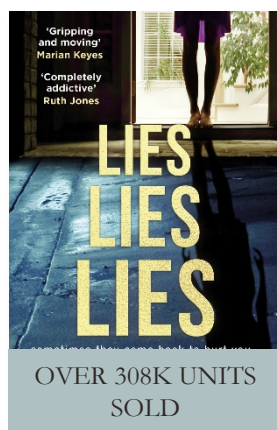
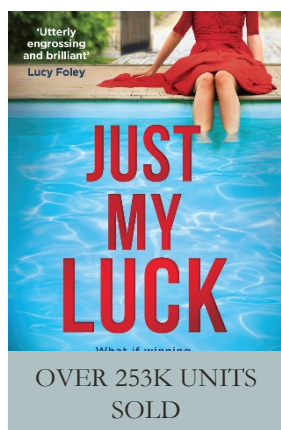
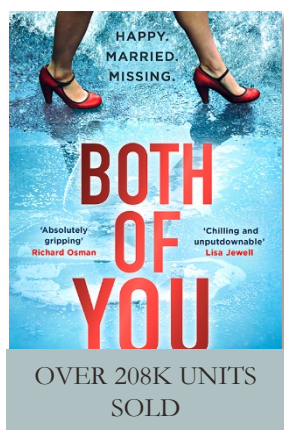
The author: Adele Parks MBE was born in North Yorkshire. She is the author of over twenty bestselling novels including the recent *Sunday Times* No. 1 hits *Lies Lies Lies* and *Just My Luck*. She's an ambassador for The National Literacy Trust and a judge for the Costa Awards.

A week at a beautiful chateau in the south of France – it should be a straightforward final job for Dora. She's a smart, stunning and discreet escort and Daniel has paid for her services before. This time, all she has to do is to convince the assembled guests that she is his girlfriend. Dora is used to playing roles and being whatever men want her to be. It's all about putting on a front.

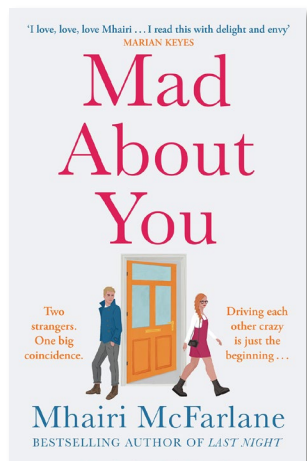
It will be a last, luxurious look at how the other half lives, before Dora turns her back on the escort world and all its dangers. She has found someone she loves and trusts. With him, she can escape the life she's trapped in. But when Dora arrives at the chateau it quickly becomes obvious that nothing is what it seems.

Dora finds herself face-to-face with a man she has never forgotten, the one man who really knows her. And as old secrets surface, it becomes terrifyingly apparent that one last secret could cost Dora her life.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Adele Parks' books have sold to: HarperCollins (German, Swedish, Danish, Finnish), Stilus (Croatian), Uitgeverij Volt (Dutch), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Newton Compton (Italian), Kontinents (Latvian), Jotema (Lithuanian), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Kobiece (Polish), Presença (Portuguese), Rao Distributie (Romanian), AST (Russian), Publik Praktikum (Serbian), Harlequin (US).



MAD ABOUT YOU

Mhairi McFarlane



The hilarious new romcom from *Sunday Times* and international bestseller Mhairi McFarlane.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Martha Ashby
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 432pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Mhairi McFarlane was born in Scotland. Her first book, *You Had Me at Hello*, was an instant success.

Rights sold to: Droemer (German), HarperCollins (Danish, French, Swedish, Finnish, US).

Two strangers.
One big coincidence.
Driving each other crazy is just the beginning.

Harriet Hatley is running away from everything.

Getting married.
Her boyfriend's family.
Her past.

A dream house-share seems like the perfect place to hide, but her unlikely housemate Cal is no stranger to running away himself. And he's also hiding secrets of his own.

Can these two take a crazy risk, face the past and finally find a reason to stay?

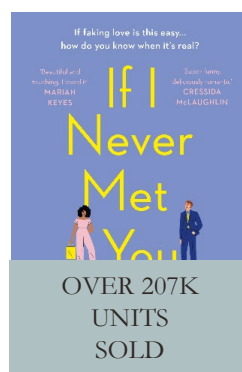
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Praise for *Last Night*:

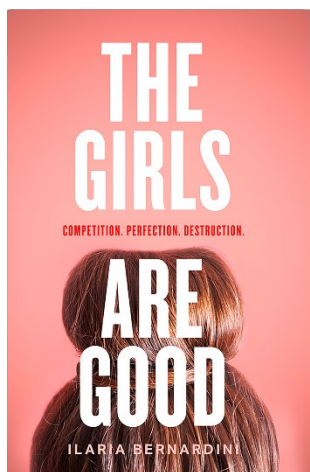
'Brilliant on relationships, friendships and emotions... I loved, loved, loved this book' **Marian Keyes**

'... both genuinely heart-breaking and hilarious – that's how good Mhairi McFarlane is.' **Beth O'Leary**

'A luminous, heart-achingly beautiful love letter to friendship.' **Josie Silver**



Mhairi McFarlane's books have been sold in 27 languages, details available upon request.



THE GIRLS ARE GOOD

Ilaria Bernardini

A gripping and claustrophobic thriller set in the world of elite gymnastics and its toxic environment.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Phoebe Morgan
Publication: 04 Aug 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Contemporary fiction, thriller

Of note: The book has been optioned by INDIGO productions along with All3Media (the company behind *Fleabag*) for an eight-part TV series scheduled to go into production this year with Italian directors Cosima Spender and Valerio Bonelli attached.

The author: Milan-born Ilaria Bernardini is a successful writer and screenwriter. She created the TV shows *Ginnaste* and *Ballerini* (MTV) and has written for *Ciak*, *Tutto Musica*, *Linus*, *Rolling Stone*, *Amica*, *Vanity Fair* and *GQ*. *The Girls Are Good* is based on her novel *Corpo Libero* (published in Italy with Feltrinelli and described in reviews as *Heavenly Creatures* meets *The Virgin Suicides*) which subsequently morphed into a cult reality show.

Rights sold: Svajoniui (Lithuanian), Sindband (Russian)

Competition. Perfection. Destruction.

Martina wants to be the best gymnast in the world. But so does everyone around her.

During one week of intense competition, she and her teammates are tested to the limit, and any sign of weakness can quickly spell the end.

By the end of the week, one of the gymnasts will be dead. Every girl will do anything to win... but at what cost?

Praise:

'A tight, frightening story of friendship, rivalry and obsession, told in sparse and beautiful prose. Tense as the space between the uneven bars.' **Abigail Dean, author of *Girl A***

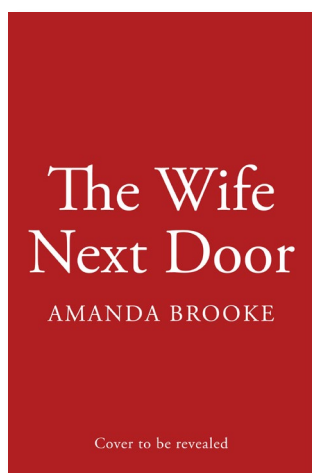
'What a book! A stunning and revealing look the world of elite gymnastics. An unforgettable debut.' **Jo Jakeman, author of *Sticks And Stones***

'Brutal and brilliant – I read it in one sitting.' **Harriet Tyce, author of *Blood Orange***

'Dark, disturbing, desperately sad - I was totally gripped. What an incredible setting for a novel - a glimpse into a wonderfully dangerous, screwed up world. I couldn't put it down.' **Cesca Major, author of *The Other Girl***

'A fascinating and heart-breaking insight into the world of competitive gymnastics by an author who clearly knows this world inside out. Amazing characterisation of these young girls and a compelling and suspenseful story. Loved this book - it is unlike anything else I've read. I continued to think about it a lot once I'd finished.' **Catherine Cooper, author of *The Chalet***

'Powerful, claustrophobic, shocking and heart-breaking.' **Jane Shemilt, author of *The Patient***



THE WIFE NEXT DOOR

Amanda Brooke

The latest gripping, suspenseful domestic drama from bestselling Amanda Brooke. Perfect for fans of Jane Corry, Susan Lewis and Ruth Ware.

Imprint: HarperFiction

Editor: Martha Ashby

Publication: 19 Jan 2023

Format: Paperback

Extent: 384pp

Genre: Contemporary fiction

The author: Amanda Brooke is an internationally bestselling author. Her debut novel, *Yesterday's Sun*, was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and since then she has written eleven further books.

How well do you really know your neighbours?

Following her mother's death, Jane moved back to her childhood home, and when she hears Ashleigh and Evan, the young couple next door, in a screaming row, long-forgotten memories of Jane's troubled childhood come to the surface.

But then Ashleigh disappears, and Jane catches Evan digging a trench in the garden – could something more sinister have happened in the house next door?

Unable to let it drop, Jane knows that something – or someone – is buried in that garden.

Praise for Amanda Brooke:

'Clever, unnerving, and unputdownable' **Rachel Lucas**, *The State Of Grace*

'A tense and torrid family drama' *Sunday Mirror*

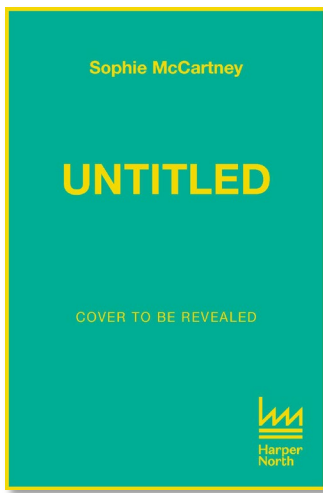
'Intriguingly plotted and with relatable characters' *Sunday Mirror*

'An emotional journey and a great read!' **Fionnuala Kearney**

'Full of twists, this is a deeply emotional, poignant tale that will remain with you long after it ends' **Ella Harper**

'A haunting and heartbreaking story that stayed with me long after I'd finished' **Fern Britton**

'An extraordinary novel' *Daily Express*



MOTHER HENS

(Holding title)

Sophie McCartney

The debut novel from *Sunday Times* No. 1 bestselling author Sophie McCartney.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 2 Feb 2023
Format: Hardback
Extent: 304pp

The author: Sophie McCartney is a writer, performer and comedian with an online following over 1.25m. She rose to fame with her hilarious videos, songs and sketches telling the truth about the wild ride into parenthood, and why adult life is never quite like how we thought it would be.

A sharply funny novel of mothers and daughters, sisters and partners... and what happens when we decide it's time to stop playing happy families.

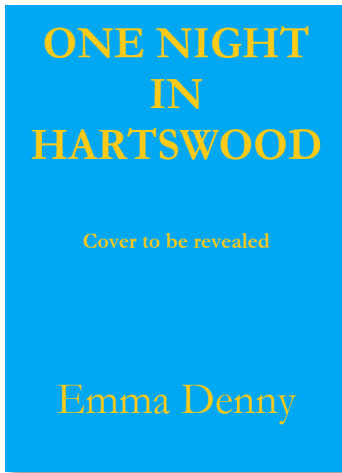
A rollercoaster ride from Ibiza to Vegas, via Lancashire, strap yourself for in a story that will make you laugh, wince and wonder what any of us are really capable of, when push comes to shove.

Praise for her previous (non-fiction) book, *Tried & Tested*:

'Reassuring, relatable and laugh-out-loud funny – I loved it!' **Sarah Turner, *The Unmumsy Mum***

'Brilliant! Painfully accurate and criminally funny. Like a chat with your most outrageous friend.' **Ellie Taylor**

'If you're looking for the funniest mum on Instagram, you've found her!' ***Mother & Baby***



ONE NIGHT IN HARTSWOOD

Emma Denny

A fresh voice in LGBTQI+ romance, this medieval romance is written in a contemporary and engaging style, similar to Julia Quinn, Freya Marske and Tessa Dare.

Imprint: Mills & Boon Trade
Editor: Rebecca Slorach
Publication: 2 Feb 2023
Format: Hardback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Romance, historical, LGBTQI+

The author: Emma Denny won the Mills & Boon and RNA Romance Includes Everyone competition in 2021. After completing a degree in English & Creative Writing, Emma became a professional copywriter.

Oxfordshire 1360. When his sister is jilted the night before her arranged marriage into the powerful de Foucart family, Raff Barden must find and return William de Foucart to restore his noble family name. Only then can Raff escape his own troubles born from a life of duty.

For William de Foucart, escape from his brutal father's demands is his only option and he flees the family home the night before his marriage. But William is ill equipped to survive alone in the forest. Until he meets a tracker, Raff, who, mistaking him for a fleeing servant, offers help.

As they venture north both men are drawn to each other, their relationship becoming something deeper and more personal than either expected. But whilst they continue to conceal their true identities everything they have learnt and trust about each other remains at risk. When finally their secrets are revealed, and the consequences of their relationship come to light, William must decide what he will sacrifice to protect the man he now loves.



THE SATURDAY NIGHT SAUVIGNON SISTERHOOD

Gill Sims

No. 1 bestselling author Gill Sims is back with a standalone novel – a razor-sharp observation of the most important relationship in a woman's life: her friends.

Imprint: Harper NonFiction
Editor: Katya Shipster
Publication: 12 May 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Humour

The author: Gill Sims' first novel, *Why Mummy Drinks*, was a bestselling HB fiction debut of 2017. It spent over six months in the top 10 *Sunday Times* bestseller list and was shortlisted for Debut Novel of the Year in the British Book Awards.

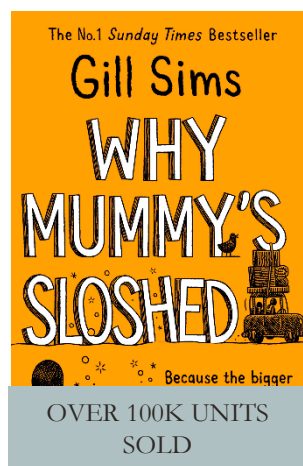


Because our friends are the ones we really tell the truth to. Not the truth that our partners can live with. Not the truth that we try (and sometimes fail) to show our children to stop them growing up into delinquents. Not the polite truth we show our colleagues.

Instead, our best friends see the down and dirty, unvarnished, too-many-gin-and-tonics truth. They see who we really are, and they celebrate it. They see the raucous, fall-about-laughing, god-I-can't-believe-you-said-that truth. The Jesus-I'd-never-tell-my-husband-that, oh-my-god-I-feel-the-same truth. And they love us for it.

They are the most empowering, joyous and liberating part of our lives. And Gill's new novel is an unashamed, no-holds-barred celebration of friendship. It's also laugh-out-loud hilarious, a bit swearsy, ridiculously relatable, utterly forthright and the most happy-making book you'll read this year.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



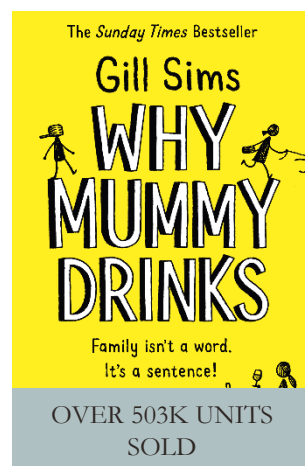
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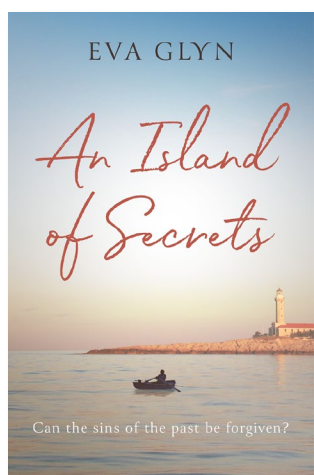


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Gills Sims' books have been sold in 17 languages, details available upon request.



AN ISLAND OF SECRETS

Eva Glyn

For fans of Dinah Jefferies, Victoria Hislop, Lucinda Riley and Rosanna Ley, this is a stunning and sweeping WWII novel that shows a side to the war not often seen before.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 29 Apr 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: WWII, time-slip, emotional

The author: Eva Glyn writes emotional women's fiction. She was a finalist in the People's Novelist competition.

That was then...

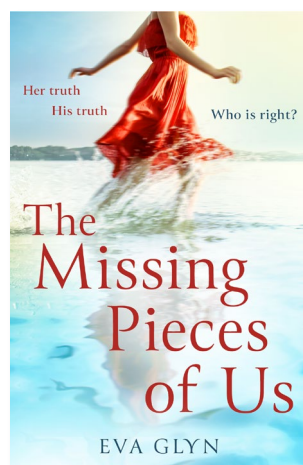
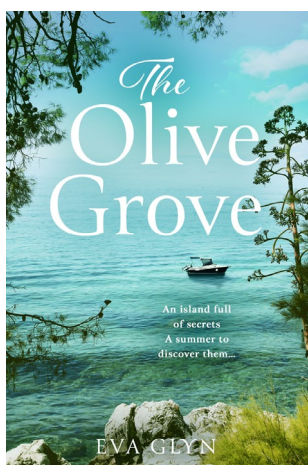
Seventy-five years ago, British SOE spy Guy Barclay was forced to leave behind the woman he loved in war-ravaged Yugoslavia.

...This is now.

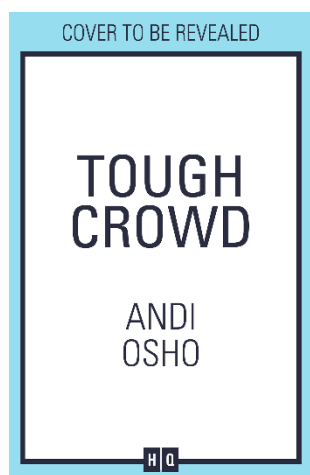
As ninety-three-year-old Guy's days draw to a close, he asks his granddaughter, Leo Holmes, to go looking for answers. Given that her marriage has imploded and her City job is on the verge of killing her, Leo agrees and rents a house on the island of Vis, where her grandfather was stationed in the Second World War.

But as Leo's search takes her down unexpected roads – and into the path of a gorgeous local, Andrej Pintaric – she begins to wonder if this journey down memory lane might yield unexpected results for more than just her beloved grandfather.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: Forlaget Zara (Danish).



TOUGH CROWD

Andi Osho

Fans of Mhairi McFarlane and Beth O'Leary will love this warm and witty romantic comedy about love, friendship and finding family.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Katie Seaman
Publication: 16 Feb 2023
Format: Hardback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Andi Osho is an accomplished writer, actress and award-winning stand-up comedian and filmmaker. She has gained several script commissions from *BBC Comedy*, *BBC Radio* and *Fox US* and her triple award-winning short film debut *Brit.i.am* screened at nine international film festivals.

New boyfriend. His kids. That's a tough crowd.

Aspiring comedian Abi has always been told that she's too much but never felt like enough. Until she meets new boyfriend Will who changes everything – he loves her just the way she is. But Will is a package deal and comes with two daughters from a previous relationship. Abi is used to playing to difficult audiences but winning over the girls and step-parenting is going to be her toughest gig yet.

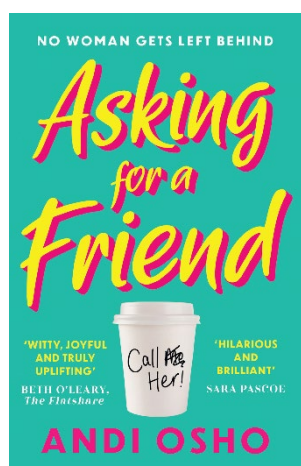
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'Wise, witty and warm.' **Richard Osman**

'A mistressclass in humour.' **Jo Brand**

'Hilarious, laugh-out-loud, fun and joyous.' **Shazia Mirza**

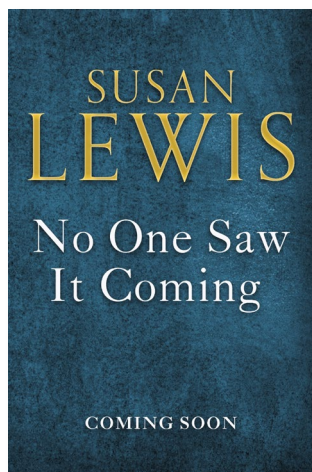
'I couldn't put it down.' **Lucy Vine**



'As hilarious as Andi's stand-up while feeling like a lively night out with brilliant friends.' **Sara Pascoe**

'Funny and written with so much heart.' **Daisy Buchanan**

'Massively entertaining, funny and fab.' **Beth Morrey**



NO ONE SAW IT COMING

Susan Lewis

The new gripping emotional page-turner from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Susan Lewis.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kimberley Young
Publication: 2 Feb 2023
Format: Hardback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Emotional drama

Of note: Susan's much-loved novels have sold over 3 million copies (TCM) in the UK alone.

The author: Susan Lewis is the author of over 40 books across the genres of family drama, thriller, suspense and crime.

Hanna Madden has it all. A beautiful home, an engaging job, a successful marriage and two grown up kids. Her life is perfect – as long as her secrets stay hidden. She lives on the edge of scandal, with no idea that somebody is watching.

When the unthinkable happens, Hanna is left reeling. With a loved one gone and her family under suspicion, her world begins to crumble.

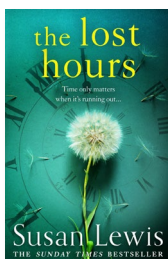
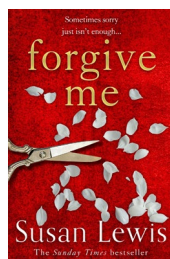
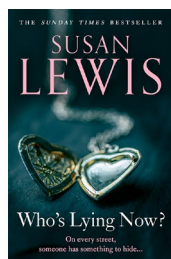
Now Hanna must work out who is threatening her family, before it's too late.

Praise for Susan Lewis:

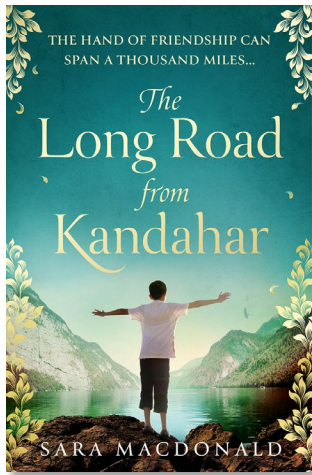
'Susan Lewis has a gift for telling warm family stories that also take you by surprise' **Jane Corry**

'A gripping read' *Bella*

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Susan Lewis books have been sold to: Euromedia (Czech), HarperCollins (US).



THE LONG ROAD FROM KANDAHAR

Sara MacDonald

Absorbing, poignant and evocative, this epic story of friendship, loyalty and the conflicting pull of family ties sweeps the reader from the hill villages of Pakistan to England's wild Cornish coast.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Publication: 12 May 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 480pp

Genre: Commercial fiction

The author: Sara Macdonald has written all her life. She has been an army wife, living all over the world, and now lives in Cornwall. She is the author of six novels.

Pakistan. Among the almond orchards of the Swat Valley, Zamir tends goats with his son, Raza. He must make a heart-breaking decision if he is to protect his youngest child from the Taliban.

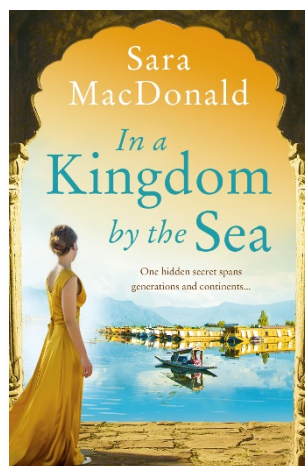
Afghanistan. On a military base in Lashkar Gah, Ben lives on edge, wondering if his family will be the next to receive life-changing news from the front line.

Cornwall. And in a ramshackle house on the Cornish coast, Ben's mother Delphi, an artist, offers a refuge to her grandson Finn, as he retreats from the changes he senses in his family.

When Raza and Finn, two boys from impossibly different worlds, meet, they are united by their loneliness. But will their unexpected bond be enough to save not just each other, but also their families, just as all their lives are about to change forever?

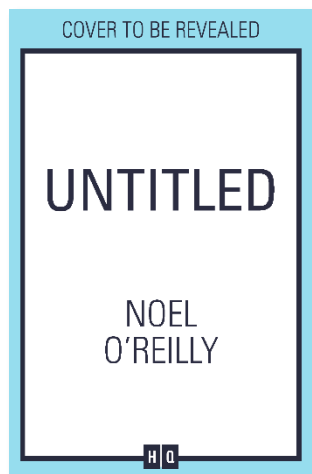
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'Intriguing themes are cleverly woven together ... I found myself swept along by the sheer interest of every page ... it grips to the end.' *Country Life*



'Vividly drawn characters (...) Thoughtful and compelling storytelling.' *Choice*

UPMARKET FICTION



THE DARLINGS OF THE ASYLUM

Noel O'Reilly



This mesmerising gothic historical novel told from within a Victorian asylum is perfect for fans of Elizabeth Macneal, Beth Underdown and Anna Mazzola.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Kate Mills
Publication: 8 Dec 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical, literary

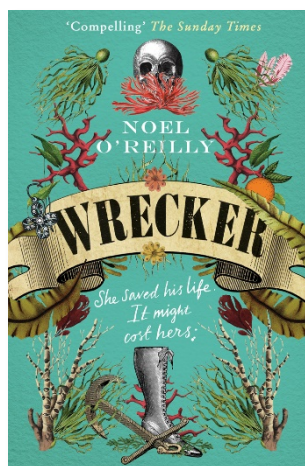
The author: Noel O'Reilly was a student on the New Writing South Advanced writing course. He has worked as a journalist and editor at the *International Business Media Company* RBI, and is now a freelance writer. *Wrecker* was his first novel.

In 1886, a respectable young woman must acquire a husband. Violet Pring's scheming mother has secured a desirable marriage proposal from an eligible Brighton gentlemen. But Violet does not want to marry. She longs to be a professional artist and live on her own terms.

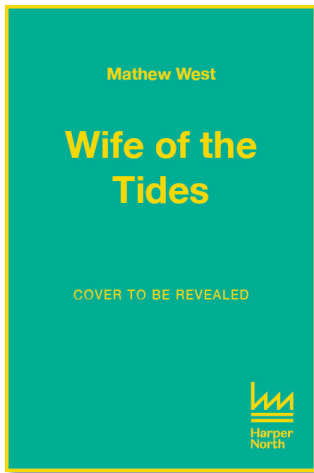
Violet's family believes she is deranged and deluded, so she is locked away in Hillwood Grange asylum against her will. In her new cage, Violet faces an even greater challenge: she must escape the clutches of a sinister and formidable doctor and set herself free.

This tantalizing gothic novel from Noel O'Reilly tells a thrilling story of duty and desire, madness and sanity, truth and delusion, told from within a Victorian asylum.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: HarperCollins (Italian)



WIFE OF THE TIDES

Mathew West

Be transported to an 18th Century port with the gripping new gothic novel from Mathew West.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 16 Feb 2023
Format: Hardback
Extent: 304pp

Genre: Gothic, historical fiction

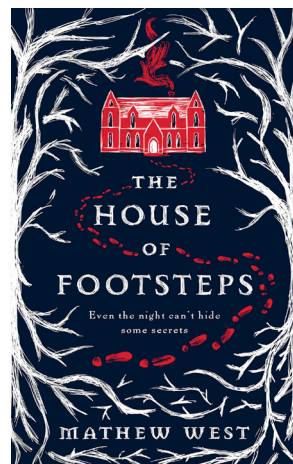
The author: Mathew West grew up in Aberdeenshire (and very briefly New Zealand). A keen horror film buff, his novels are born out of love of classic gothic fiction seen through modern eyes.

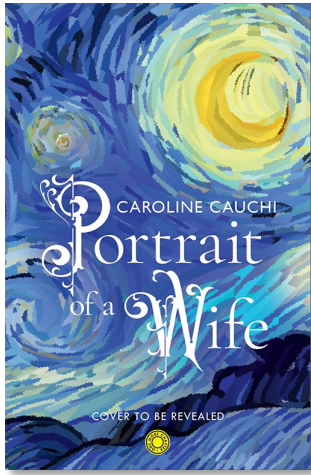
From her window, Cecilia Lamb can see almost nothing but blue-green, rolling waters - the vast Atlantic ocean stretching out toward the horizon, yet surging ever inward, at once both a threat and a promise.

Her house is perched above a bustling harbour looking down on the town where old meets new: ancient houses cut into the cliffs meeting the bustling port, freshwater from inland meeting the sharp saltwater of the bay, and the light shining on the ocean meeting something much darker in the seas beneath.

The clamour of the docks should distract her but Cecilia is not looking at the cargo, nor the mass of people loading and unloading, nor the furtive deals happening in the shadows. She is staring past them all - towards the sea. Across its surface ships crawl like insects. Any of them could be the ship that she is waiting for. But even watching from afar she knows, in her veins, that none of them is. And as she waits, the beat of her heart tells her that along with hope, something else moves within her. Something that feels much more like dread.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





PORTRAIT OF A WIFE

Caroline Cauchi

Girl with a Pearl Earring meets *The Paris Wife* in this stunning novel that tells the true story of the woman behind the world's greatest artist, Van Gogh.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: January 2023
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical

The author: Dr Caroline Cauchi worked as a university lecturer for several years before turning her hand to fiction. With a PhD in Creative Writing, Caroline's current academic fields of interest are Johanna van Gogh-Bonger, the silencing of women involved in creative pursuits, and the consideration of a novelist's ethical and moral responsibilities when fictionalising a real life. A Maltese mother and a British father, Caroline now lives on the Wirral and is also known as bestselling author Caroline Smailes.

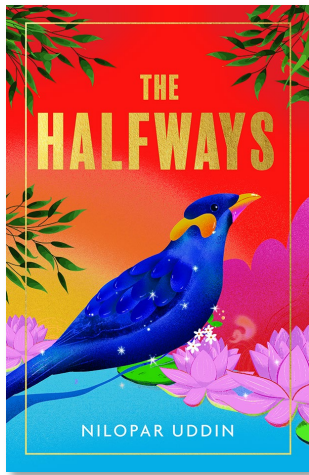
Rights sold: HarperCollins (Dutch, German).

In 1890, Vincent Van Gogh dies penniless, unknown, a man tortured by his own mind.

Eleven years later his work is exhibited in Paris and his unparalleled talent finally recognised. The tireless efforts of one woman gave the world one of its greatest creative minds.

But twenty-eight year old Johanna Van Gogh-Bonger, Vincent's sister-in-law and the keeper of his immense collection of paintings, sketches and letters, has, until now, been written out of history.

This beautiful, moving novel finally gives this extraordinary woman a voice.



THE HALFWAYS

Nilopar Uddin

In equal parts compelling, harrowing, multi-layered and beautiful, *The Halfways* is an epic family drama from debut author Nilopar Uddin.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 480pp

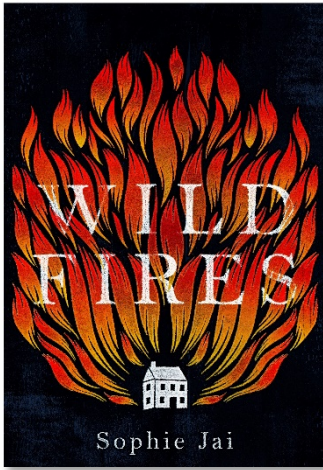
Genre: Commercial fiction

The author: Nilopar Uddin was born in Shropshire to Sylheti parents, who like the fictional family in *The Halfways* owned and ran an Indian restaurant in Wales. Every summer her family would travel for their holidays to Bangladesh to visit extended family, and this affection for the country has continued into adulthood; in 2009 she spent some months in Dhaka volunteering for BRAC, one of the largest NGOs in the world. Nilopar has had a successful career as a financial services lawyer practising in both London and New York, a city that she fell in love with and in.

Nasrin and Sabrina are two sisters, who on the face of things live successful and enviable lives in London and New York. When their father, Shamsur, suddenly dies, they rush to be with their mother at the family home and restaurant in Wales, but reluctantly step back into the stifling world of their childhood.

When Shamsur's will is read, a devastating secret is revealed that challenges all that people thought and loved about him. It also profoundly changes the lives and identities of the sisters, and creates an irreparable family rift.

Moving between London, Wales, New York and Bangladesh, this is an epic family drama that spans over four decades. A story of mothers and daughters, of fathers and daughters, of sisterhood, it is a tale that explores belonging, family and what makes forgiveness and redemption possible.



WILD FIRES

Sophie Jai

Set between Trinidad and Toronto, *Wild Fires* is a powerful, lyrical and vivid portrayal of a family undone by grief, betrayal and regret. Perfect for fans of Jesmyn Ward, Tayari Jones and Brit Bennett.

Imprint: Borough Press
Editor: Ore Agbaje-Williams
Publication: 12 May 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 320pp

Genre: Literary

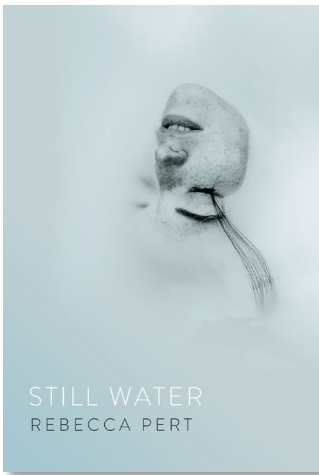
Of note: *Wild Fires* is the winner of The Borough Press BAME Open Submission 2019 with The Good Literary Agency.

The author: *Wild Fires* is Sophie Jai's debut novel. She was selected as a 2020 Writer-in-Residence and Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford for *Wild Fires*, and was longlisted for the 2019 Bridport Prize Peggy Chapman-Andrews Award for a First Novel. Jai was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago. She splits her time between Toronto and London.

The only things Cassandra knows about her family are the stories she's heard in snatches over the years: about the aunt and cousin she never got to meet, about the man from the folded-up photograph in one of her aunt's drawers, and of course about her cousin Chevy and why he never speaks – but no one utters a word about them any more.

When a call from one of her sisters brings Cassandra news of Chevy's death, she has to return home for the funeral. To Toronto and the big house on Florence Street, where her sisters are hiding more than themselves in their rooms, where the tension brewing between her mother and aunts has been decades in the making, and where sooner or later every secret, unspoken word and painful memory will find its way out into the open.

Moving between Toronto and Trinidad, *Wild Fires* is a vivid and compelling story exploring the ways we mourn and why we avoid the very things that can save us.



STILL WATER

Rebecca Pert

A beautifully written atmospheric story of trauma, grief and redemption, *Still Water* is a debut from a bright new voice in literary fiction. For readers of Sarah Waters, Leila Slimani and Gillian Flynn.

Imprint: Borough Press
Editor: Carla Josephson
Publication: 23 Jun 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 272pp

Genre: Literary

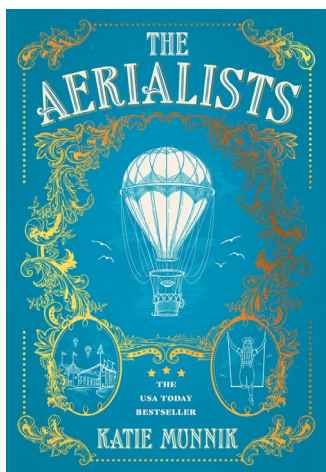
The author: Rebecca Pert won the Cheltenham Festival First Novel Competition. She lives in Gloucestershire with her husband, and *Still Water* is her debut novel.

Rights sold to:
HarperCollins (German).

When Jane Douglas returns to the Shetland Isles, she thinks she has escaped the dark shadows of her childhood. She carves out a simple life on the bleak, windswept island, working at the salmon fishery and spending quiet evenings at home. And for the first time in her life, she's happy.

Then the body of Jane's long-missing mother is found in a flooded quarry in Devon. She disappeared when Jane was a teenager, following the death of Jane's baby brother.

Jane has spent her life running from her past, living in fear that she has inherited her mother's demons. Now, Jane must face what actually happened on that fateful, tragic day twenty years ago.



Imprint: Borough Press
Editor: Ann Bissell
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 385pp

Genre: Literary, historical

The author: Katie Munnik is Canadian and a graduate of the Humber School for Writers in Toronto. Her collection of short fiction *The Pieces We Keep* was published by Wild Goose Publications and her works have appeared in several magazines and anthologies.

THE AERIALISTS

Katie Munnik

A rich historical novel based on the true story of Louisa Maud Evans, a fourteen-year-old girl who died during the Great Exhibition in Cardiff, 1896, whose demise captured the imagination of the city.

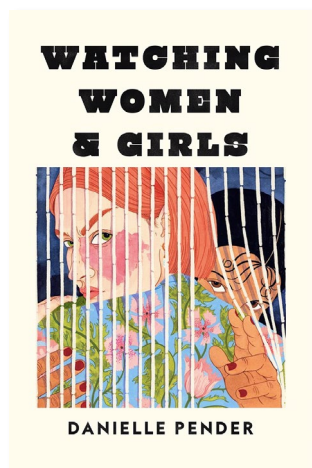
Paris, 1891. Laura is living on the streets, far from the American prairies where she was born. When aerialists Ena and August Gaudron, believing Laura to be English, decide to rescue her, she soon finds herself ensconced in the family hot air balloon business, and offered the chance to learn how to fly.

Cardiff, 1896. The Gaudrons accept an invitation to be part of the Cardiff Fine Art, Industrial and Maritime Exhibition, presenting a show of balloon ascents and parachute descents. Late one night, a young girl, Grace Parry, knocks on the door. She is desperate to fly, whatever the cost.

As Grace's dreams begin to take wing, can Laura be the one to keep her grounded? Histories real and invented intertwine as the novel explores the many risky ways girls are expected to perform.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





Imprint: 4th Estate
Editor: Michelle Kane
Publication: 26 May 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 272pp

Genre: Literary fiction, short stories

The author: Born in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Danielle gained her BA in History of Modern Art, Design & Film at Northumbria University and MA in Creative Writing at Newcastle University. In 2013 she founded Riposte, a biannual print publication that offers a diverse and nuanced reflection on the lives of modern women which has attracted a loyal readership and following world-wide. She has written for other publications including *Refinery 29*, *It's Nice That*, *Apartamento*, amongst others. This is her debut collection of short stories.

WATCHING WOMEN & GIRLS

Danielle Pender

In this timely collection of short stories, Danielle Pender examines how society views women, and the impact that constant surveillance has on their lives. It will appeal to fans of *Three Women*, *Expectation* and *My Dark Vanessa*.

When you look at a woman, who do you see?

“Every aspect of her body or personality was up for inspection: too big, too small, too available, too hidden, too much, not enough.”

A wedding day brings back memories of sisterhood and betrayals; a motorway service station burger bar is the site of explosive violence, but also strange bonds; a trip home forces a reminder of a lifechanging, lost friendship; a woman confronts her own infidelity; an artist celebrates a life spent in observation.

This debut collection movingly explores how women and girls are looked at, look at one another, and look at themselves, and how living as an object can shape their passions, fears, and joys. With a clear eye and dark humour, Danielle Pender considers sex, parenting, grief and class as lenses for the ways in which the world watches women — and how women are always watching back.

**ROMANCE &
FEEL-GOOD FICTION**



JUST FOR DECEMBER

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Laura Jane Williams

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Laura Jane Williams is back with the most romantic read of the festive season. If you love Christmas movies like *The Holiday* and *The Christmas Prince*, this is the read to warm your heart with this December.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 24 Nov 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Laura Jane Williams is a writer whose work has appeared everywhere from the *Guardian* to BuzzFeed, *Stylist*, *Closer*, *Metro* and the *Telegraph*. She is *Grazia*'s former dating columnist.

Rights sold to: Droemer
(German)

Evie Bird is a romance writer whose latest bestseller is being made into a Christmas movie.

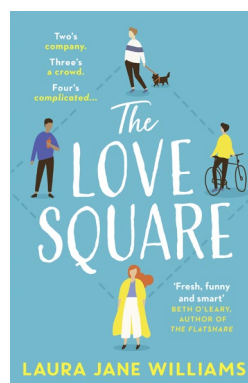
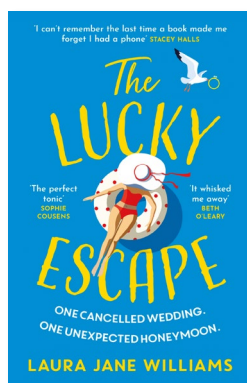
Duke Carlisle is a world-famous actor who has landed the role of leading man.

When Evie and Duke meet on set, it's a frosty encounter. In fact, the only thing icier than their interactions is the snow that coats the Bavarian streets they are filming on.

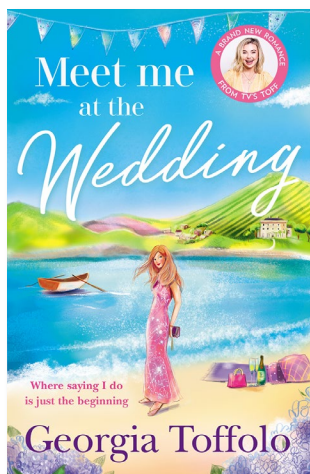
But after images of them arguing leak to the press and put the movie in jeopardy, they are left with no choice but to fake date until the cameras stop rolling.

As the pair start to put their differences aside, gradually, somewhere along the Romantic Road, their feelings begin to thaw... But can sparks ever really fly in a snowstorm?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Laura Jane Williams' books have been sold to: HarperCollins (Dutch, Italian), Rua do Sabao (Brazilian Portuguese), Flamingo/Gyldendal (Danish), Droemer (German), Tammi (Finnish), 2020 Editora (Portuguese), AST (Russian).



MEET ME AT THE WEDDING

Georgia Toffolo



The brand-new novel from *Sunday Times* Top 20 bestselling author Georgia Toffolo, *Meet Me At The Wedding* is perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan, Heidi Swain and Trisha Ashley.

Imprint: Mills & Boon Trade
Editor: Rebecca Slorach
Publication: 28 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 320pp

Genre: Love story, romance

The author: Georgia Toffolo has a social media following of over 2m. Her debut novel *Meet Me in London* was a *Sunday Times* Top 20 bestseller.

Rights sold to:
HarperCollins (German)

Lily loves living in Hawkes Cove, Devon, and especially now she is planning her best friend's wedding, to be held at the Hawkesbury estate. But when the estate's owner dies, and his son refuses to allow the wedding to go ahead, Lily must face Henry Hawkesbury – a man she hasn't seen in ten years.

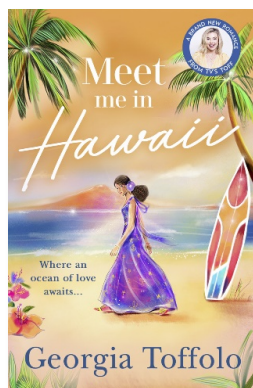
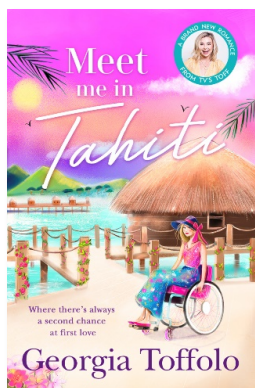
Henry wants nothing more than to come back to Hawkes Cove, sell his estranged late father's estate and leave. He certainly does not want to host a wedding or face the wrath of Lily Atwell – she gets on with everyone it seems, except him – until Henry realises he needs Lily's help, and she will only offer assistance if the wedding can go ahead.

As Lily and Henry work together intent on fulfilling their ends of the bargain and going their separate ways it seems fate has other ideas.

But can two people who are afraid to trust themselves, let alone each other, acknowledge what they have always wanted? And when Henry finally realises who he is meant to be with will it be too late?

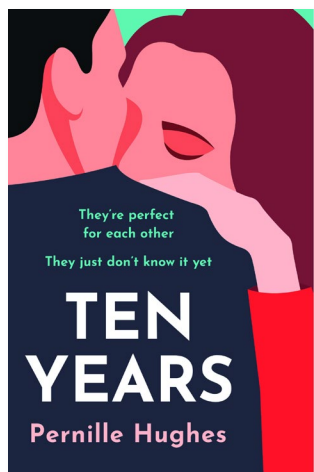
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'Totally dreamy, funny in all the right places, and unabashedly romantic. I loved it!' **Laura Jane Williams**



'Uplifting, romantic and festive – the perfect book to curl up with. I couldn't put it down.' **Rosie Nixon**

Georgia Toffolo's books have been sold to: HarperCollins (German), Newton Compton (Italian), Harlequin (US).



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 18 Aug 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romance

The author: Pernille Hughes has previously had two novels published, *Probably The Best Kiss In The World* and *Punch-drunk Love*. Her writing has also been printed in the *Sunday Times*.

Rights sold to: DTV (German).

TEN YEARS

Pernille Hughes

They're perfect for each other. They just don't know it yet. Not since Emma and Dex in *One Day* and Will and Lou in *Me Before You* will you root for a couple as much as Becca and Charlie.

Becca and Charlie have known each other for years – ever since they met at university.

And for every one of those years, they've bickered, argued, offended, mocked and generally rubbed each other up the wrong way.

Until now. Until Ally's bucket list. The death of their loved one should mean Becca and Charlie can go their separate ways and not look back. But completing the list is something neither Charlie nor Becca can walk away from.

And sometimes, those who bring out the worst in you, also bring out the very best...

Praise:

'One of those books where my heart gives a little skip whenever I think about it.' **Cressida McLaughlan**

'In between tears and smiles as I read, I also had proper heart flutters ... The sign of seriously good story telling.' **Jules Wake**

'Took my breath away ... I haven't laughed or cried as much since *PS I Love You*.' **Alex Brown**

'I laughed, I cried, I swooned – I was utterly swept away from the very first page. Ten Years is a wonderful emotional roller coaster that is sure to pull at the heartstrings of every reader.' **Kate Bromley, *Talk Bookish To Me***

'A beautiful book, so funny and poignant. I can't stop thinking about it!' **Emily Kerr, *Duvet Day***

'A really addictive "will they won't they" love story. Wonderful.' **Olivia Beirne, *The List That Changed My Life***

'A beautifully written, heart-breaking and uplifting story.' **Natalie Normann**



LOOKING OUT FOR LOVE

Sophia Money-Coutts

Sophia Money-Coutts has been widely credited as ‘the new Queen of the smart rom-com’. Her laugh-out-loud and feel-good romantic comedies are perfect for fans of Sophie Kinsella, Beth O’Leary and Mhairi McFarlane.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Katie Seaman
Publication: 19 Jan 2023
Format: Royal Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Sophia Money-Coutts is an author and journalist who spent five years studying the British aristocracy while working as Features Director at *Tatler*.

Stella Shakespeare isn’t having a good day, or month come to think of it. She’s been unceremoniously dumped by her boyfriend, cut off from the bank of dad and at 32 years old, she doesn’t know what she’s doing with her life.

What Stella really wants is to find love. She wants the all-consuming, can’t-think-about-anything-else, can’t-even-manage-to-eat kind of love. What she found beside her in bed that morning wasn’t love.

But when a tall, handsome man in a well-fitting suit walks into her life, she thinks she’s finally found The One.

Everything seems to be falling into place now Stella has met the man of her dreams and has an actual job working with a private investigator nicknamed The Affair Hunter – although seeing relationships in trouble shakes Stella’s own trust and makes her question if she’s been looking for love in the wrong place all along.

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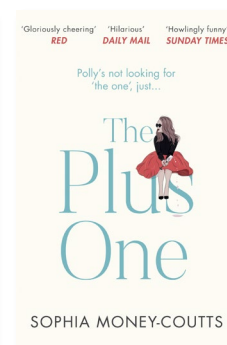
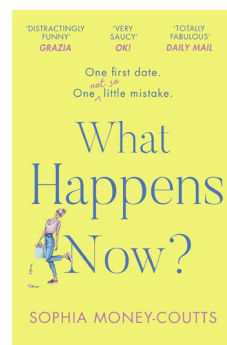
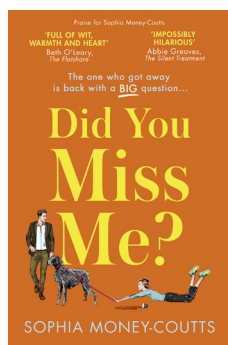
Praise for Sophia Money-Coutts:

‘A thoroughly modern love story.’ *Woman’s Weekly*

‘A laugh-a-min page-turner, perfect for poolside reading.’ *HELLO!*

‘For fans of Jilly Cooper, a gloriously escapist romp!’ *Best*

‘A poolside page-turner’ *Woman*



Sophia Money-Coutts’ books have been sold to: HarperCollins (Brazilian Portuguese, Dutch), Albatros (Czech), J’ai Lu (French), Penguin (Germany), Ikar (Slovak).



THE CHRISTMAS CASTLE IN SCOTLAND

Romantic Escapes Series (9)

Julie Caplin

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 19 Jan 2023
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Escapist romance

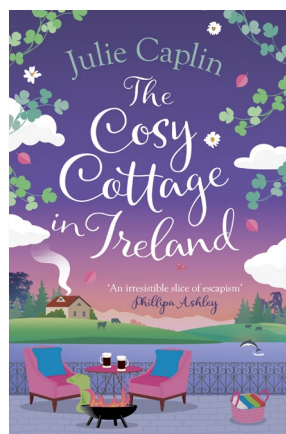
The author: Julie Caplin's former job as a PR director provided the inspiration for her novels. Her Romantic Escapes series has sold over 375K copies in the English language.

Rights sold to: Rowohlt (German).

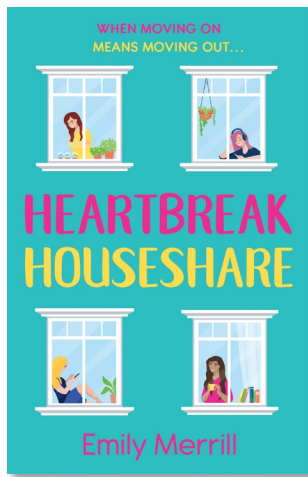
Izzy McBride had never in a million years expected to inherit an actual castle from her great uncle Bill but here she was, in the run up to Christmas, Monarch of her own Glen – a very rundown glen in need of a lot of TLC if it's to become a boutique bed and breakfast to earn its keep.

But when Izzy's eccentric mother rents a room to thriller author Ross Adair and the Scottish snow starts to settle like the frosting on a Christmas cake, it's a race to get the castle ready before they're all snowed in for the holidays.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Julie Caplin's books have been sold to: Sextante (Brazilian Portuguese), Soft Press (Bulgarian), Konzept (Croatian), Grada (Czech), Turbulenz (Danish), J'ai Lu (French), Rowohlt (German), Libri Konyvkiado Kft (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Akapit Press (Polish), Leyda (Portuguese), Eksmo (Russian), Nona (Swedish), Grada (Slovak), Alfa Basim (Turkish), HarperCollins (Dutch, Italian).



Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Megan Jones
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 320pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Emily is in her early twenties, and has lived in Leeds, Liverpool, and now York.

HEARTBREAK HOUSESHARE

Emily Merrill

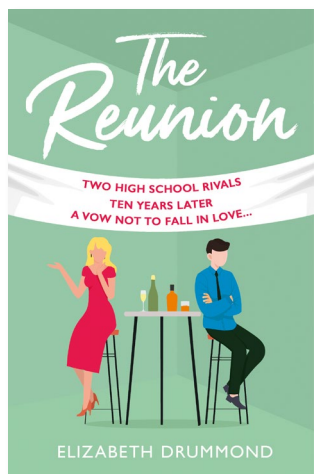
A charming romantic comedy by debut author Emily Merrill, following the ups and downs of Flick, freshly out of university and unceremoniously dumped by her boyfriend, as she's navigating life and the career ladder.

Fresh out of university in Manchester and struggling to climb the career ladder in London, Flick's devastated when her boyfriend decides to move out after dumping her. Being forced to move into a house share with three complete strangers is not exactly something she saw coming.

But quickly these housemates become her support system and they're always on hand to help her navigate the ups and downs of the life she's currently winging. Encouraged by her big sister (who of course has it all figured out, right?), she writes a bucket list of things she can do to reclaim her twenties post-break up.

But what do you do when this list accidentally turns into a magazine column after your boss catches wind of it? Enter Teddy, the cute guy that quickly becomes Flick's friend after a tennis meet-cute. With the column now finding its feet, she's in way over her head, somehow managing to fake-date Teddy to please her readers and her boss.

But the further Flick gets into twenties life, the more she realises that maybe she's not the only one following the 'fake it 'til you make' it mantra.



THE REUNION

Elizabeth Drummond

An enemies-to-lovers romcom for fans of Mhairi McFarlane, Sophie Kinsella and Lindsey Kelk.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Publication: 10 Jun 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Elizabeth Drummond hails from Yorkshire and, after a brief stint in New York (when she realised she was nothing like Carrie Bradshaw) now works in film, currently from her home in Essex. *The Reunion* is her first novel.

School reunions: the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends, dazzle old foes, and basically show everyone that your life could not be going better.

For Arundel College's former Head Boy Lucas O'Rourke this isn't quite the case. Recently dumped by his fiancée and facing the biggest crisis of his career, things aren't going the way he had planned.

And it's the worst possible moment to come face-to-face with his nemesis, Head Girl-turned-Party Girl, Posy Edwins.

Then again, not everything has gone to plan for Posy either. Cut off by her father for her 'lack of purpose', she's in desperate need of funds to secure her dream trip to Hawaii.

But Posy has a plan. Arundel College has an obscure bylaw: if the Head Boy and Head Girl get married, the school will pay for it. The wedding, the honeymoon, everything. All she needs to do is persuade Lucas to go along with it.

All they need to do is pretend to be in love, throw a tasteful (but definitely not legal) wedding, and then go their separate ways, all money problems solved. Simple, right? But with the school insisting on sending the eagle-eyed Ms Hardstark along to oversee the planning, what could possibly go wrong?



SUMMER AT THE CHATEAU

Annabel French

An absolutely gorgeous and heartwarming read about what can happen when you leave your comfort zone and listen to your heart. Fans of Shari Low, Heidi Swain and Julie Caplin will fall in love with *Summer at the Chateau*.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Radhika Sonagra
Publication: 8 Dec 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

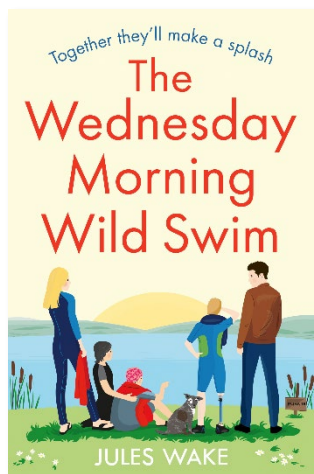
Genre: Romance

The author: Annabel French is a bestselling author of several contemporary romantic fiction stories for HarperCollins. Based in southeast England with her family, when she's not busy locked in her study writing, or daydreaming, she can be seen in the great outdoors, running after her two dogs, Wotsit and Skips.

When Lizzie Harper receives a letter from her bad-tempered late aunt, she decides not to open it; it's not like she's ever had anything nice to say to her. But when she receives a call to ask her pick up the keys – keys she knows nothing about – her interest is piqued, and she finds herself on a flight to France.

When she arrives, she discovers she is now the proud owner of what can only be described as a crumbling ruin – with nothing but dust and bats for company. One last laugh from the aunt who has always criticised her at every turn.

Intending to head straight back to the airport, she finds her car is dead forcing her to trudge miles in the rain for help. Bedraggled and furious, she uses her broken French to enlist the help of her nearest neighbour, the enchanting Luc. *Perhaps she can be convinced to stay after all...?*



THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WILD SWIM

Jules Wake



From the bestselling author of *The Saturday Morning Park Run* comes a gorgeous new story full of friendship, love and the healing power of wild swimming.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 21 Jul 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Uplit

The author: Jules Wake is author of over ten books including *The Saturday Morning Park Run*, which has sold over 30K copies in the UK. She also writes as Julie Caplin and her Romantic Escapes series has hit the bestseller charts around the world.

She's trying to figure out her future.

He's trying to forget his past.

But with the help of some unlikely friends, young and old, and a scruffy dog who just can't help getting wet, a new community is formed – just when they all need each other the most.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

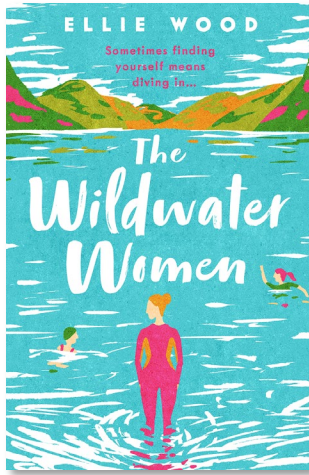
The Spark was nominated for RNA Contemporary Novel of the Year

'A gorgeous, engaging charm of a read.' **Amazon reviewer**



'I am addicted to books by Jules... as her stories are simply delightful and heart-warming however this one is just magical.'
Amazon reviewer

Jules Wake's books have been sold to: Albatros (Czech), J'ai Lu (French), Droemer (German), Kontinents (Latvia), Vulkan Izdavasto (Serbian), Aktuell (Slovak), HarperCollins (Italian).



THE WILDWATER WOMEN

Ellie Wood



The most liberating novel you'll read this season – four women ready to brave the cold water of the Lake District.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 28 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Feel-good fiction

The author: Ellie Wood was born and raised in the Lake District where she still lives. Passionate about the benefits of getting out into the wild, she's swum and walked the landscape that inspires her writing since she was small.



Four women, four very different lives, all brought together by the beauty of the Lake District and one desire – to step out of the day-to-day and into the wild water. But as they say, still waters run deep. Can they form a friendship across ages, backgrounds and personalities – and will that friendship be enough to carry them through the secrets, heartbreak and forgotten dreams they all bring?

A story of love, hope and finding your own happiness set against the backdrop of one of the UK's most-cherished landscapes, *The Wildwater Women* is a feelgood novel for everyone who's ever wanted to dive in but hesitated about getting more than a toe in the water.



ONE MORE DAY

Emma Heatherington



An emotional, commercial voice that would sit perfectly next to Karen Swan and Lulu Taylor, writing epic but ultimately life-affirming romance.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Emotional romance

The author: Irish author Emma Heatherington has penned more than 50 short educational films, plays and musicals as well as nine novels, including the top-10 Kindle bestseller *The Legacy of Lucy Harte*.

Annie Madden and her husband Peter seemed to have the perfect life; two beautiful children, a wonderful home and each other.

That was before everything changed. Now Annie must face a different future, after a devastating event casts a shadow over her family, and their future.

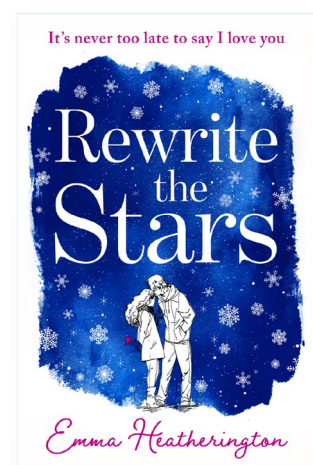
When she is offered the chance to pick up her previous career as a writer, Annie is reluctant.

Hollywood bad-boy, Senan Donnelly, has scared off every other ghost-writer who has tried to tell his story, so why would she be any different?

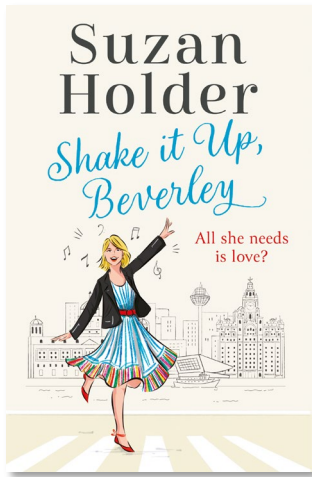
Travelling to the beautiful Irish coast of West Cork, she discovers a very different side to the Hollywood actor. Annie can feel her heart opening up, but she is not free to follow it. Must she put her own happiness last, or can she dare to turn the page on a new chapter?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Secrets in the Snow was a UK top 50 bestseller in paperback and spent 4 weeks in the *Bookseller's* Heatseeker chart.



Emma Heatherington's books have been sold to: HarperCollins (Dutch, German, Italian), Alexandra (Hungarian).



SHAKE IT UP, BEVERLEY

Suzan Holder

This hilarious romantic comedy explores life, love and lonely hearts in the suburbs of Liverpool. The perfect, laugh out loud read for fans of Milly Johnson, Cathy Bramley and Jill Mansell.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Suzan trained as a newspaper journalist and worked on regional and national newspapers before moving into TV production. She has worked on a variety of television news and lifestyle programmes and was Series Producer of ITV's network daytime talk show *Loose Women*. Suzan has written for newspapers, television and theatre. *Shake It Up, Beverley* is her debut novel.

Beverley Wilson has always loved the Beatles but kissing a poster goodnight isn't really an option when you're a fifty-something mum of three. So when she decides it's time to get back into the dating game, she turns to a dating agency for help.

But the long and winding road to real love is littered with dating disasters – the pantyhose pervert being the real low point and in Bev's opinion it's all too much. But meeting fellow Beatles fan Scott Smith changes everything.



THE FOREVER HOUSE

Rachel Dove

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 23 Jun 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Romance

The author: Rachel Dove is the winner of the Mills & Boon & *Prima* Magazine Flirty Fiction competition and won The Writers Bureau's Writer of the Year Award in 2016.

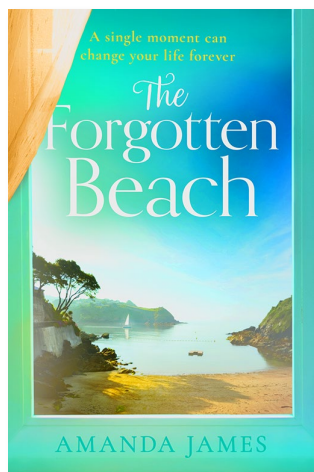
Emily Hendrickson is tired of being the wedding guest and never the bride. Working at her local paper as a wedding columnist, she can't wait to write her own happy-ever-after.

When she bumps into her childhood sweetheart Calvin Albright, her world is knocked off balance. Calvin has returned to the quiet town of Hebblestone desperate for a fresh start. After his wife tragically died two years ago, he wants nothing more than to find a new home and settle down with his son, Isaac.

Isaac can see how lonely his dad is – he's determined to help him find love again and complete their family.

Uploading a video to his blog in search of a new girlfriend for his dad, he convinces Emily to use the local paper to make the video viral and sift through the potential candidates.

But as the letters to Calvin begin to flood in, could the promise of love be closer to home than they think?



THE FORGOTTEN BEACH

Cornish Escapes (3)

Amanda James

An absorbing romantic story with a magical touch, which will transport readers to Cornwall.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 7 Jul 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romance, magical realism

The author: Amanda James has written since she was a child. In 2010 she had her first short story published. Amanda lives in Cornwall and is inspired by the wild and beautiful coastline.

For Cornish artist Sennen Kellow that moment comes with the discovery of her late gran's epic love story – a story that happened years before she ever met Sennen's grandfather.

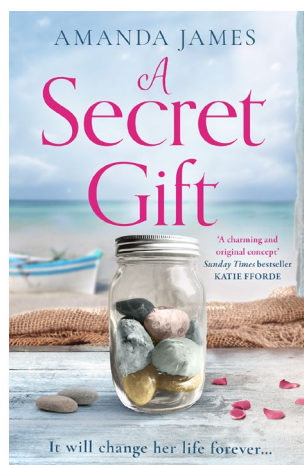
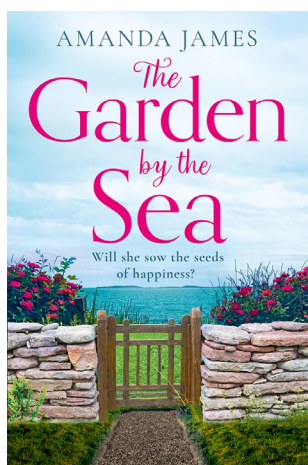
Now, as Sennen digs into her grandmother's past and discovers a forgotten beach, a hidden poem, and a love that blazed brightly before Fate intervened, her search for answers leads her on a fated journey of her own. One which sees history repeating itself, and Sennen faced with a chance at the kind of once-in-a-lifetime love her gran experienced but only if she's willing to risk everything.

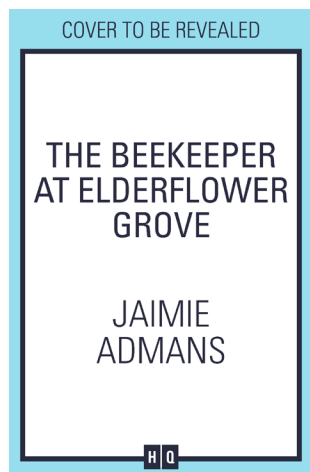
Praise for Amanda James:

'A delightfully romantic, heart-warming and humorous tale... cosy, poignant and uplifting all at the same time' **Linda Huber**

'A deliciously absorbing tale, with a good sprinkling of magic and well-drawn characters you can't help but care about' **Kelly Florentia**

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE BEEKEEPER AT ELDERFLOWER GROVE

Jaimie Admans

Escape to Elderflower Grove with this heart-warming summer holiday of a book! Fans of Heidi Swain, Trisha Ashley and Tilly Tennant will love this heart-warming read.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 15 Jul 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Romance

The author: Jaimie Admans is an English-sounding Welsh girl with an awkward-to-spell name. She lives in South Wales.

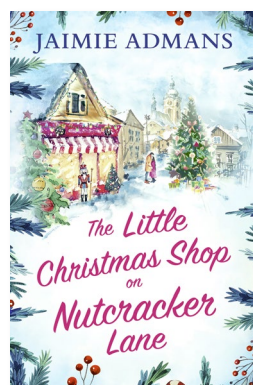
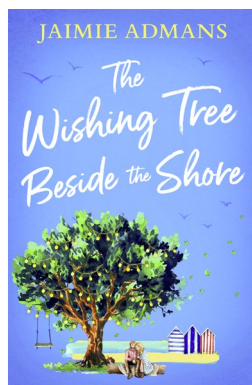
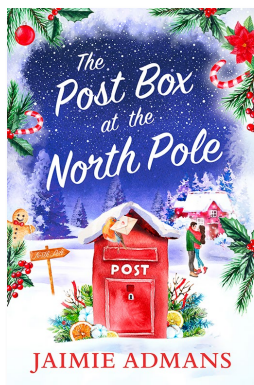
Kayleigh Harwood is down and out on her luck, and desperate for a new job. When she sees a post for a new beekeeper at the old manor house on Elderflower Grove, she jumps at the chance – despite not knowing a thing about bees.

Desperate to give this job her best shot, she orders a book on beekeeping online in the hope it will teach her everything she needs to know in time – surely it can't be that hard?

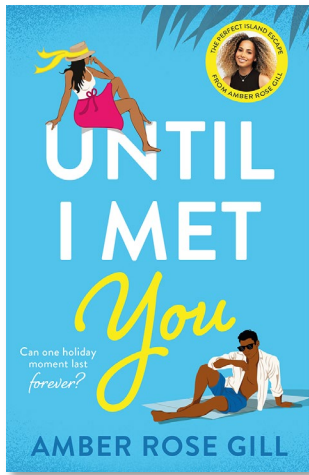
Met at Elderflower manor by drop-dead-gorgeous Carey, the pair soon discover that the land is at risk of being bought by property developers.

Will they be able to save the Grove and the bees, and find their own love along the way?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: HarperCollins (Italian).



UNTIL I MET YOU

Amber Rose Gill

A hot new enemies-to-lovers rom-com from TV personality Amber Rose Gill.

Imprint: Mills & Boon Trade
Editor: Rebecca Slorach
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

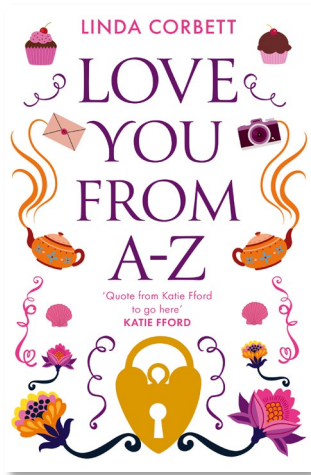
The author: Amber Rose Gill is a TV personality who won *Love Island* in 2019. Upon leaving the villa she signed one of the most lucrative fashion deals to date. Amber went on to launch Amber Flexx, her fitness platform that celebrates all body shapes by 'making you the best version of you'. She's also an ambassador of Calm (campaign against living miserably) and is the co-host of ITV's *The Full Treatment* as well as appearing on Channel 4's *Can I Improve My Memory*. Amber is regularly featured on TV shows and in the press.

It was meant to be the holiday of a lifetime, a chance to extend her travel blog, her best friends' wedding and perhaps, if her friends were correct, her own proposal.

Until Samantha finds herself on her way to Tobago alone... and single. What she needs is rest, not to come face to face with the most unhelpful man on the island!

Fed up with his corporate job, after years in New York, Roman is starting again in Tobago. The last thing he needs is a distraction, especially a free-spirited travel blogger. But something about Samantha brings out Roman's protective instinct.

As Samantha and Roman spend more time together under the tropical sun, lines between friendship begin to blur, until secrets put everything they thought they had found in jeopardy and it will take every inch of Samantha's strength to fight for what she truly wants.



LOVE YOU FROM A-Z

Linda Corbett

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 15 Sep 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Linda Corbett as well as being an author, Linda is treasurer for a volunteer-led charity that supports individuals and families affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus. For many years she also wrote a regular column for *Link*, a disability magazine, illustrating the humorous aspects of life with a complex disability and she is a passionate advocate of disability representation in fiction. *Love You From A-Z* is her first published novel.

Experience has told Jenna Oakhurst that Happy Ever After may happen in all the best stories, but Happy For Now is the best one ought to expect in real life. Yet lately even that isn't quite enough, so when a strange set of circumstances leads her to discover a mysterious letter in an abandoned storage unit, she takes the chance to embark on a journey into the unknown just like the heroines from the storybooks.

Reaching out to the letter's author, Henry Somners, changes Jenna's world irrevocably and she starts to realise that the magic she believed in as a child might not be such a fanciful notion after all.



TAKE A CHANCE ON GREECE

Emily Kerr

Set in Kefalonia, Emily Kerr's new summer romance is the perfect escapist read and will appeal to fans of Lindsey Kelk, Sarah Morgan and Cressida McLaughlin.



Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Jennie Rothwell

Publication: 22 Jul 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Emily Kerr works as a journalist and is based in Yorkshire.



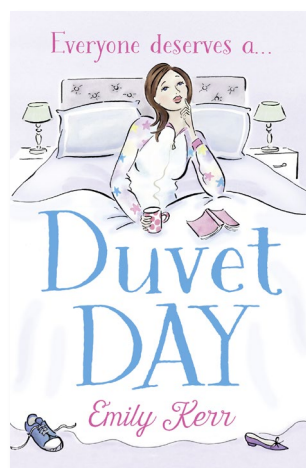
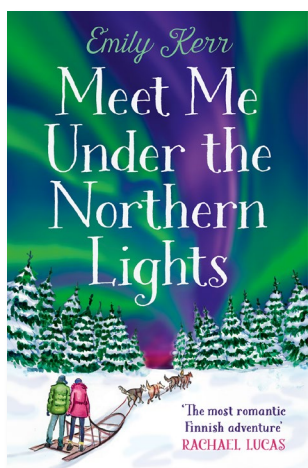
When Lydia wakes up after a wild night out in Kefalonia with a tattoo saying 'Awesome Andreas', she's mortified. She doesn't remember meeting anyone called Andreas. And after all, she's an accountant with a five-year plan. She's definitely not a party girl.

The sensible thing to do would be to research how to get the tattoo removed and move on with her safe and steady life. But she's had enough of being predictable.

Instead, Lydia decides to track down the mysterious Andreas, but the path to true love is never simple. As she goes from one disastrous date to another, she starts to lose hope in ever finding him.

Perhaps Lydia is looking in the wrong places, and the right man for her is just next door, if only she'd take a chance on him.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





MEET ME ON PLATFORM THREE

Zara Stoneley

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 18 Aug 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romance

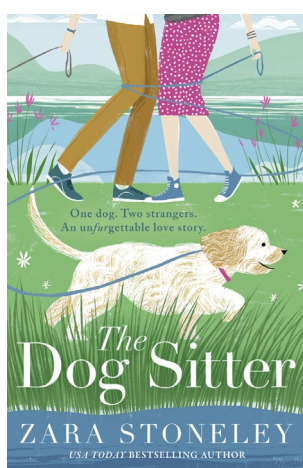
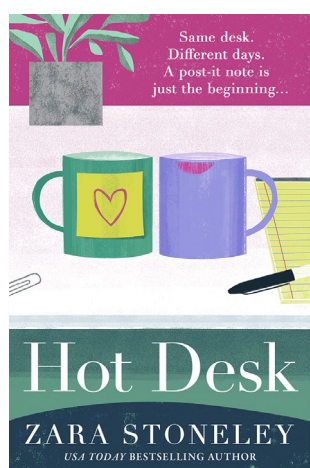
The author: Zara Stoneley is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Wedding Date*.

Millie loves her city life, her city friends and writing her true(ish) confessions column – but she's starting to wonder if the grass really is greener on the other side, or if her heart really belongs back in Yorkshire, with her mum who is struggling after the death of Millie's dad.

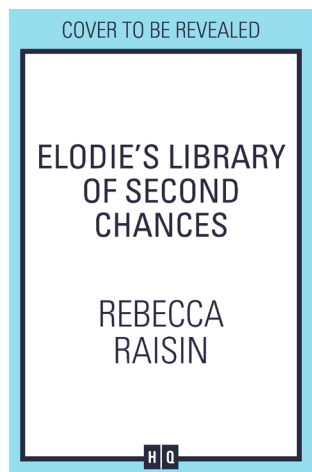
Joe is happy doing what he does, writing games. He could do it anywhere, but since leaving home he's lived believing that looking back means you've failed, and life is about taking chances and seeing the world.

So when the two meet up surely it can never work, their lives are moving in opposite directions. On different tracks.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: Heyne (German), Newton Compton (Italian), Balto (Lithuanian).



ELODIE'S LIBRARY OF SECOND CHANCES

Rebecca Raisin

An uplifting story about fresh starts, new beginnings and the power of stories, from the bestselling author of *Rosie's Travelling Tea Shop*.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 4 Aug 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Romantic comedy

The author: Rebecca Raisin is the author of several novels, including the beloved Little Paris series and the Gingerbread Café trilogy, and her short stories have been published in various anthologies and fiction magazines.



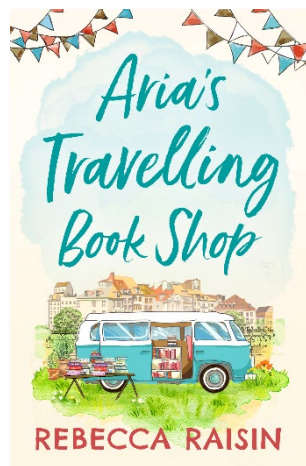
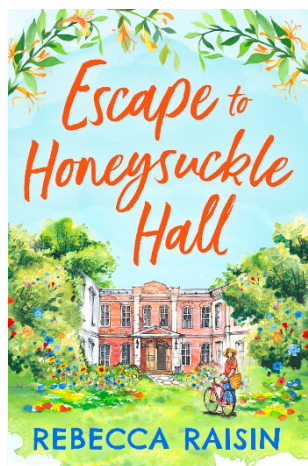
When Elodie Astor applies for the job of librarian in peaceful Willow Grove, she's looking forward to a new start. As the daughter of a media empire, her every move has been watched for years, and she longs to work with the thing she loves most: books.

It's a chance to make a real difference too, because the library is on the brink of closure. But she soon realises that there are other people in Willow Grove who might need a fresh start too – like the homeless man everyone walks past without seeing, or the divorcee stained by her former husband's misdeeds.

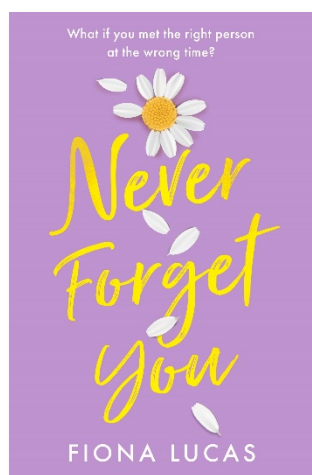
Together with local journalist Finn, Elodie decides these people have stories that need sharing. What if instead of borrowing books, her readers could 'borrow' a person, and hear the life stories of those they've overlooked?

But Elodie isn't quite sharing her whole story either. As the story of the library's new success grows, will her own secret be revealed?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Rebecca Raisin's books have been sold to: CIELA (Bulgarian), Eesti Ramat (Estonian), Aufbau Verlag (German), Golden Time (Korean), Eksmo (Russian).



NEVER FORGET YOU

Fiona Lucas

An emotional love story about forgiveness and second chances which will break your heart and put it back together again – perfect for fans of Cecelia Ahern, Jojo Moyes and Paige Toon.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Emily Kitchin
Publication: 1 Sep 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romance, emotional

The author: Fiona Lucas is an award-winning author. She has written heart-warming love stories and feel-good women's fiction as Fiona Harper and has won numerous awards, including a Romantic Novel Award in 2018, and chalked up a no.1 Kindle bestseller.

What if you met the right person at the wrong time?

Ben Robertson has kept himself to himself, looking after his niece and helping his aunt to run a B&B. Not letting people in means less chance of getting hurt and he remembers the pain of losing someone all too well.

But when a woman arrives lost in the remote Scottish highlands, unable to remember how she got there or even her own name, Ben is forced to reach out and help.

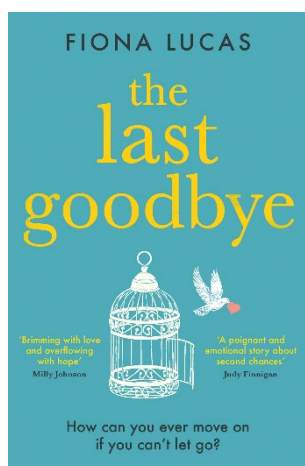
Slowly but surely as the woman's memories return, so does the feeling that Ben might have met her before. Can Ben be brave enough to finally open up and take a chance on love?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Finalist for the Romance Writers of America 2021 Vivian Awards

'A gorgeous book about second chances, brimming with love and overflowing with hope.' **Milly Johnson, *Sunday Times* bestselling author**

'Heart-wrenching and compelling.'
Sarah Morgan



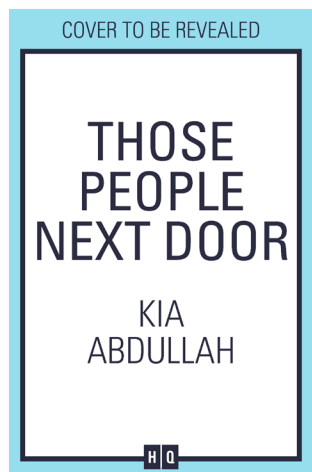
'This book tore my heart into tiny pieces, then put it back together and made it fly.' **Jane Linfoot**

'A beautiful story of loss, discovery and recovery.' **Heidi Swain**

'Beautiful, poignant and thought-provoking.' **Cressida McLaughlin**

Rights sold to: Grada (Czech), Sperling and Kupfer (Italian), AST (Russian), Mladinska (Slovene), HarperCollins (US).

CRIME & THRILLER



THOSE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR

Kia Abdullah

A gripping thriller about nightmare neighbours, *Those People Next Door* explores the loss of innocence and how far we're prepared to go to defend ourselves and the people we love. Perfect for fans of *Anatomy of a Scandal* and *He Said/She Said*.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Publication: 1 Sep 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Courtroom drama

The author: Kia Abdullah is an author and travel writer (*Guardian*, BBC, Channel 4 News, *The New York Times*). She is one half of the travel blog *Atlas & Boots* (200K views per month).



Salma Khatun is extremely hopeful about Blenheim, the safe suburban development to which she, her husband and their son have just moved. Their family is in desperate need of a fresh start, and Blenheim feels like the place to make that happen.

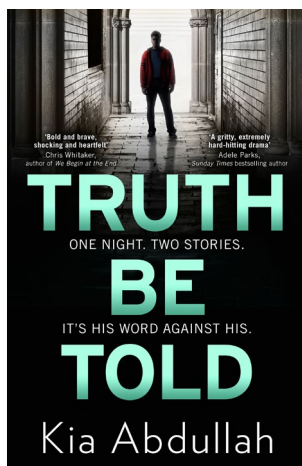
Not long after they move in, Salma spots her neighbour, Tom Hutton, ripping out the anti-racist banner she put in her front garden. She chooses not to confront Tom because she wants to fit in. It's a small thing, really. No need to make a fuss. So Salma takes the banner inside and puts it in her window instead.

But the next morning she wakes up to find her window smeared with paint. This time she does confront Tom, and the battle lines between the two families are drawn. As things begin to escalate and the stakes become higher and higher, it's clear that a reckoning is coming. And someone is going to get hurt.

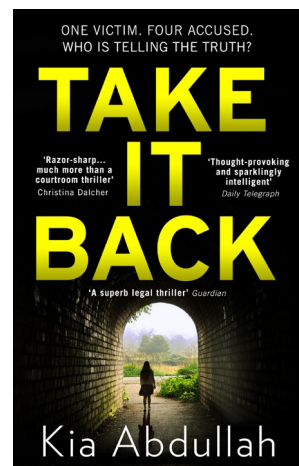
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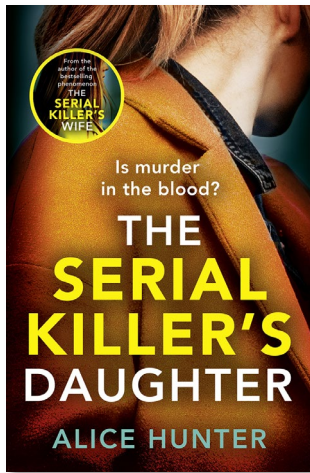


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Previous rights sold to: Kobiece (Polish), Arkadia (Russian), St Martin's Press (US).



THE SERIAL KILLER'S DAUGHTER

Alice Hunter

The runaway bestseller of 2021 returns with her next gripping read. True crime meets domestic suspense – is murder in the blood?

In a sleepy Devon village, a young girl is taken from the streets. Local vet, Jenny, is horrified. This kind of thing doesn't happen here.

But it's not the first time she's been so close to a crime scene. The daughter of a prolific serial killer, she's spent her whole life running from who she really is.

And the crime is harrowingly similar to those her father committed all those years ago.

But she's not her father's daughter.

Or is she?

Imprint: Avon

Editor: Radhika Sonagra

Publication: 21 Jul 2022

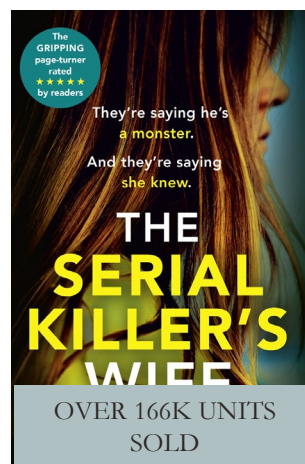
Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, crime & mystery

The author: Alice Hunter is a psychology graduate and has worked in healthcare and the prison service. She puts her experiences to good use and draws heavily on her knowledge of psychology and the criminal mind.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: Newton Compton (Italian).



Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 336pp

Genre: Cosy crime

The author: Jonathan Whitelaw is a writer, award-winning journalist and broadcaster. After working on the frontline of Scottish politics, he moved into journalism, covering everything from sports to music to radioactive waste – and everything in between. He's also a regular reviewer, panellist and commentator.



THE BINGO HALL DETECTIVES

Jonathan Whitelaw

An irresistible slice of murder and mystery – there's a killer on the loose in the Lake District, and the members of the Penrith Bingo Club have decided they're the ones to catch the culprit.

Jason Brazel is an out of work journalist who lives in Penrith with his family and mother-in-law, Amita. She knows everyone and everything that's going on in this corner of the Lakes.

So when it's discovered that Madeline Forbisher, one of Amita's fellow regulars at the bingo club has died, found by the postman outside her crumbling country home close to Ullswater Lake, she senses immediately this is no accident. The trouble is, no one else seems to take her suspicions seriously.

That is, until she enlists the help of her friends at the Penrith Bingo Club. Dismissed by many as eccentric, over the hill or out of touch, it turns out that it's unlucky for some that these amateur sleuths are on the case

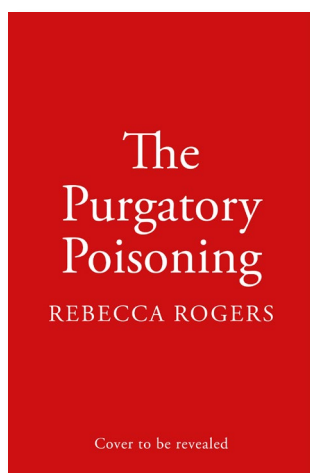
Praise for Jonathan Whitelaw:

'Jonathan Whitelaw is a terrific writer' **Jo Spain**

'Delirious, diabolical and delightful' **Anthony O'Neill**

'A brilliant, sharply funny read' **Lisa Hall**

'A lot of devilish fun is in store for readers' **Stephen Booth**



THE PURGATORY POISONING

Rebecca Rogers

Good Omens meets *The Good Place* – a man stuck in purgatory, just trying his best to solve his murder and not end up in eternal damnation. Perfect for fans of cozy, quirky, humorous crime, like *The Thursday Murder Club* and *The Windsor Knot*.

Imprint: HarperFiction

Editor: Martha Ashby

Publication: 2 Mar 2023

Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Cosy crime, mystery, humour

Of note: Winner of the Comedy Women In Print Unpublished Prize 2021.

The author: Rebecca Rogers grew up in Birmingham on a diet of *Blackadder* and *Monty Python*. For a long time, she thought Michael Palin was her uncle (he's not). Now 50 and much more knowledgeable about her family, she's a single mum who works in the job centre, helping people to find work.

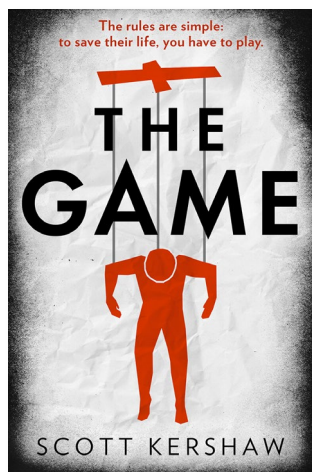


Purgatory (noun): 1. a place where the spirits of the dead are sent to atone before they go to heaven. 2. A temporary place of suffering or torment.

The last thing Dave remembers is being at a dinner party but when he wakes up in a youth hostel from 1982, he quickly discovers the truth: he's dead, this is purgatory, and he must atone to get to heaven (or not, and go to hell). Oh, and he was murdered.

But the main problem is that Heaven doesn't know who murdered him (v. important for keeping track of who comes through the pearly gates of course) so with the help of two rogue angels, Dave is sent back to earth to uncover the truth.

But as heavenly forces from both sides start to play the game, can Dave get out of this alive? Or at the very least, with his soul intact?



Imprint: HQ
Editor: Emily Kitchin
Publication: 12 May 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: High-concept thriller

The author: Scott Kershaw lives in Lincolnshire in a Victorian cottage. He likes the crackle of vinyl, the smell of paperbacks, the taste of a stiff drink and the view from a front row barrier. *The Game* is his debut thriller.

Rights sold: AST (Russian)

THE GAME

Scott Kershaw

Set between Europe and North America, *The Game* is a pitch-black, high-stakes international thriller reminiscent of John Marrs' *The One* and *The Hunger Games*. It will appeal to fans of *Line of Duty*, Steve Cavanagh, Adrian McKinty and Harlan Coben.

When five players are drawn into a mysterious and deadly game, they swiftly realise the stakes are higher than they could ever have imagined.

Are you prepared to pay the ultimate price to save someone you love? The rules are simple. To save their life, you have to play.

[text message] *Dear Player,*

The person you love the most is in danger.

To save them, you must become a player in the game.

The rules are, there can only be one winner.

And if you lose, your loved one will die.

Welcome to the game.

You've just started playing. [end of message]

Praise for *The Game*:

'Exciting and original' **Simon McCleave**

'A twisty page-turner' **Liz Lawler**

'Chilling, packed with intrigue' **Dan Malakin**



THE SILVER SERPENT

Ben Hope series (25)

Scott Mariani



A *Sunday Times* bestselling and world-acclaimed action series which has sold over 3.5 million units featuring maverick ex-SAS hero Ben Hope and his adventures around the globe.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 12 May 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Action, adventure, thriller

Of note: The Ben Hope thrillers can be read in any order

The author: Scott Mariani's books have topped the bestseller charts in the UK and beyond.

Some legends lie buried for a reason.

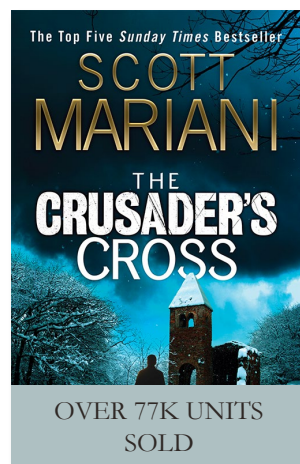
Under the fierce heat of the Australian outback, the laws of nature serve a rough justice. When a man vanishes deep in the Northern Territory, local police write it off. But his family suspect otherwise – and when the call for help goes out, Ben Hope and Jeff Decker are there to hear it.

Ben's instincts, honed by years of Special Forces missions, soon see the story told by a trail of bullet casings, rumours of a missing map and a lethal cocktail of greed, power and money.

This savagely beautiful land holds a secret it won't give up easily – and for Ben, discovering the truth will mean not only going up against a small army of hired guns and their twisted paymaster, but also surviving a place where the wilderness is as powerful as the weapons his enemies have trained on him.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

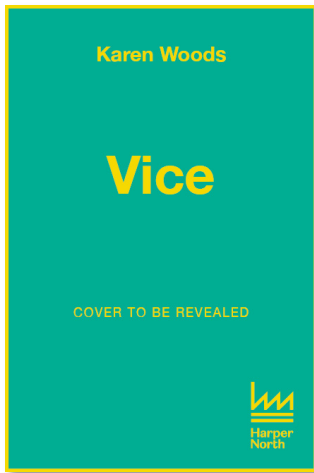
'A high level of realism ... the action scenes come thick and fast. Like the father of the modern thriller, Frederick Forsyth, Mariani has a knack for embedding his plots in the fears and preoccupations of their time.' *Shots Magazine*



'History, action, devious scheming and eye-opening detail. Mariani delivers a twisting storyline.' **David Leadbeater**

'Compelling from the first page until the last, Mariani and his fabulous protagonist Ben Hope entertain in a gripping tale that will have you turning the pages well into the night.' **Mark Dawson**

Scott Mariani's books have been sold in 20 territories, details available upon request.



VICE

(Karen Woods 3)

Karen Woods

The gripping new gangland thriller from Karen Woods. Perfect for fans of Alex Kane, Kimberley Chambers and Mandasue Heller.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 9 Jun 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 320pp

Genre: Gangland saga, crime

The author: Karen Woods writes about the world she grew up in and her beloved Manchester – all its light and shade – is in every book.

Betrayal, family loyalties, secrets: not all gangsters live in the east end.

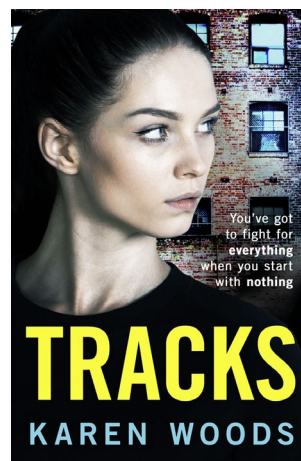
Two families run this part of Manchester: the Johnsons and the Bennetts. With the head of the Johnson family banged up, the Bennetts have made their move. But power comes at a price.

Now Charlie Johnson is out of prison and he wants his empire back. But the Bennetts have had a taste of the money and the control. Charlie's sons want to strike now and destroy their rivals but Charlie wants to wait. He has a personal score to settle.

Charlie's wife Janey hates that her controlling husband is home from prison and is hatching a plan to leave him, but she knows he won't let her go easily – not with the secrets she carries. She needs allies – and through her daughter and her passionate affairs, she may have found the way out she needs.

But for all of them, getting what they want will mean risking everything.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





WANT YOU DEAD

Steve Frech

A gripping thriller you won't be able to put down, this is perfect for fans of Robert Dugoni, Rachel Caine and Lisa Regan.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 18 Aug 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Police procedural

The author: Steve Frech lives in Los Angeles. In addition to writing, he produces and hosts the Random Awesomeness Podcast, an improvcomedy quiz show that has been performed at Upright Citizens Brigade, The Improv, iO West, and Nerdist.

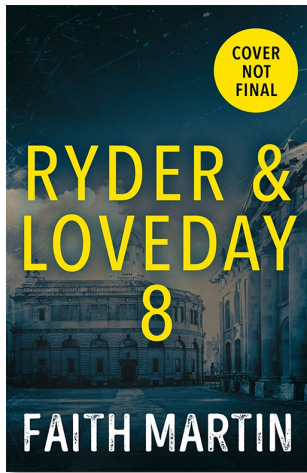
A child's birthday party ends in chaos when one of the parents is found brutally beaten to death. It's clear the killer must be another guest, but with twenty high-spirited children as a distraction, anyone might have had the opportunity to slip away from the party.

Detective Meredith Somerset soon discovers the victim had no shortage of enemies, and everyone has a potential motive. Fractured marriages, jealousy and betrayals all come to light but, still haunted by a past case, Meredith can't seem to cut through the lies and find the truth.

When another party-goer disappears Meredith knows the clock is ticking before the killer strikes again. But when everyone has a motive, how can she be sure who was the one who struck the fatal blow? Who is innocent—and who is out for blood?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





A FATAL END

Ryder and Loveday series (8)

Faith Martin

Faith Martin's Ryder and Loveday series is a Kindle top 100 bestseller in the UK and US, having sold over 721K units to date.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Police procedural

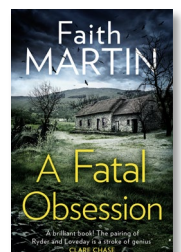
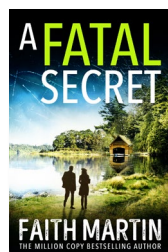
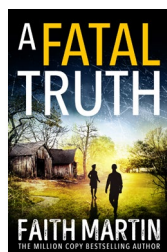
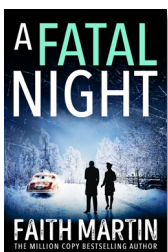
The author: Faith Martin has been writing for over 25 years, in four genres and under four different pen names. She was born in Oxford and sets most of her crime novels within sight of the city of dreaming spires.

In the winding backstreets of Oxford, a club full of people dance the night away to their favourite band. But backstage there is trouble afoot. An argument is brewing between bandmembers, a possessive girlfriend will stop at nothing to help her beloved find fame – and a tragic accident leaves the lead singer dead.

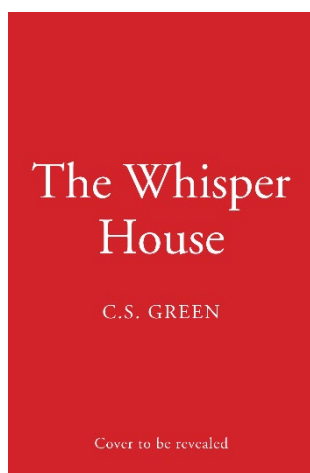
But was it an accident at all? Coroner Clement Ryder is suspicious, and WPC Trudy Loveday knows there's only one thing for it. She's going undercover, deep into the seedy underbelly of Oxford nightlife.

Meanwhile Clement's own secret is becoming increasingly difficult to keep hidden, and discovering the singer's murderer might not be the only shock in store for Trudy...

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Faith Martin's books have been sold to: HarperCollins (French, Italian)



THE WHISPER HOUSE

A DC Rose Gifford Thriller (2)

C. S. Green

A twisty, clever police procedural with a paranormal element, perfect for fans of Ben Aaronovitch and Jane Casey.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Phoebe Morgan
Publication: 21 Jul 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, police procedural

The author: C S Green is a pseudonym for *Sunday Times* and e-book bestseller Cass Green.

A house with a history, a boy with a grudge and a detective who will stop at nothing to get to the truth.

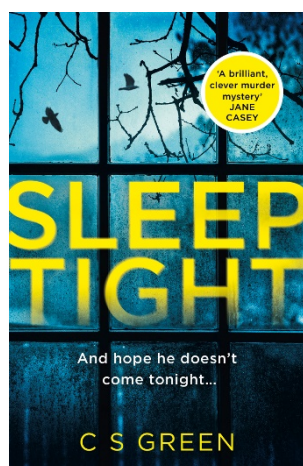
Gregory knows something is wrong with his house. His parents don't believe him, but he can feel it – and he's frightened.

DC Rose Gifford is called out after neighbours report a series of disturbances at the property, and she can feel it too. She knows Gregory and his family are in danger, and she knows that it will be down to her specialist supernatural crimes team to uncover the truth.

Something terrible happened at number 42 Wyndham Terrace. It's Rose's job to find out what.

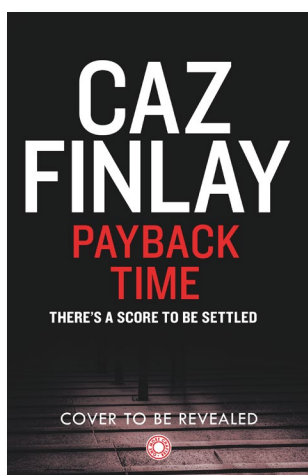
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'A gripping, fascinating and tense novel. A fab premise skilfully executed and tightly woven. Creepy, unsettling, but underpinned by warm and likeable characters.' **Neil Lancaster**



'A refreshingly original thriller. Beautifully written and deliciously creepy, *Sleep Tight* hooked me from the very first line.' **Sarah Stovell**

'A classy police procedural with gritty characters and a delicious paranormal edge. I loved it!' **Jane Isaac**



PAYBACK TIME

Caz Finlay

The next instalment in the addictive and gripping Bad Blood family crime series.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 30 Aug 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 384pp

Genre: Family thriller

The author: Caz Finlay lives in Liverpool with her husband, two children, and a grumpy dog named Bert. A qualified probation officer, Caz has always been fascinated by the psychology of human behaviour and the reasons people do the things they do.

Grace Carter and her family are notorious across Liverpool. No one has dared challenge them, until now.

When right-hand man, Danny Alexander, is arrested for murder and remanded in custody, the Carter family must turn to their closest ally in the police force, DI Leigh Moss. Tensions are high but they'll need to put their trust in her to find the real perpetrator.

DI Moss is torn between her loyalties, but one thing is for certain, if you mess with the Carters, you will pay with your life.

Readers love Caz Finlay:

'I literally couldn't sleep until I finished this. Completely addictive'

'What a page-turner'

'Gangland at its best'

'One of my favourite authors. Another excellent gripping read'

'A thrilling, fast-paced gangland read which is realistic and entertaining'



THE NIGHTWATCH

DS Max Craigie Scottish Crime Thrillers (3)

Neil Lancaster

The Nightwatch is the third novel in Neil Lancaster's explosive Scottish crime series. It will appeal to fans of Stuart MacBride and Denzil Meyrick.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 29 Sep 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Police procedural

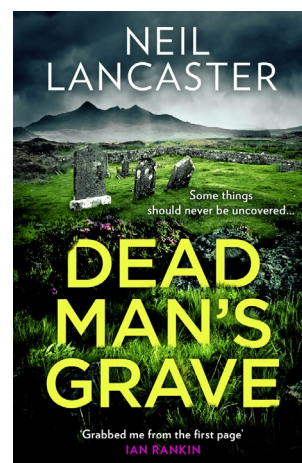
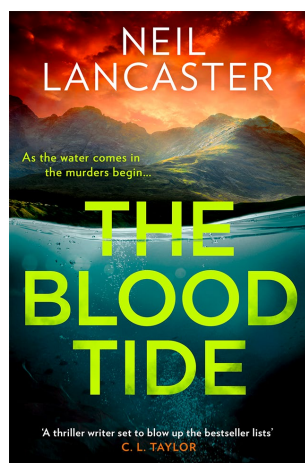
The author: Neil Lancaster is the No.1 digital bestselling author of the Tom Novak series. He served as a military policeman in the RAF and worked as a detective for the Metropolitan Police. He crime and thriller novels and works as a broadcaster and commentator on true crime documentaries.

A lawyer vanishes one morning on a lonely cliff top at Dunnet Head on the northernmost tip of Scotland. It was supposed to be his honeymoon, but now his wife will never see him again.

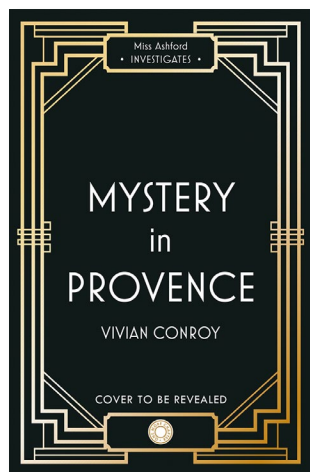
The case is linked to several mysterious deaths, including the execution of a gangster who was recently acquitted of murder. DS Max Craigie knows this can only mean one thing: they have a vigilante serial killer on their hands.

But this time the killer isn't on the run; he's on the investigation team. And the rules are different when the murderer is this close to home. He knows their weaknesses, knows how to stay hidden, and he thinks he's above the law.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: HarperCollins (German).



MYSTERY IN PROVENCE

The Atalanta Campbell Mysteries (1)

Vivian Conroy

Agatha Christie meets Julie Caplin in this exciting new cosy crime series that captures the glamour of the 1930s and whisks you away to the most gorgeous escapist destinations!

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 7 Oct 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Cosy crime

The author: Vivian Conroy is a multi-published mystery author with 25+ contracted titles. Away from writing, she enjoys hiking, crafting and spending too much time on Twitter where readers can connect with her.

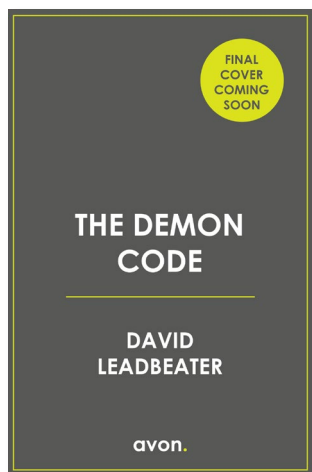


A lush French estate, a wedding, a mysterious murder and a novice detective intent on solving her first case.

Fresh from teaching at her prestigious Swiss boarding school, Miss Atalanta Ashford suddenly finds herself the most eligible young lady in society when she inherits her grandfather's substantial fortune. But with this fortune – and an elegant new Parisian home – comes a legacy passed down from grandfather to granddaughter sleuthing discreetly for Europe's elite.

This amateur detective isn't one to back down from a challenge and Miss Ashford must depend on her sharp wit and charm to solve her first case, which takes her to the lush lavender fields of Provence and a wedding at the mansion of the Comte de Surmonne.

Now, as murder strikes twice, Atalanta will have to race to solve the case to stop the blushing bride from facing a fatal 'I do'.



THE DEMON CODE

David Leadbeater

An impossible heist. An ancient code. A deadly race against time. *The Demon Code* is the second instalment in a major new conspiracy-thriller series from the million-copy bestseller David Leadbeater.

Imprint: Avon

Editor: Radhika Songara

Publication: 13 Oct 2022

Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, action and adventure

The author: David Leadbeater has published more than forty novels and is a million-copy e-book bestseller. His books include the chart-topping the Relic Hunters series, which won the inaugural Amazon Kindle Storyteller award in 2017.

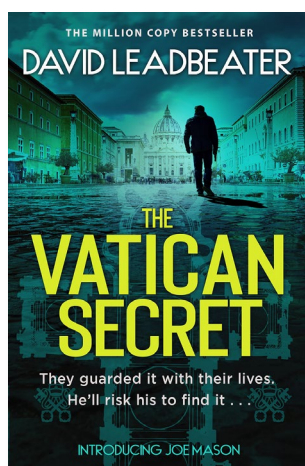
High in the Italian alps, cut off from the outside world, sits a chapel battered by winds and icy blizzards. The priests who guard this sacred place have sworn to protect the dangerous treasure that lies within their walls.

But when Joe Mason and his team are called to the remote church, they find its ancient stones reduced to rubble, the priests murdered in cold blood and their precious cargo stolen.

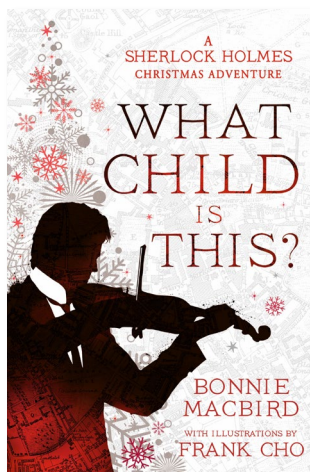
As Mason pursues the thieves across continents and dangerous waters, he wonders what incredible secret the priests laid down their lives for. And if he can recover it before it claims more innocent victims, and brings the downfall of civilisation as we know it.

An edge-of-your-seat, action packed blockbuster adventure that will leave you breathless. Fans of Jack Reacher and Dan Brown will be hooked from the very first page.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: Ydroplano (Greek), Clube do Autor (Portuguese).



WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

A Sherlock Holmes Christmas Adventure

Bonnie MacBird

The fifth in a series of Conan Doyle-style Sherlock Holmes novels, *What Child Is This?* is beautifully packaged and illustrated by world-famous Marvel and DC comic book artist Frank Cho.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: David Brawn
Publication: 13 Oct 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Classic crime

The author: Bonnie MacBird is a screenwriter, playwright, stage actor and writing teacher. She holds degrees from Stanford in music and film. She divides her time between Los Angeles and London.

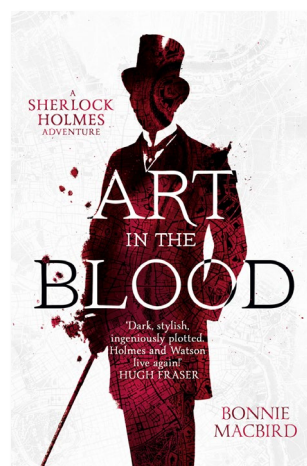
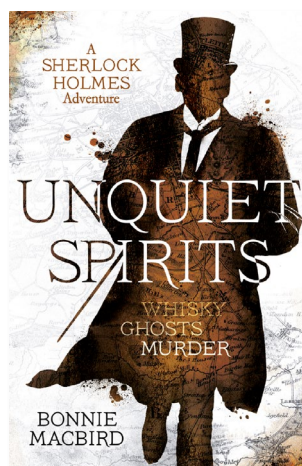
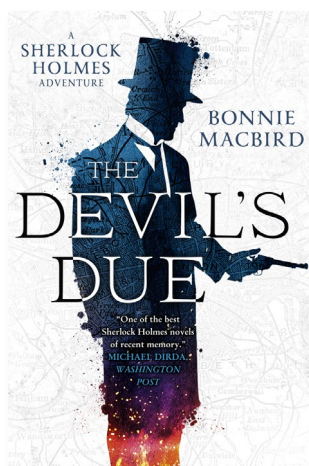
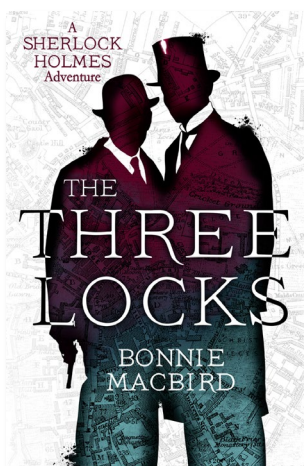


It's the season of peace and goodwill, but a Victorian Christmas is no holiday for the world's most popular detective in this new book from Bonnie MacBird, author of the bestselling Sherlock Holmes novel *Art in the Blood*.

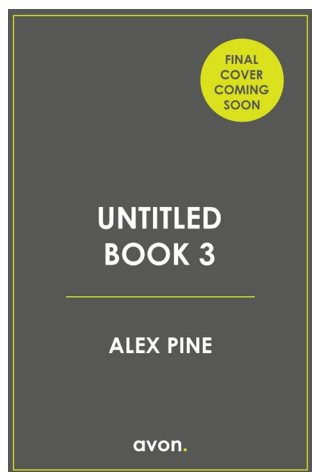
It's Christmastime in London, and Sherlock Holmes takes on two cases. The angelic three-year-old child of a wealthy couple is the target of a vicious kidnapper, and a country aristocrat worries that his handsome, favourite son has mysteriously vanished from his London pied à terre.

Holmes and Watson, aided by the colourful Heffie O'Malley, slip slide in the ice to ensure a merry Christmas is had by nearly everybody.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold in 18 territories, details available upon request.



UNTITLED

DI James Walker (3)

Alex Pine

A dark and gripping festive crime novel perfect for fans of James Patterson, Val McDermid and anyone who prefers their mince pies with a side of murder.

Imprint: Avon

Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp

Publication: 27 Oct 2022

Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Police procedural, seasonal title

The author: Alex Pine was born and raised in London and left school at sixteen. Before long, he embarked on a career in journalism, which took him all over the world – many of the stories he covered were crime-related.

Christmas has arrived in Cumbria, and wedding bells are ringing.

But an ice-cold killer is waiting in the fells.

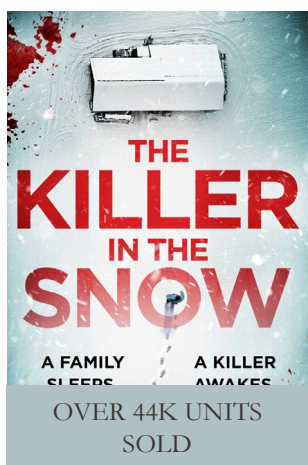
DI James Walker is called back from his Christmas holiday when the bride's sister is reported missing during the wedding of the year, as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve.

When Rachel left the room before her speech, Libby, the bride, was furious. When she didn't appear for the first dance, she was worried. And as the night went on with no sign of her sister, she started to realise something was very, very wrong.

Before the wedding night is out, the lake is being searched for a body. One guest knows what happened to Rachel. And DI Walker is determined to find out who.

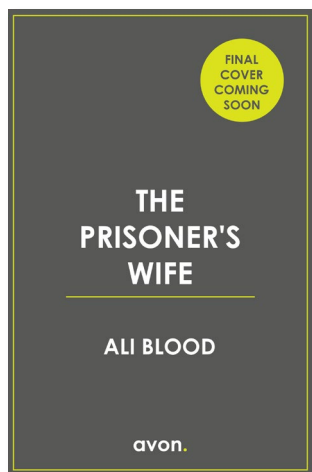
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'This book has it all: suspense, twists and turns and a little Christmas thrown in.'
NetGalley Reviewer



'A perfect combination of a Christmas book and thriller.'
NetGalley Reviewer

Rights sold to: Newton Compton (Italian).



THE PRISONER'S WIFE

Ali Blood

A pacy and gripping read with a deliciously dark twist, perfect for fans of *My Lovely Wife*, *Blood Orange* and *The Perfect Couple*.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 16 Feb 2023
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Crime

The author: Ali Blood spent years as a crime reporter in London. He covered murders, terrorist attacks, robberies and riots for various newspapers. He also opted out of journalism for a while in order to raise money for a mortgage – working as a 'Del-Boy' fly-pitcher, selling jewellery from a suitcase on the streets of the capital. His next career move was into television news as a producer before setting up his own TV production company. He's always had a passion for crime fiction and is now a full-time author living in Hampshire.

Her first mistake was falling in love with a monster.

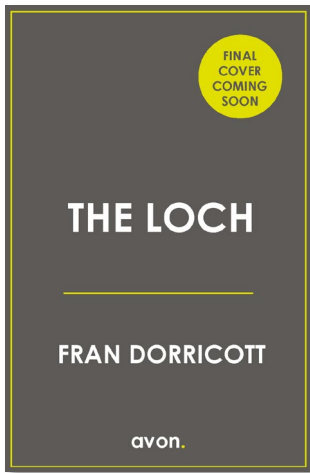
Her second was not running when she could.

Emma's husband is in prison.

Emma's husband claims he is innocent.

Emma's husband is a liar.

And Emma is stuck in his web.



THE LOCH

Fran Dorricott

A claustrophobic, eerie and atmospheric thriller perfect for fans of Lucy Foley and Sarah Pearse.

Imprint: Avon

Editor: Lucy Frederick

Publication: 2 Mar 2023

Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, suspense

The author: Fran Dorricott holds a degree in American Literature with Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia and an MA with distinction in Creative Writing from City University London. Fran is also a bookseller.

Loch Aven is notorious in the small Scottish community of Blackhills.

Twenty years ago, three young women disappeared, never to be found. The rumour to this day is that their bodies are still hidden in its dark waters.

When Eleanor, Clio and Michaela find themselves rained out of a camping trip nearby, they have no option but to book mysterious Loch House on the banks of Loch Aven. Little do they know of its history, and that history is about to repeat itself.

But when Michaela disappears, quickly followed by Clio, it becomes clear that something sinister is at play. As secrets in the tightknit community begin to surface, it's a race against time. Will the mystery of the Loch reveal itself before the dark waters claim their next victim?

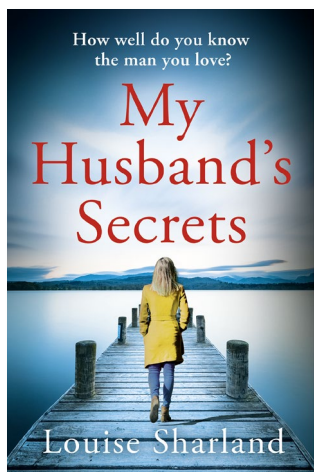
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

TV rights for *The Lighthouse* were optioned by The Lighthouse Film & Television company. The adaptation is set to be developed by the producer of *Luther*.



Rights sold: HarperCollins (Dutch).

DOMESTIC SUSPENSE



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 26 May 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller

The author: Louise Sharland won the *Big Issue* Crime Writing competition in 2019. Louise is a big supporter of the work *The Big Issue* do, as she also works with the homeless community, working as a Work and Learning Coach for Crisis UK.

MY HUSBAND'S SECRETS

Louise Sharland

The new thriller from the *Big Issue* Crime Writing competition winner Louise Sharland.

On the evening of their wedding anniversary, Ali and Matthew are involved in a fatal car accident.

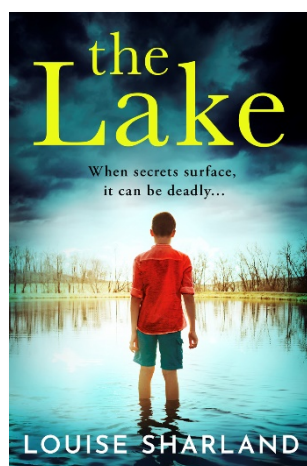
Grief-stricken, Ali can't bring herself to believe that her beloved Matthew is gone.

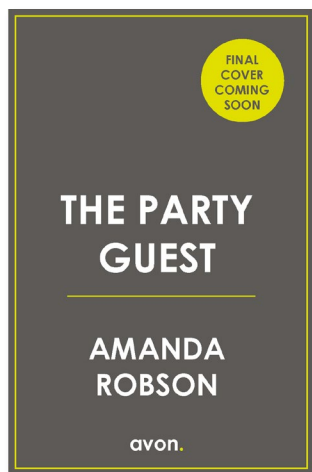
The smell of his aftershave lingers in their bedroom. His voice still rings out on their answerphone. She sees his face in the eyes of strangers.

But as the months pass, and her family and friends rally round, Ali starts to uncover secrets that Matthew kept from her.

Did she really know her husband as well as she thought she did? And why can't she shake the feeling that somehow, somewhere, he is still alive?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE PARTY GUEST

Amanda Robson

A compulsive and twisty domestic suspense thriller set on the Amalfi Coast, perfect for fans of Louise Candlish and Adele Parks.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Lucy Frederick
Publication: 18 Aug 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, suspense

The author: Amanda Robson worked in medical research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and at the Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital, where she became a co-author of a book on cyanide poisoning. Her debut *Obsession* became a No.1 e-book bestseller in 2017.

Ralph is turning 45, and the only gift he wants this year is his ex-wife.

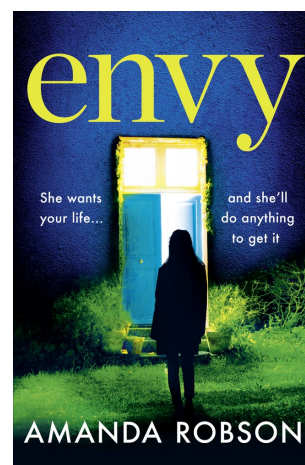
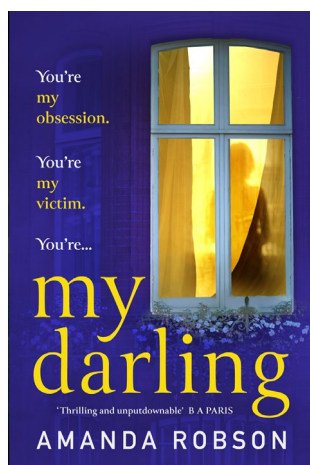
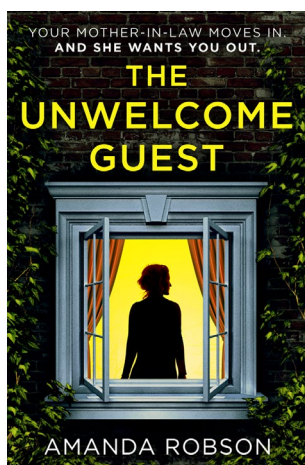
Gemma, his trophy girlfriend, is trying to ignore this.

Sarah, the ex-wife, has agreed to attend Ralph's birthday party, but with her new man in tow. Jack, Sarah's partner, is keen to accompany Sarah to keep an eye on the proceedings.

It's a birthday trip like no other. The whole extended family in a villa on the beautiful Amalfi coast. But under the politely strained surface, every party guest harbours their own agenda.

By the end of the trip, two people will be dead. But while Ralph unwraps his presents, will anybody be able to unwrap the truth?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Amanda Robson's books have been sold to: Publish and More (Hungarian).



THE SECRET COUPLE

J.S. Lark

Don't miss this gripping new unputdownable thriller from the author of *The Twins*!

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Bethan Morgan
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Crime, thriller

The author: J.S. Lark is a late-night writer of compelling, passionate, and emotionally charged fiction. Jane's books may contain love, hate, violence, death, passion - but they always have an ending you are never going to forget.

Someone knows what they did.

A laugh.

A touch.

A lingering look.

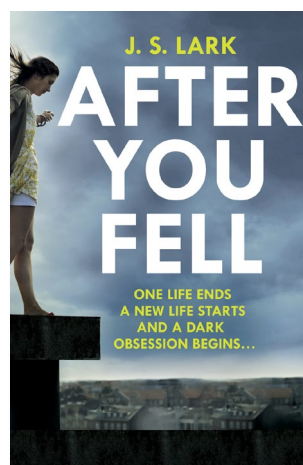
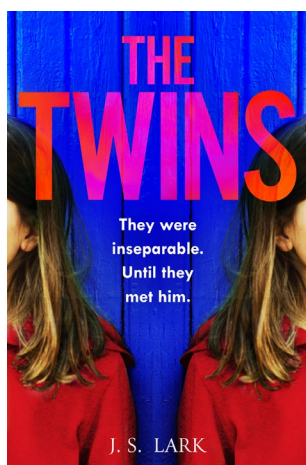
A dead body.

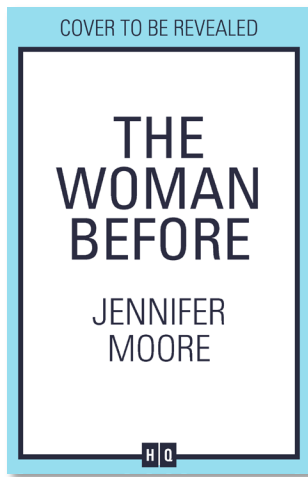
An affair.

A crime years in the making.

Alison knows she's in too deep. But behind closed doors, no one is who they seem.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE WOMAN BEFORE

Jennifer Moore

From exciting debut author, Jennifer Moore, this is an exhilarating and addictive psychological thriller about a house of deadly secrets, perfect for fans of Jackie Kabler and Louise Candlish.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Rebecca Jamieson
Publication: 15 Sep 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Psychological thriller, crime

The author: Jennifer Moore is a freelance writer, novelist and children's author. She was the first UK winner of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize and was previously shortlisted for the Greenhouse Funny Prize. Her short fiction and poetry have appeared in numerous publications on both sides of the *Atlantic*, including in the *Guardian*, Mslexia, The First Line, Fiction Desk and Short Fiction. *The Woman Before* is her debut adult novel.

When Fern and Paul move into the large old house on Crenellation Lane with beautiful high ceilings and a luscious garden, they think they've found their dream home. After the devastating loss of Fern's twin sister, it will be a fresh start and somewhere to raise their first baby.

But as soon as they arrive, Fern starts having terrifying nightmares about the woman who lived there before. When the woman showed Fern around, they bonded over their pregnancies. Now, Fern can't let her go. Paul fears his wife has relapsed, obsessing in the same way she did after her twin's death.

Fern questions the neighbours about the previous owner, but nobody wants to talk. It's like the woman never even existed. Refusing to give up, Fern uncovers a shocking secret and now suddenly her whole family is in danger.



EVERY LITTLE SECRET

Sarah Clarke

A totally addictive suspense novel from the bestselling author of *A Mother Never Lies*, perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell and Shalini Boland.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 15 Jun 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Domestic thriller

The author: Sarah Clarke is a marketing copywriter who graduated from the Faber Academy Writing A Novel course in 2019. *A Mother Never Lies* was her debut novel.

From the outside, it seems Grace has it all. Only she knows about the cracks in her picture-perfect life and the huge secret behind them. After all, who can she trust?

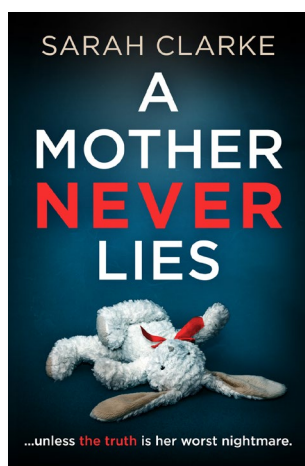
Her brother Josh is thousands of miles away, and he and Grace have never been close – he was always their parents' favourite.

Her best friend Coco walked away from her years ago, their friendship irreparably fractured by the choices they've made.

And her husband Marcus seems like a different man lately. Grace can't shake the feeling that he's hiding something.

But when her seven-year-old daughter makes a troubling accusation, Grace must choose between protecting her child and protecting her secret before she loses everything.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE WRONG CHILD

Samantha King

A gripping family drama, perfect for fans of Susan Lewis.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 22 Jun 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Family drama

The author: Former commercial fiction editor and qualified psychotherapist, Samantha King, is fascinated by stories that tap into our darkest fears and expose our secret longings. Her first two novels received international acclaim.

I love him as my own, but is he mine to keep?

The playground is the last place I thought you would make your move. It was my Billy's first day at school. It was supposed to be a happy one.

But then you turned up. I remembered you instantly from the hospital wing. Our babies born on the same day. Both premature. Both needing intensive care.

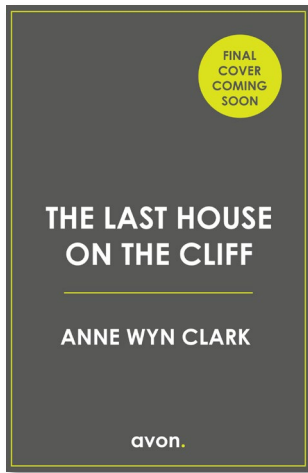
While Billy grew stronger day by day, your baby sadly slipped away.

But now you're back with one devastating accusation. Billy isn't my son at all, he's yours.

And you've come to take him away.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE LAST HOUSE ON THE CLIFF

Anne Wyn Clark

When the seven-year-old daughter of a young widow unexpectedly vanishes, a dark family secret could hold the answers.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Radhika Sonagra
Publication: 29 Sep 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, psychological suspense

The author: Ann Wyn Clark lives in the Midlands.

When her aunt Gwyn dies unexpectedly, Lowri returns once more to her childhood holiday home on the remote island of Anglesey, Wales, this time with her young daughter Ruby in tow. Lowri hadn't seen her aunt nor her cousins in years, but the beautiful coastal island and remaining family members offer solace, and a much-needed break.

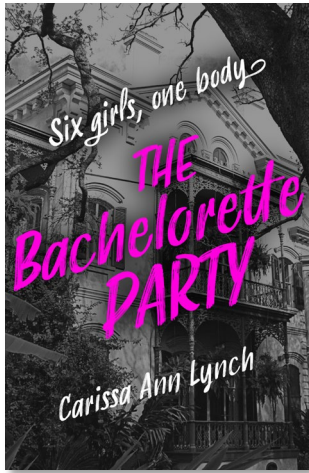
Soon Ruby begins to insist an old woman that no one else ever sees is playing with her, and Lowri herself experiences odd occurrences, the safe haven Lowri remembered feels like it's starting to turn on her.

Then the worst happens, Ruby goes missing. Suddenly Lowri finds herself digging into her family history to find her child, but the past is more deadly than Lowri could have ever imagined – and will it be enough to bring Ruby back?

A chilling, haunting and twisty story about the lies from the past catching up with the present, perfect for fans of Ruth Ware, Cass Green and C.J. Tudor.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE BACHELORETTE PARTY

Carissa Ann Lynch

The brand new thriller from *USA Today* bestselling author, Carissa Ann Lynch. Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley, Ruth Ware and Lucy Clarke.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 24 Sep 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller

The author: Carissa Ann Lynch is a *USA Today* bestselling author. With a background in psychology, she's always been a little obsessed with the darker areas of the mind and social problems.

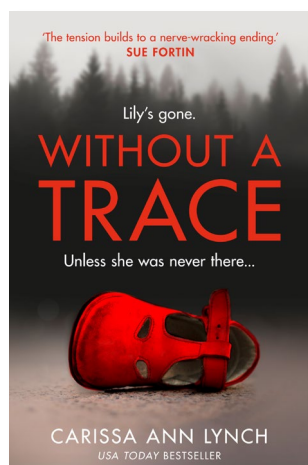
New Orleans: live music, endless drinks, brightly-coloured attractions, the perfect place for a party.

The bride-to-be;
the best friend;
the cousin;
the mother-in-law;
the sister; and
the groom's friend.

The bachelorette begins on a Friday night; all six women are excited for a chance to escape their everyday lives. But then friendly rivalries turn vicious, and a game of truth or dare turns deadly.

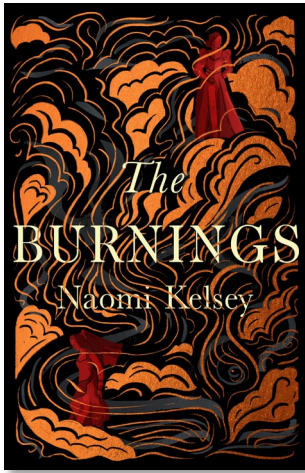
By the end of the weekend one of them will be dead.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: HarperCollins (Dutch).

HISTORICAL



THE BURNINGS

Naomi Kelsey

An explosive commercial historical fiction debut retelling the Berwick witch trials with a vivid, immersive Danish and Scottish setting. Perfect for fans of Bridget Collins, Stacey Halls, Jessie Burton and Laura Purcell.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Daisy Watt
Publication: 30 Mar 2023
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical fiction

The author: Naomi Kelsey is the winner of two Northern Writers' Awards and of the HWA Dorothy Dunnett Competition 2021. Her fiction has been published in *Mslaxia* magazine and shortlisted for several further awards including the Bridport Prize and the Bristol Prize. *The Burnings* is her first novel.

1589. The moment the word “witch” reaches the King’s ears, one man’s fear becomes deadly to hundreds of women. As incendiary accusations sweep Denmark and Scotland, some women rush to safety, and others start to burn one by one. For two women, a life-or-death choice awaits: try to soothe a powerful man’s fear? Or use it to take him down?

King James VI of Scotland is set to marry a Danish princess, if she can only survive the crossing: sea storms rage between their two nations, as if some dark force is determined to prevent their union.

Meanwhile James’ rival, the notoriously dangerous Earl of Bothwell, is scheming to steal the Scottish throne. James comes from a long line of murdered monarchs, and is paranoid of treachery; thus, Bothwell’s plan is to drive the King mad with fear. His weapon of choice? Witchcraft. Or at least rumours of it: rumours can be more frightening than the truth. Especially when they are started by a certain type of woman.

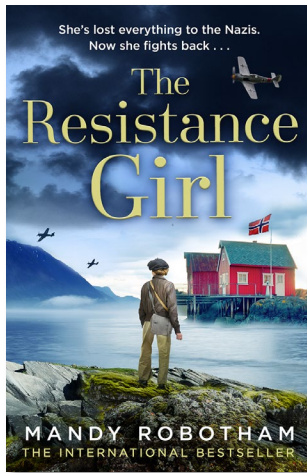
Enter our two heroines: Geillis, a Scottish maid who owes more debts than she can pay, and Margareta, faithful lady-in-waiting to the new Danish Queen. Geillis and Margareta lead opposite lives, but they have one thing in common – they both know intimately how dangerous life becomes when a rich man cries “witch”. Once they are pulled into James and Bothwell’s web of lies and violence, they must both make an impossible choice: risk being sent to the stake, or risk angering a ruthless man.

As tales of witchery whip Scotland into a frenzy, the King’s paranoia ramps ever higher, and he cracks down ever harder on anyone he views as a threat. One by one, the suspects start to burn. Will the truth come out before the last witness is dead?

Praise for Naomi Kelsey:

‘A gothic gem. Tense, delicate writing. Lace woven with steel threads.’ **Judges of the HWA Dorothy Dunnett Competition**

‘The best new talent from the North of England... This year’s winners show that the next generation of creative talent has the potential to help us re-frame a post-pandemic world and better understand ourselves and our society.’ **Katy Shaw, Partner in the Northern Writers’ Awards 2020**



THE RESISTANCE GIRL

Mandy Robotham

From international Kindle Top 100 author Mandy Robotham comes *The Resistance Girl*, the story of a woman's incredible bravery fighting the Nazis as part of the Norwegian resistance movement.



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 31 Mar 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Mandy Robotham is a practicing midwife who writes about birth, death, love and everything else in between. She graduated with an MA in Creative Writing from Oxford Brookes University.

Rights sold: HarperCollins (Danish)

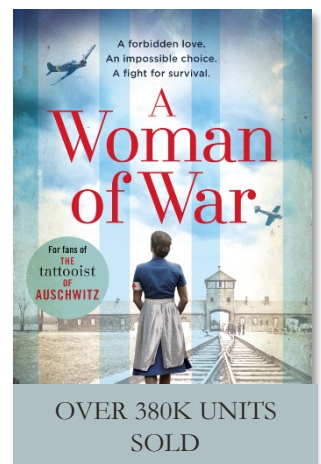
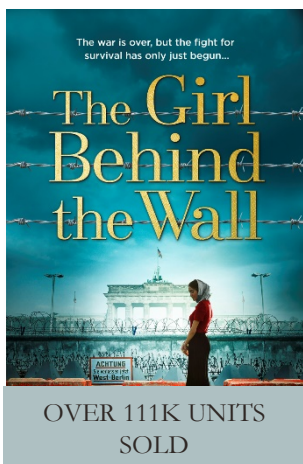
Norway, 1942. War rages, and, under cover of darkness, Rumi Orlsta and her fellow resistance fighters smuggle British agents, fugitives and supplies across the North Sea into Nazi-occupied territory.

One night, Rumi's fiancé is lost to the dangerous waters when he braves a storm to complete an ill-fated mission. Broken-hearted, Rumi withdraws from the clandestine group, vowing never to let her loved ones put themselves in the line of fire again.

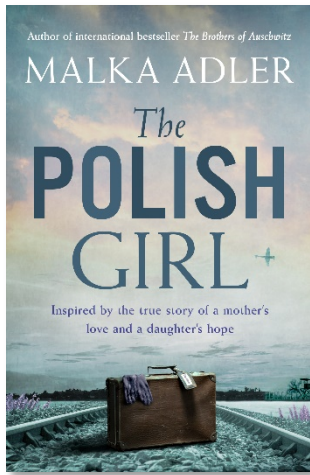
But months later, Rumi stumbles across a Nazi secret that lays Hitler's plans for Norway bare, and she knows she has no choice but to risk her life for her country once more.

She has lost everything to the Nazis. But now she fights back.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Mandy Robotham's books have been sold to: Universo dos Livros (Brazilian Portuguese), Euromedia (Czech), HC Nordic (Danish), City Editions (French), Newton Compton (Italian), Briedis (Lithuanian), Swiat Ksiazki (Polish), Planeta Manuscrito (Portuguese), RAO (Romanian), Motyl (Slovak), Bookmark (Swedish).



THE POLISH GIRL

Malka Adler

The Polish Girl is a heartbreaking and unforgettable historical novel by the author of international bestseller *The Brothers of Auschwitz* – perfect for fans of Antonio Iturbe and Edith Eger.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Bethan Morgan
Publication: 7 Jun 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Malka Adler was born in Northern Israel. She began her work as an author when she turned 50. After taking a creative writing course, she fell in love with the art.

Rights sold: Newton
Compton (Italian)

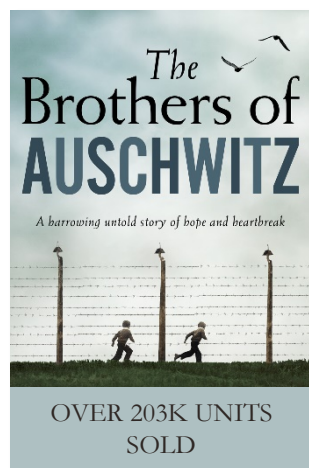
Winter 1939. Danusha and her family are forced to flee their home when the Nazis invade Poland. Danusha's mother, Anna, changes her name and secures a position as a housekeeper in a German doctor's mansion in Kraków where Gestapo meetings are hosted in the kitchen.

Her secret is their salvation, but what Danusha remembers most is the solitude, with only her baby brother and the girl in the mirror for company.

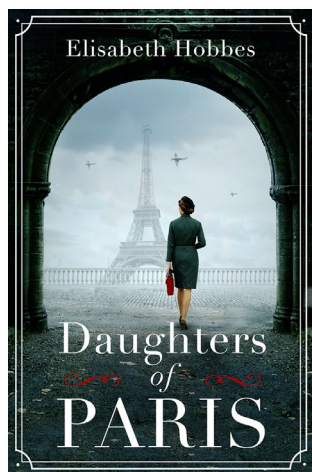
All Anna ever wanted was a firstborn son. All Danusha ever wanted was a mother who would love her like a firstborn son. Instead she got one who could look a Nazi straight in the eye but not the eyes of her own daughter.

It is only years later, when their neighbours gather in the living room to hear Anna's stories, that Danusha finally realises her mother was never a cold unknowable sea but a storm-wracked sky – sometimes bright, sometimes dark and always watching over her.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Rights sold to: Ciranda Cultural (Brazilian Portuguese), VBK (Dutch), Publish and More (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), 2020 Editora (Portuguese), RAO (Romanian), Dost Kitabevi (Turkish).



DAUGHTERS OF PARIS

Elisabeth Hobbes

From *USA Today* bestseller Elisabeth Hobbes, a page turning and gripping story about the power of friendship set in the City of Light during WWII. Perfect for fans of Pam Jenoff.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 26 Aug 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Elisabeth's writing career began when she finished third in Harlequin's So You Think You Can Write contest in 2013 and hasn't looked back.

Colette: daughter of a wealthy Parisian. No-one expects her to amount to anything other than socialite wife. But there's more to Colette than meets the eye.

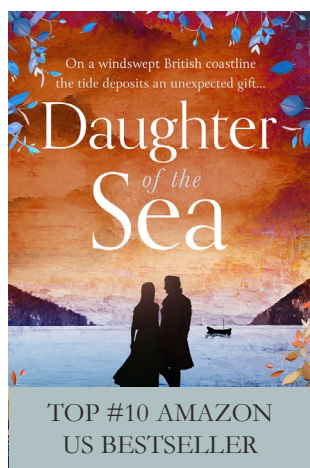
Fleur: daughter of a maid in Colette's household. Her life will not be one of service! She wants an education, to travel and become something more.

The two young girls see in each other what no-one else can: intelligence, strength and courage. They form a forbidden friendship. They become secret sisters.

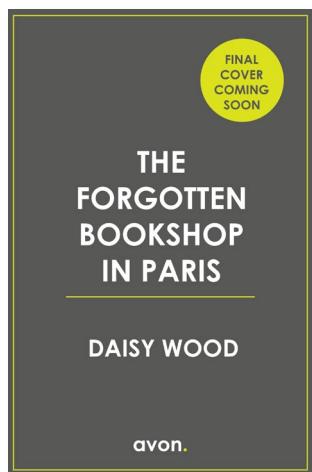
But as the Nazis occupy their beloved Paris, the bond between them is severely tested. One fights with the resistance, the other protects her family at all costs. Soon they find themselves embroiled in espionage, murder and treason, risking everything to save those they love, their people and their country.

Will their friendship survive the ultimate betrayal?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold: HarperCollins (Italian).



THE FORGOTTEN BOOKSHOP IN PARIS

Daisy Wood

An exciting new voice in WWII historical fiction, Daisy Wood effortlessly evokes the sights and smells of 1940s Paris. A novel with international appeal, and fascinating revelations to satiate the ongoing appetite for untold stories of war.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 27 Oct 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: WWII novel

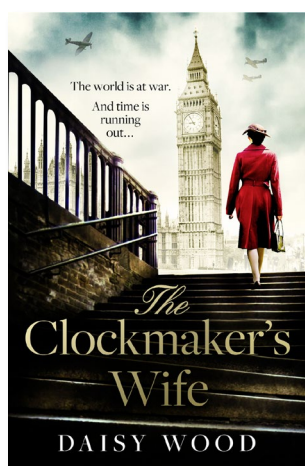
The author: Daisy Wood worked in publishing for some years before leaving to concentrate on her own writing. She has had several children's books published, both historical and contemporary.

Paris, 1940. War is closing in on the city of love, and Jacques has already lost everything he holds dear – except his beloved bookshop, La Page Cachée. So when a young woman and her children knock on his door during a raid one night and beg for refuge, he knows he has nothing left to lose.

Modern day. Bostonian Juliette and her husband have finally made it to France on the romantic getaway of their dreams – but as the days pass, all she discovers is quite how far they've grown apart. She's craving a new adventure, so when she happens across a tiny, abandoned bookshop with a for-sale sign in the window, it feels fated.

And she's about to learn that the little bookshop hides a lot more than meets the eye.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE STORM GIRL

Kathleen McGurl

Kathleen McGurl writes sweeping historical timeslip novels that are perfect for fans of Emily Gunnis and Fiona Valpy.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 11 May 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical, time-slip

Of note: Kathleen's novels have sold over 340K units. She features regularly in the *USA Today* bestseller lists and the US Kindle top 100.

The author: Kathleen McGurl has published several novels. She has also sold dozens of short stories to women's magazines.

A heart-breaking choice. A secret kept for centuries.

1784. When Esther Harris's father hurts his back, she takes over his role helping smugglers hide contraband in the secret cellar in their pub. But when the free traders' ships are trapped in the harbour, a battle between the smugglers and the revenue officers leads to murder and betrayal – and Esther is forced to choose between the love of her life and protecting her family.

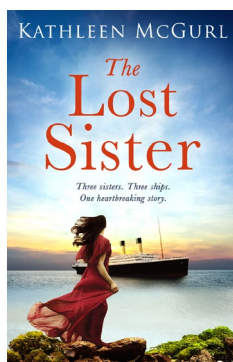
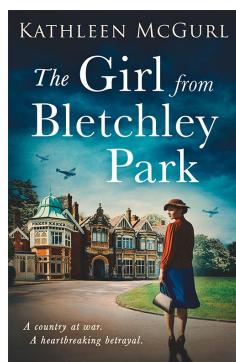
Present day. Fresh from her divorce, Millie Galton moves into a former inn overlooking the harbour in Mudeford and plans to create her dream home. When a chance discovery behind an old fireplace reveals the house's secret history as a haven for smugglers and the devastating story of its former residents, could the mystery of a disappearance from centuries ago finally be solved?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

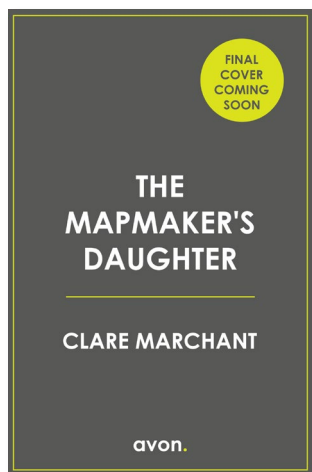
Praise for Kathleen McGurl:

'Brilliant! Kath writes the most wonderful time-slip and I urge you to snap this up.'
Nicola Cornick, author of *The Forgotten Sister*

'Enthralling... A gripping story of love and redemption across two centuries... The perfect escape.'
Lancashire Post



Kathleen McGurl's books have been sold to: City Editions (French), HarperCollins (Dutch).



THE MAPMAKER'S DAUGHTER

Clare Marchant

A beautifully written historical timeslip novel that effortlessly crosses centuries, set between modern day England and Tudor London.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Radhika Sonagra
Publication: 1 Sep 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

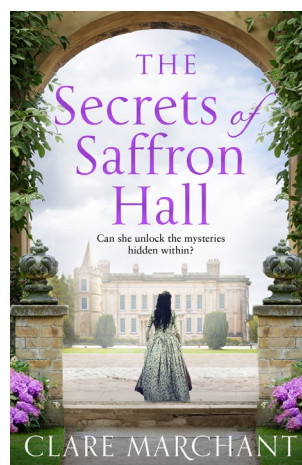
Genre: Historical fiction, timeslip novel

The author: Clare is a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association New Writers Scheme. She lives in Norfolk.

Present day. After a tragic event froze her life seven years ago, Robyn is now focused on helping her father's map shop as she struggles to heal. But when she discovers an exquisite map from the Tudor period, mysteriously ringed with a splatter of blood and whose creator is unknown, Robyn finds herself caught in a centuries-old mystery. One that will send her halfway across the world to London and then Amsterdam in search of the truth. A truth that could hold the key to changing her life forever.

1569. After being forced to flee her home, Frieda is determined to start over in London, England and keep her family safe by continuing the family trade of map drawing. Through her rare and skilled work, she catches the eye of the royal monarch Queen Elizabeth I who demands her and her sea captain husband's help with the Crown's battle against the Spanish King Philip. And so Freida embarks on a dangerous quest, one that will lead her to discover, the ultimate danger can happen even across the seas.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: HarperCollins (Dutch, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish).



THE WINTER GARDEN

Nicola Cornick

Sweeping generations from the 1600s to the present day, with the enthralling Gunpowder Plot at its heart, Nicola Cornick's utterly enchanting new timeslip novel will sweep you off your feet. Perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara Erskine and Kate Morton.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Kate Mills
Publication: 27 Oct 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical

The author: International bestselling author Nicola Cornick studied history at university and wrote her master's thesis on heroes. Nicola also acts as a historical advisor for TV and radio.

Remember, remember, the fifth of November...

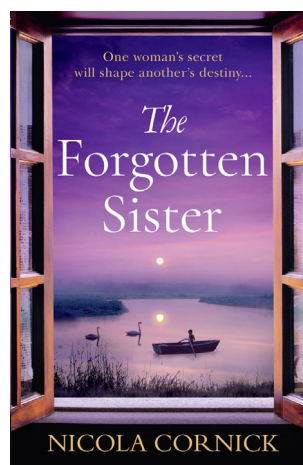
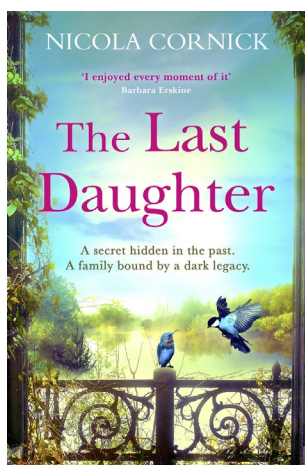
1605: Anne Catesby fears for her family. Her son, the darkly charismatic Robert, is secretly plotting to kill the King, placing his wife and child in grave danger. Anne must make a terrible choice: betray her only child, or risk her family's future.

Present day: When her dreams of becoming a musician are shattered, Lucy takes refuge in her family's ancestral home in Oxfordshire. Everyone knows it was originally home to Robert Catesby, the gunpowder plotter. As Lucy spends more time in the beautiful winter garden that Robert had made, she starts to have strange visions of a woman in Tudor dress, terrified and facing a heartbreaking dilemma.

As Lucy and Anne's stories converge, a shared secret that has echoed through the centuries separating them, will change Lucy's life forever.

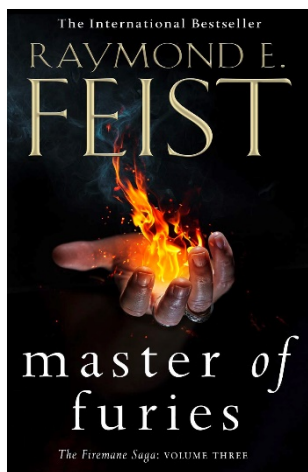
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Of note: *The Last Daughter* shortlisted for the RNA Romantic Thriller Award 2022



'A most engaging novel, full of intrigue and atmosphere.'
Anne O'Brien

SCIENCE FICTION, FANTASY & MYTHS



MASTER OF FURIES

The Firemane Saga (3)

Raymond E. Feist

Raymond E. Feist is one of fantasy's best loved authors and his work rivals David Gemmell and Terry Goodkind for action and drama. *Master of Furies* is the third novel in his Firemane series.

Imprint: Harper Voyager
Editor: Jane Johnson
Publication: 9 Jun 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Fantasy

The author: Raymond Feist is one of the world's leading fantasy writers. His Riftwar and Serpentwar Sagas have been global bestsellers for years.

Rights sold to: Bard (Bulgarian), Bragelonne Editions (French), HarperCollins (US).

War has swept across Marquensas. Ruthless raiders have massacred the inhabitants of Beran's Hill, including Gwen, the beloved wife of Declan Smith. Hollow of heart, his hopes burned to ashes, Declan swears to track down and destroy the raiders, an ambition shared by Baron Daylon Dumarch, whose family was massacred as they fled the capital.

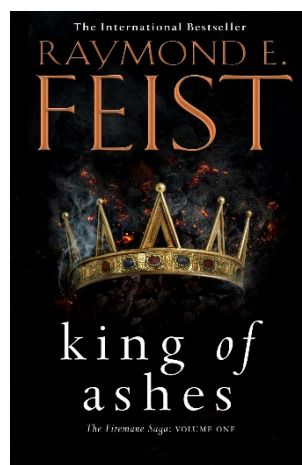
Meanwhile Hava, whose gift for piracy has seen her acquire the treasure ship Borzon's Black Wake and the swift Azhante sailing vessel, Queen of Storms, and won her the name of 'the Sea Demon', is closing in on the whereabouts of those who unleashed the murderous hordes.

Her husband, Hatushaly, the last remaining member of the ruling family of Ithrace, the legendary Firemanes, seeks to control the magical powers he has inherited. He is able now to visualise and even travel among the filaments of energies that power all existence: the furies. But will he be able to channel his magic in time to combat the deepest, darkest threat the world of Garn has ever faced?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

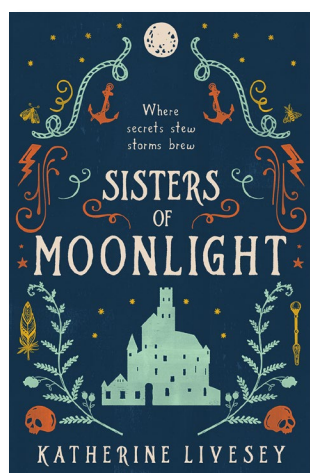


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Raymond Feist's books have been sold to: Bard (Bulgarian), Luitingh Sijthoff (Dutch), Bragelonne (French), Fanucci (Italian), Tatran (Slovak).



Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Bethan Morgan
Publication: 14 Apr 2022
Format: E-first
Extent: 400pp

Genre: YA, fantasy

The author: Katherine Livesey is a YA Fantasy author. Katherine takes inspiration from folklore, fairy tales and the classics of the Fantasy genre, as well as the natural world that surrounds her home in the Northumberland countryside.



SISTERS OF MOONLIGHT

SISTERS OF SHADOW (2)

Katherine Livesey

Don't miss the second spellbinding instalment in the Sisters of Shadow trilogy. *Anne of Green Gables* meets *His Dark Materials* in this whimsical fantasy adventure. Perfect for fans of Garth Nix, Natasha Ngan, and Diana Wynne Jones.

Still recovering from the inferno that consumed Kelseth lighthouse, apothecary Lily Knight, powerful witch Alice Blackwell, and their newfound family find refuge in a mysterious mist-wreathed castle to regroup and draw up a plan of action.

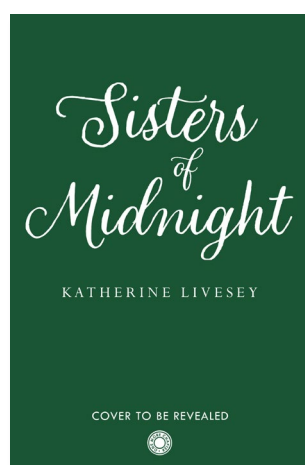
Because the shadows are closing in and Hecate Winter, High Priestess of the notorious coven that almost cost Alice her life, is only getting stronger.

But there are murmurings of an even more sinister threat brewing on the horizon – and it has something to do with the castle.

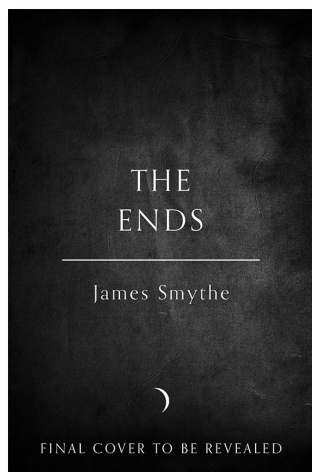
When Alice's nightmares begin to bleed into her daily reality, everything changes.

Can Lily pull her back from the edge or will she finally succumb to the darkness?

ALSO COMING UP



Sep 2022



THE ENDS

The Anomaly Quartet (4)

James Smythe

Join an awe-inspiring journey through a world where death has stopped in the finale of James Smythe's acclaimed Anomaly Quartet.

Imprint: Harper Voyager

Editor: Natasha Bardon

Publication: 7 Jul 2022

Format: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Fantasy

The author: James Smythe is the winner of the Wales Fiction Book of the Year 2013 and shortlisted nominee for the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2014. He is the author of the Anomaly Quartet which includes *The Explorer* and *The Echo*.



Decades ago, a vast object called the Anomaly was discovered moving through space. Missions sent to explore it found that anyone entering the Anomaly was unable to die. It kept moving, across our solar system, until finally the Anomaly enveloped Earth.

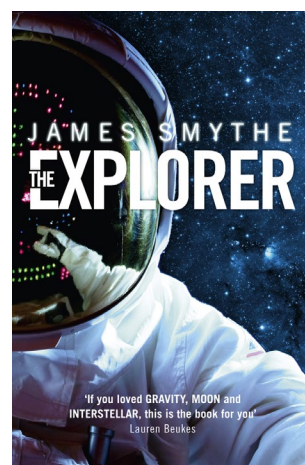
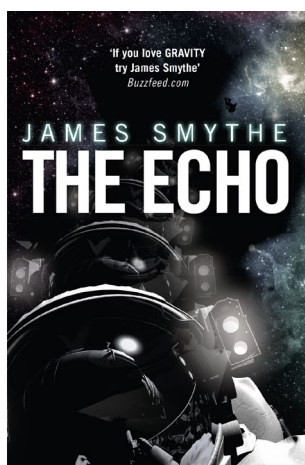
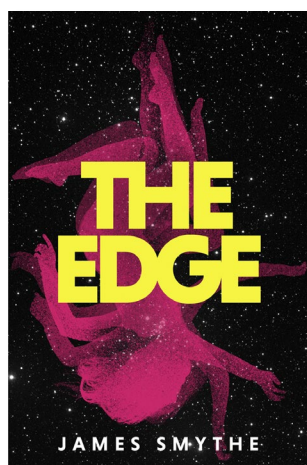
Thirty years later, on the West Coast of the US, Theo hears that his missing wife has been sighted – in London. He's sick, and getting worse, so he sets off to find her.

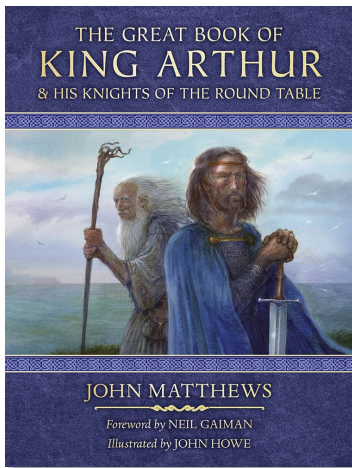
Theo's quest will take him across continents, through abandoned cities and new communities, meeting with bandits, artists, and cultists, murderers and heroes and survivors.

Because this is a world of humanity at its absolute worst, and at its very best.

A world where everything has been irrevocably altered, yet somehow still remains the same.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE GREAT BOOK OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

A New Morte D'Arthur

John Matthews, Illustrated by John Howe

The most famous and influential work of English fantasy ever published, retold for a new generation of readers by one of the world's leading Arthurian experts, and illustrated by internationally acclaimed Tolkien artist John Howe.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Chris Smith
Publication: 9 June 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 448pp
25 b/w illus, 15 col plates

Genre: Myths and legends

The author: John Matthews has studied the Arthurian legends and the Grail myth for almost 50 years and written over 90 books on the subjects. He has also published short stories, poetry and children's books, most notably *Pirates*, which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 22 weeks. His book *Arthur of Albion* was a multiple award-winner.

The illustrator: John Howe is the world-famous illustrator whose work has enhanced the works of the world's biggest-selling fantasy authors, such as JRR Tolkien, George RR Martin & Robin Hobb. He was Chief Conceptual Designer on Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* and *Hobbit* film trilogies. He has worked on Amazon's forthcoming *Lord of the Rings* television series.

Rights sold to: Klett Cotta (German), Kedros (Greek), HarperCollins (US).

From the moment when an obscure Celtic hero named Arthur stepped upon the stage of history sometime in the 6th century, he gave birth to a literary phenomenon that is still hugely popular. From a few oral tales and traditions concerning the life and deeds of this man, circulating throughout Europe from the 7th century onward, sprang a vast edifice of stories about King Arthur and his noble knights.

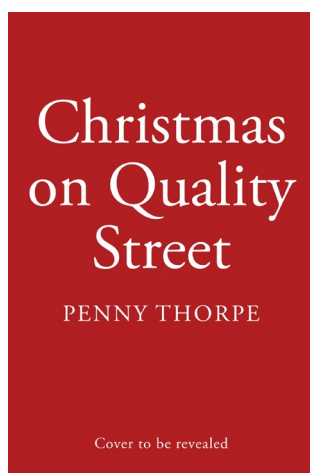
Today there can be few people who have not heard how the boy Arthur drew the Sword from the Stone, or of the love of Lancelot and Guinevere, or how the knights rode out in search of the Holy Grail. In this sumptuous gift edition, *The Whole Book Of King Arthur* presents the most complete collection of these forgotten tales ever published.

These age-old stories, still as popular today as they were from the Middle Ages onwards, are illustrated by the luminous paintings and drawings of acclaimed Tolkien artist John Howe.



Sample illustration

SAGA



CHRISTMAS ON QUALITY STREET

Penny Thorpe

Penny Thorpe's fourth instalment in her Quality Street series.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 23 Nov 2022
Format: Hardback
Page extent: 384pp

Genre: WWII saga

The author: Penny Thorpe was the company archivist and historian for a Yorkshire chocolate factory for over a decade. She has previously written about the history of confectionery and regularly appears on television and radio to talk about the history of Yorkshire and chocolate.

The Quality Street girls are gearing up for Christmas, but with the factory now making gas masks, as well as the nation's favourite chocolate sweets, it's anything but normal

They're having to make other adjustments too.

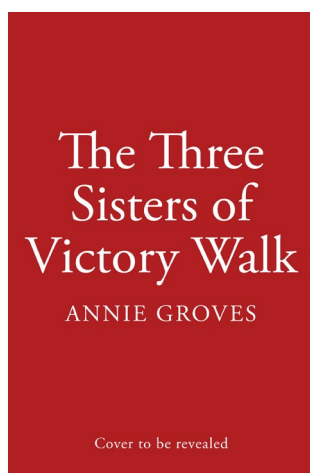
Reenie is in the doldrums after being demoted at work, while Mary has got her hands full getting used to married life and a ready-made family. New girl, Ada, isn't sure she fits into factory life at all.

Then, just as the Christmas party season gets into full swing, Toffee town gets a shock, and soon it isn't just Christmas cheer that's in short supply.

Can the Quality Street girls save Christmas once again?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE THREE SISTERS OF VICTORY WALK

The District Nurses series (6)

Annie Groves

Annie Groves' heart-warming stories of love and heartache have garnered legions of fans across the globe. The three sisters of Victory Walk in East London will face heartache and tears on the home front.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 27 Oct 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 416pp

Genre: WWII saga

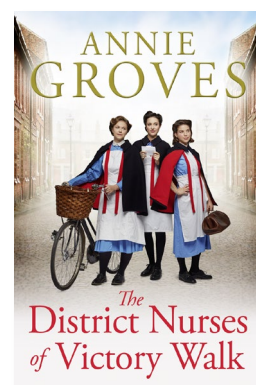
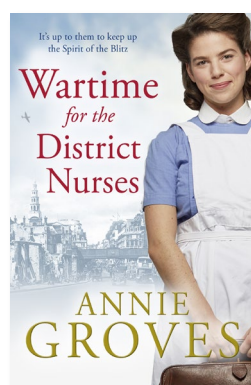
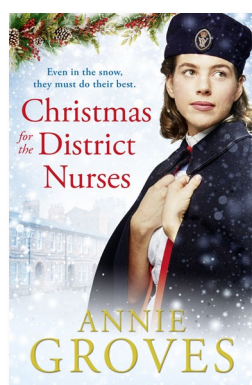
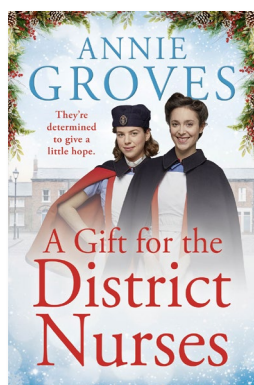
The author: Top 20 *Sunday Times* bestselling author
Annie Groves was the creation of the much loved writer, Penny Halsall, who died in 2011. Her legacy of uplifting novels lives on through writer Jenny Shaw – who knew Penny personally for many years.

Rose, Clover and Daisy are the pretty blond sisters of the Harrison family, living with their parents and two brothers, and working in East London and the outbreak of WWII. Rose the eldest is a nurse working in Homerton Hospital, she despairs of her younger siblings and their occasional less sensible attitudes to life.

Clover is the handful of the family and whenever there's trouble she isn't far away. At the first chance she gets, she volunteers for the Auxiliary Service, but things go far from smoothly. Daisy is the baby of the family, but she doesn't want to be treated like a child anymore and is determined to grow up, whether her family like it or not. When she gets a chance to sign up to do her bit, she seizes her chance.

As rationing, blackouts and bombs start to bite, life will change forever for the three sisters.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





WARTIME AT BLETCHLEY PARK

Molly Green



A WWII saga set in Bletchley Park, perfect for fans of Nancy Revell and Elaine Everest.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Lucy Frederick
Publication: 28 Apr 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: WWII saga

The author: Molly Green has travelled the world, unpacking her suitcase in a score of countries. On returning to England, Molly decided to pursue her life-long passion for writing. She lives in Kent.

September 1939. London is in blackout, war has been declared, but Dulcie Treadwell can think only of her heartbreak over a whirlwind romance with American broadcaster, Glenn Reeves, who didn't say goodbye before leaving for Berlin.

Humiliated, Dulcie channels her anger into helping the war effort. Posted to Bletchley Park, she must concentrate instead on cracking the German Enigma codes. The hours are long and the conditions tough, with little recognition from above. Until she breaks her first code.

Dulcie finally settles into something she feels born to do. But when a new admirer makes her supervisor jealous, a shocking betrayal leads to Dulcie's brutal dismissal. Is it too late for Dulcie to prove she's not to blame? And will her heart ever truly heal if she doesn't hear from Glenn again?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Molly Green's books have been sold to: Weltbild (German).



THE RUNAWAY ORPHANS

Pam Weaver

A heart-breaking and uplifting wartime story of courage, sisterhood and the power of love. Perfect for fans of Shirley Dickson, Glynis Peters and Lisa Wingate.

Two sisters. One secret. A daring wartime journey.

Desperate to escape their stepfather's house, sisters Amy and Lily stow away aboard a train full of children being evacuated from London and the threat of Hitler's bombs.

Arriving in the seaside town of Worthing, they are taken in by kindly Norah and her husband Jim.

With their future now entrusted to strangers, can the girls finally find a safe harbour in these dark days of war? And will they find the strength to confront what they have been running from, when their past finally catches up with them?

Imprint: Avon

Editor: Cara Chimirri

Publication: 9 Jun 2022

Format: Paperback

Extent: 384pp

Genre: WWII saga

The author: Pam Weaver's first novel, *There's Always Tomorrow* was published by Avon in 2011 to great success. Since then she has published many more novels, becoming a *Sunday Times* bestseller a number of times over. She lives in Worthing.

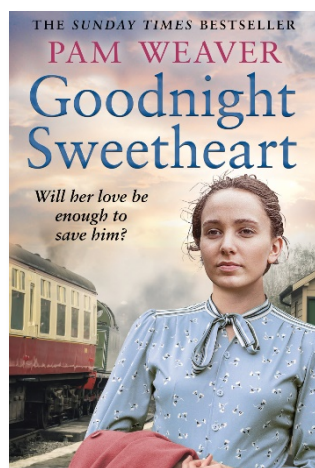
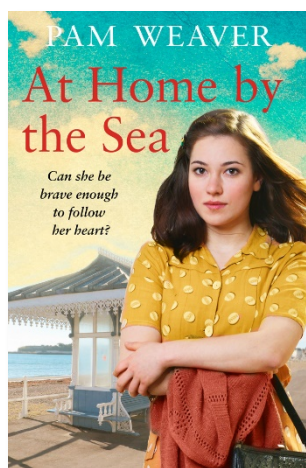
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Praise for Pam Weaver:

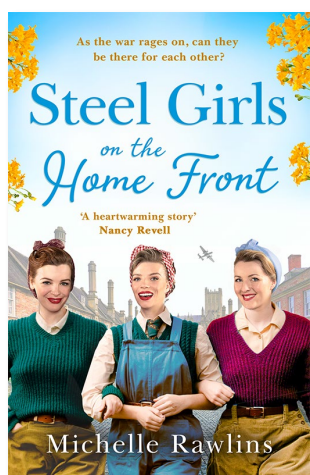
'A heartrending story about mothers and daughters.'

Kitty Neale

'What a terrific read – saga fans everywhere will love it and be asking for more from this talented author.' **Annie Groves**



'The characters are so richly drawn and authentic that they pull the reader along through the story effortlessly. This book is a real page turner, which I enjoyed very much.' **Anne Bennett**



STEEL GIRLS ON THE HOME FRONT

Michelle Rawlins

The third novel in the new heart-warming Steel Girls series following our feisty factory sister's bravery and hope during wartime, perfect for fans of Nancy Revell and Elaine Everest.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Katie Seaman
Publication: 9 Jun 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: WWII saga

The author: Michelle Rawlins is an award-winning freelance journalist with over 20 years of experience. Michelle began her freelance career writing for national newspapers and women's magazines, concentrating on real-life stories.

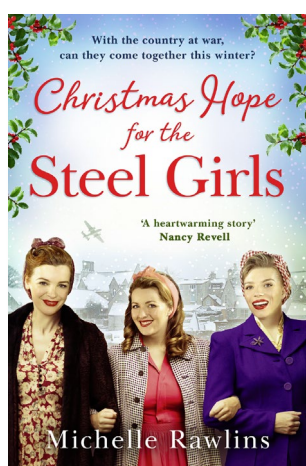
Spring 1940. After getting through their first winter at war, including Christmas Day apart from loved ones, Nancy, Betty and Patty are determined to continue to support one another as well as finding new ways to contribute to the war effort. Everyone is trying to do their bit on the Home Front to help however they can.

Nancy is knitting for the armed forces to keep her from worrying about her husband Bert who is serving in France. Meanwhile Patty is fretting about a loved one closer to home as sweetheart and fellow steel worker Archive signs up as a local defence volunteer while Betty is rolling up her sleeves and digging for victory in the veg patch she's started with her landlady.

The war might be raging on, but as long as the Steel Girls rally around each other, can there still be hope this spring?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'A heart-warming story perfect for saga lovers.' **Nancy Revell**, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Shipyard Girls* series



'Hardship, courage and hope on the Home Front.' **Kate Thompson**, bestselling author of *Secrets of the Lavender Girls*



MOTHER'S RUIN

Kitty Neale



Imprint: Avon
Editor: Molly Walker-Sharp
Publication: 7 Jul 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Saga

Of note: Reissue, first published in 2011 and has sold over 161K units.

The author: Kitty Neale was raised in South London and this working class area became the inspiration for her novels.

Rights sold to: L'Archipel (French)

Kitty Neale is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author of gripping family sagas. She has sold over 2.3 million copies of her books and counting. Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries, Diney Costeloe and *Dilly Court*.

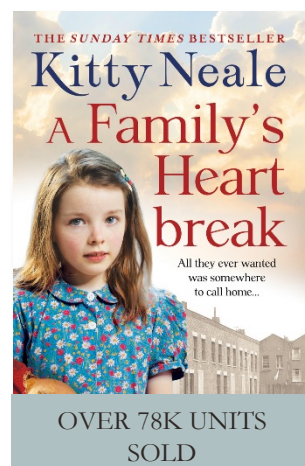
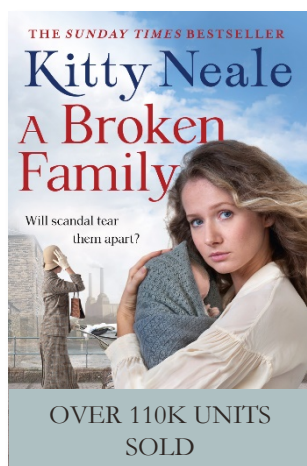
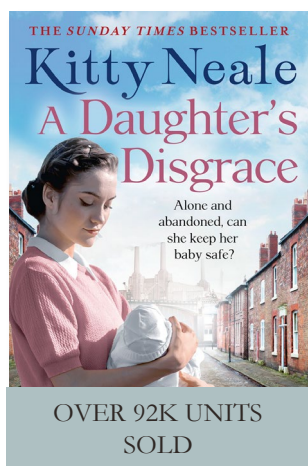
When her beloved Gran has a stroke, Sally and her family move back home in order to look after her. But Sadie's illness has made the wise woman they once knew bigoted and bad-tempered. Sadie is testing everyone's patience, including Sally's mum Ruth, and Sally's husband Arthur.

Their problems are nothing compared with Tommy, the little ruffian next door. With an absentee father and an alcoholic mother, Tommy has a hard life. However, Ruth sees the good in him and takes him under her wing, but his unpredictable and violent mother has other ideas.

Meanwhile, the stress of living cheek-by-jowl with Sally's family is starting to push Arthur away. As cracks in their marriage begin to appear, both Sally and Arthur must work out where their priorities lie before it's too late...

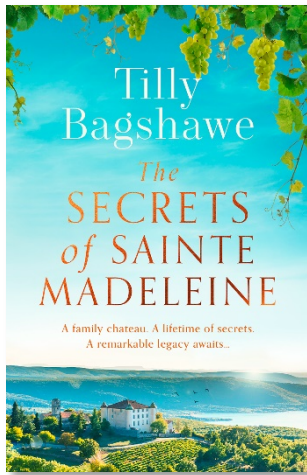
A heart-breaking historical novel about women, friendship, family and hope.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Kitty Neale's books have been sold to: L'Archipel (French).

RECENTLY PUBLISHED



THE SECRETS OF SAINTE MADELEINE

Tilly Bagshawe

From the *Sunday Times* bestseller Tilly Bagshawe, *The Secrets of Sainte Madeleine* is Santa Montefiore escapism meets Penny Vincenzi glamour.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Charlotte Brabbin
Publication: 17 Feb 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 512pp

Genre: Historical, escapist fiction

The author: Tilly Bagshawe is the internationally bestselling author of nine previous novels. She enjoyed a successful career in the City before becoming a writer. As a journalist, she regularly contributed to the *Sunday Times*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Evening Standard* before following in the footsteps of her sister Louise and turning her hand to novels.

Previous rights sold: information available on request.

Deep in the French countryside, inside the walls of a family chateau, a remarkable legacy awaits.

1890: Jean-Yves Salignac wins Sainte Madeleine, a beautiful vineyard in Burgundy, but loses Jero, the love of his life. Heartbroken, he carves the symbol of a butterfly – modelled after a necklace he gave Jero – all over Sainte Madeleine, so that she'll never be forgotten.

1923: Young Elise Salignac loves hearing the stories of her ancestors and Jero's butterflies, whose magic is known only to the true children of Sainte Madeleine. Elise's great love is the chateau where she's grown up, but as she grows into womanhood, her heart is also captured by her distant cousin, Laurent. Yet the shadow of war comes sweeping over Europe. When revolutionary Laurent leaves France to fight against Franco in the Spanish Civil War, Elise's heartbreak takes her on a different path.

Meanwhile, Elise's brother Alex leaves France to make his way in the burgeoning wine industry in Napa Valley, where he falls in love with a local merchant's daughter. The only Salignac sibling left at Sainte Madeleine is the eldest brother, Didier. But the vineyard is in trouble, and Didier can't be the one to save it.

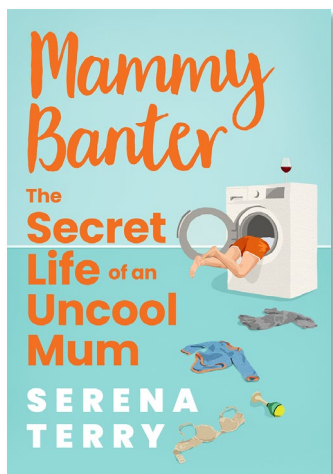
When World War II hits, both Laurent and Alex are sent to fight. Although married and trapped in Athens, Elise never stops thinking of Laurent. When she feels she has lost him forever, she transfers her passion to the only thing she loves more: Sainte Madeleine. She must return to France and reclaim the vineyard – whatever the cost.

Praise for Tilly Bagshawe:

'A cut above the rest... Pure, unadulterated escapism' *Fabulous*

'Fast-paced, fun and thoroughly entertaining' *Daily Mail*

'If you like your fiction with a large helping of glamour and scandal, this is a gem' *Prima*



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Martha Ashby
Publication: 3 Mar 2022
Format: Hardback
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Humour

The author: Comedian, writer and public speaker, Serena Terry, known as Mammy Banter, has taken the social media world by storm after her hilarious videos started going viral across TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Rights sold: Livani (Greek).

MAMMY BANTER

The Secret Life of an Uncool Mum

Serena Terry

From the creator of viral TikTok sensation, Mammy Banter, comes a hilarious warts and-all novel about modern motherhood – and how having it all sometimes isn't what you think it might be.

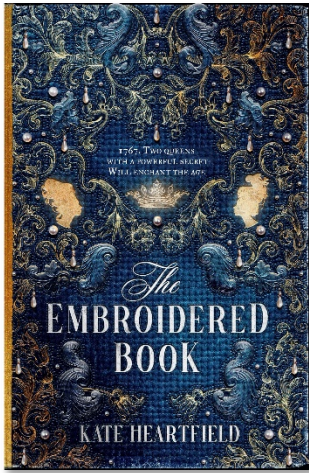
Tara Gallagher is knackered. She used to dream of being Beyoncé but suddenly she's thirty-six – with three kids, a loving husband, a very boring job – and instead of headlining Glastonbury, she's in her pyjamas on a Friday night, watching Gogglebox.

It's time for a mammy makeover. She's going to show her teenage daughter she's still cool. She's going to show her husband she's still an absolute ride. She's going to show her colleagues she's still a Boss Bish.

But most of all, she's going to prove to herself that she can still be a mum, still work full time, and still be Beyoncé.

Praise for Serena Terry:

'Honest and laugh-out-loud funny' *Woman's Own*



THE EMBROIDERED BOOK

Kate Heartfield



A sweeping historical epic with a thread of magic, perfect for readers of *The Familiars*, *The Binding*, and *The Miniaturist*.

Imprint: Harper Voyager
Editor: Jack Renninson
Publication: 17 Feb 2022
Format: Hardback
Page extent: 400pp

The author: Kate Heartfield's debut novel won Canada's Aurora Award, and her novellas, stories and games have been shortlisted for the Nebula, Locus, Crawford, Sunburst and Aurora awards. A former journalist, Kate lives near Ottawa, Canada.

Power is not something you are given. Power is something you take. When you are a woman, it is a little more difficult, that's all.

1768. Charlotte arrives in Naples to marry a man she has never met. Two years later, her sister Antoine is sent to France to marry another stranger. In the mirrored corridors of Versailles, they rename her Marie Antoinette.

But the sisters are not powerless. When they were only children, Charlotte and Antoine discovered a book of spells – spells that seem to work, with dark and unpredictable consequences.

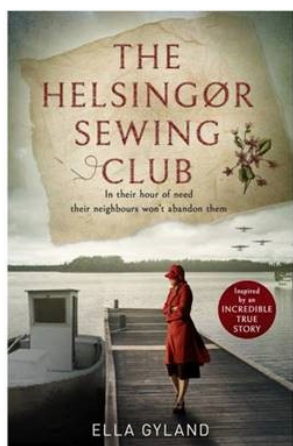
In a world of vicious court politics, of discovery and dizzying change, Charlotte and Antoine use their secret skills to redefine their lives, becoming the most influential women of the age.

But every spell requires a sacrifice. As love between the sisters turns to rivalry, they will send Europe spiralling into revolution.

Brimming with romance, betrayal and the hidden power of women, *The Embroidered Book* reveals and reimagines a dazzling period of history as you have never seen it before.

Praise:

'Sacrifice, family, dreams, and deep, dark magic, *The Embroidered Book* is a triumph' **Julie E. Czerneda**, author of *The Gossamer Mage*



THE HELSINGØR SEWING CLUB

Ella Gyland

An inspiring tale of the resilience of the human spirit and the power of community, inspired by the incredible true story of how the people of Denmark came to the aid of their Jewish neighbours during World War Two.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 31 Jan 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Ella Gyland grew up in Northern Denmark but moved to England after she graduated from the University of Copenhagen. She has worked in a variety of jobs, including the Danish civil service, before setting herself up as a freelance translator and linguist. Ella won the New Talent Award in 2011 from the Festival of Romance and a Commended from the Yeovil Literary Prize. Ella lives in London and also writes as Henriette Gyland.

Rights sold: Newton Compton (Italian), HarperCollins (Danish).

Helsingør, Denmark, 1943. In the midst of the German occupation during World War Two, Inger Bredhal joins the underground resistance and risks her life to save her Jewish neighbours and help them escape to Sweden.

Copenhagen, 2018. Inger's granddaughter, Cecilie Lund, is mourning her death when a mysterious discovery while cleaning out Inger's flat leads past and present to intersect.

As long-held secrets finally see the light of day, Cecilie learns the story of her grandmother's courage and bravery, and of the power of friendship, love and standing for what's right... even when you have everything to lose.



WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED

Steph Mullin and Nicole Mabry

The latest deliciously dark thriller from writing duo Steph Mullin and Nicole Mabry set in a town where everyone knows everyone and they all have secrets.

Imprint: Avon
Editor: Lucy Frederick
Publication: 3 Mar 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 416pp

Genre: Thriller

The authors: Steph Mullin is a creative director and Nicole Mabry works for a television network. They met as co-workers in NYC in 2012, discovering a shared passion for writing and true crime. *The Family Tree* was the duo's first crime novel.

On May 26, 2004, Jessie Germaine went to school as normal and cheered at the end of year rally. That evening, she rode her bike into the forest and vanished into thin air.

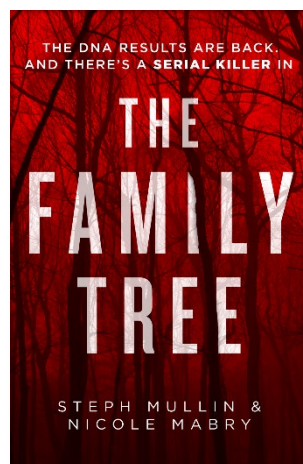
Margo hasn't been back to Lake Moss since her school friend went missing. But as she returns, running from a failed marriage, the news breaks. Her hometown's swimming hole has been Jessie's grave for fifteen years.

Digging out her old diary, and steeling herself to face unfriendly ghosts of the past, Margo sets out to help a documentary crew as they investigate the infamous case the police bungled.

In a town where everyone knows everyone – but they all have secrets – the killer is certain to be close to home.

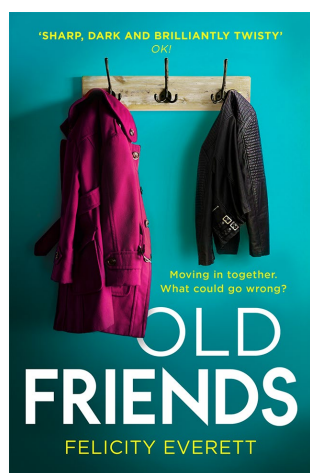
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'A cracking debut, a very original take on the serial killer theme with plenty of jaw-dropping moments.' **Alex Pine**, author of *The Christmas Killer*



'Chilling from page one, this twisted and twisty thriller is sure to keep you up at night – either because you can't stop reading, or because you're too afraid to sleep.' **Megan Collins**, author of *The Winter Sister*

Rights sold to: HarperCollins (Dutch).



OLD FRIENDS

Felicity Everett



Moving in with old friends. What could possibly go wrong? Brilliantly twisty, darkly sharp fiction, perfect for fans of Louise Candlish and Adele Parks.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Kate Mills
Publication: 17 Mar 2022
Format: Paperback
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Domestic drama

Of note: *The People at Number 9* has been optioned by Lionsgate UK.

The author: Felicity Everett grew up in Manchester. After an early career in children's publishing and freelance writing, she published her debut adult novel *The Story of Us* in 2011.

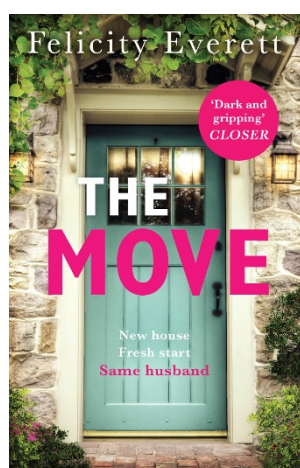
Harriet and Mark have it all: successful careers, a lovely house in a leafy London suburb, twin boys on the cusp of leaving home.

Yvette and Gary share a smaller place with their two daughters in a shabbier part of the same borough.

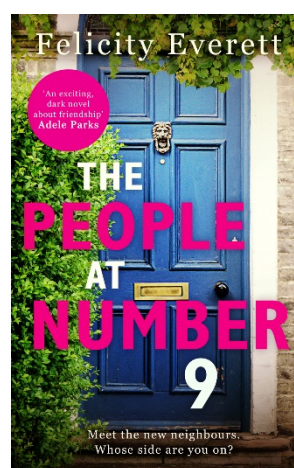
When the stars align for a collective move north, it means a fresh start for them all. For Mark, it's a chance to escape the rat race; for Harriet, a distraction from her unfulfilled dream of a late third child. Gary has decided to reboot the Madchester band that made him famous, while Yvette hopes it will give her daughters what she never had herself.

But as the reality of their new living arrangements slowly sinks in, the four friends face their own mid-life crises, and the dream becomes a nightmare.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



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Felicity Everett's books have been sold to: Beta (Czech), HarperCollins (Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish).



THE QUEEN'S LADY

Joanna Hickson



Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 20 Jan 2022
Format: Royal Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical

The author: Joanna Hickson spent 25 years presenting and producing News and Arts programmes for the BBC. Her adult fiction brings 15th century English history and some of its fascinating principal characters to life.

Joanna Hickson's gripping new Tudor novel, brimming with drama, intrigue and treason against the backdrop of England's first family.

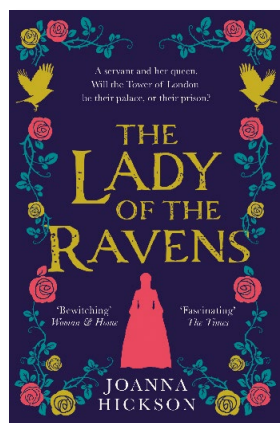
Raven-haired and fiercely independent, Joan of Guildford has always remained true to herself. As lady-in-waiting and confidante to Queen Elizabeth, wife of Henry VII, Joan understands royal patronage is vital if she and her husband, Sir Richard, are to thrive in the volatile atmosphere of court life.

But Tudor England is in mourning, following the death of the Prince of Wales, and within a year, the queen herself. With Prince Henry now heir to the throne, the court murmurs with the sound of conspiracy. Is the entire Tudor project now at stake or can young Henry secure the dynasty?

Drawn into the heart of the crisis, Joan's own life is in turmoil, and her future far from secure. She faces a stark choice – be true to her heart and risk everything, or play the dutiful servant and watch her dreams wither and die? For Joan, and for Henry's Kingdom, everything is at stake.

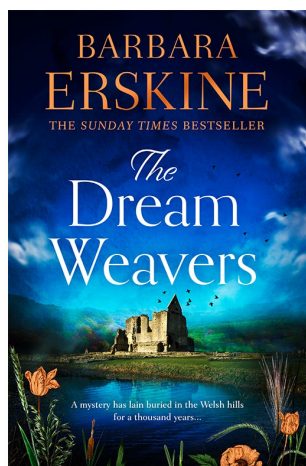
BY THE SAME AUTHOR

'Bewitching ... the characters and the narrative work seamlessly together.'
Woman & Home



'A fascinating portrait of the women who helped make a dynasty.' *Times*

Joanna Hickson's books have been sold to: Brana (Czech), Apgads (Latvian), Literackie (Polish), Eksmo (Russian), HarperCollins (Brazilian Portuguese, Italian).



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THE DREAM WEAVERS

Barbara Erskine

An epic tale of deceit, revenge and exile from the queen of timeslip historical fiction and the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Lady of Hay*.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kimberley Young
Publication: 15 Apr 2021
Format: Hardback
Extent: 512pp

Genre: Historical, timeslip

The author: Barbara Erskine is the author of thirteen bestselling novels and three collections of short stories. *Lady of Hay*, her first novel, has now sold over 3m copies worldwide.

Rights sold to: Euromedia (Czech), Arkadia (Russian).

Mercia, 788 AD. In the grand Saxon halls of Mercia, King Offa rules with cold ambition. His youngest daughter Eadburh is destined for an arranged marriage, but with a reckless spirit her heart is taken by a Welsh prince, a man she can never be matched with and who is quickly and cruelly taken from her.

Eadburh inherited her father's ruthless ways but it's the gifts passed down from her mother that are far more dangerous. She is determined to carve her own place in the world, yet her path could cause war.

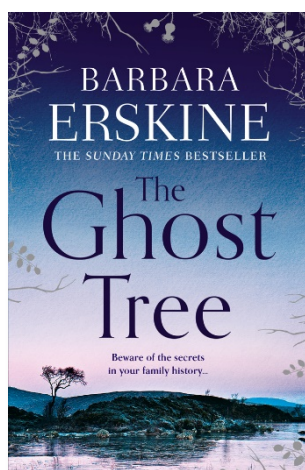
Offa's Dyke, 2021. In a cottage hidden amongst the misty Welsh hills of Offa's Dyke, Bea Dalloway is called to help Simon Armstrong, who is searching for peace. Instead he finds himself disturbed by unsettling noises and visions.

It isn't long before Bea is also swept up by haunting dreams. The past is whispering to them, calling out for the truth to be told at last. And as dreams and reality weave closer together, Bea and Simon must be strong to resist the pull of the past – and its desire for revenge.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

A No. 2 *Sunday Times* bestseller

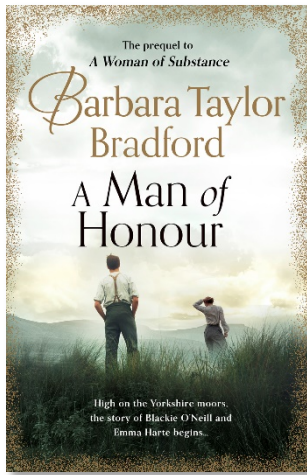
'Barbara Erskine's storytelling talent is undeniable.' *Times*



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'A dazzling roller-coaster of a book that will thrill, enchant and intrigue those who love history and the Supernatural.' *Alison Weir*

Rights sold to: Euromedia (Czech), Alexandra (Hungary).



A MAN OF HONOUR

Barbara Taylor Bradford

The prequel to the iconic *A Woman of Substance*, which was a No.1 bestseller in the UK and US and spent over 40 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Lynne Drew
Publication: 11 Nov 2021
Format: Hardback
Extent: 512pp

Of note: Barbara's books have sold over 90m copies worldwide in more than 90 countries and 40 languages, and 10 mini-series and television movies have been made of her books. In October of 2007, Barbara was appointed an OBE by the Queen for her services to literature.

The author: Barbara Taylor Bradford was born and raised in England. She started her writing career on the *Yorkshire Evening Post* and later worked as a journalist in London. Her first novel, *A Woman of Substance*, became an enduring bestseller and was followed by many more, including the bestselling Harte series.

Rights sold to: Bard (Bulgarian).

Barbara Taylor Bradford's books have sold in 40 languages, information available on request.

Opening five years before the start of *A Woman of Substance*, *A Man of Honour* begins with 13-year-old Blackie O'Neill facing an uncertain future in rural County Kerry. Orphaned and alone, he has just buried his sister, Bronagh, and must leave his home to set sail for England, in search of a better life with his mother's brother in Leeds. There, he learns his trade as a navvy, amid the grand buildings and engineering triumphs of one of England's most prosperous cities, and starts to dream of greater things. And then, high on the Yorkshire moors, in the mists of a winter morning he meets a kitchen maid called Emma Harte.

In *A Man of Honour*, the true Blackie O'Neill is revealed. For the first time, readers discover his story: his tumultuous life, the obstacles facing him, the desire he has to throw off the impotence of poverty and move up in the world. Like his friend Emma, he is ambitious, driven, disciplined and determined to make it to the top. And like Emma Harte, he is an unforgettable character for the millions who loved the book.

Praise for Barbara Taylor Bradford:

'An extravagant, absorbing novel of love, courage, ambition, war, death and passion.' *New York Times*

'A mighty saga. Little has been so riveting since *Gone With the Wind*.' *Evening News*

'A long, satisfying novel of money, power, passion and revenge, set against the sweep of 20th century history.' *Los Angeles Times*

'Few novelists are as consummate as Barbara Taylor Bradford at keeping the reader turning the page. She is one of the world's best at spinning yarns.' *Guardian*



AN ITALIAN SCANDAL

Cecil Cameron



A debut historical novel full of romance, passion and adventure set in nineteenth century London and Sicily.

Imprint: HarperNorth
Editor: Genevieve Pegg
Publication: 11 Nov 2021
Format: Hardback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical romance

The author: Lady Cecil Cameron is half Scottish and half Italian, and grew up near Jedburgh. She read history at university, before moving to Vietnam, receiving an OBE for her work in orphanages there. She has four children and lives in London.

Rights sold to:
HarperCollins (Italian).

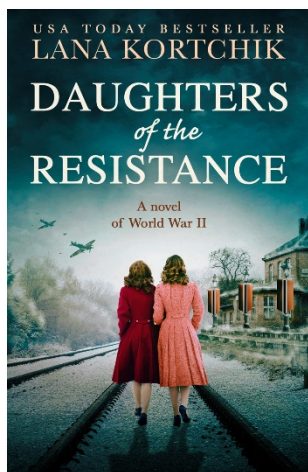
London 1859. Carina Temple has put away the stifling black crepe demanded by the death of her father – but with it she has also cast aside society's expectations of what a single young lady should be and do.

When Carina's uncle summons her to Belgrave Square to tell her that her reputation is ruined, thanks to a certain Lord Danby, he tells her she must travel to Italy until the gossip recedes and a suitable match can be found for her.

But Italy is a tempestuous place – her grandmother and cousins soon tell her of the fault lines between the states and the dangerous rebels fighting for freedom. Chief among these is Ben Mavrone – and when he and Carina meet, he distrusts her society pedigree, and she considers him a violent extremist.

When trouble comes to Carina's door, it is Ben who saves her – reluctantly – and as they go on the run, they must learn to understand each other to stay alive.

Meanwhile back in England, Carina's family has plans for the life Miss Temple should lead – if she ever returns.



DAUGHTERS OF THE RESISTANCE

Lana Kortchik



A heart-wrenching novel of love, resilience and courage in World War II, from the author of *Sisters of War*. Perfect for readers who loved *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *A Woman of War*.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Abby Parsons
Publication: 16 Apr 2021
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Lana Kortchik grew up in two opposite corners of the Soviet Union – a snow-white Siberian town and the golden-domed Ukrainian capital. At the age of sixteen, she moved to Australia with her mother. Her short stories have appeared in many magazines and anthologies.

Ukraine, 1943. On a train from Ukraine to Germany, Lisa Smirnova is terrified for her life. The train is under Nazi command, heading for one of Hitler's rumoured labour camps. As she is taken away from everything she holds dear, Lisa wonders if she will ever see her family again.

In Nazi-occupied Kiev, Irina Antonova knows she could be arrested at any moment. Trapped in a job registering the endless deaths of the people of Kiev, she risks her life every day by secretly helping her neighbours, while her husband has joined the Soviet partisans, carrying out life-threatening work to frustrate the German efforts.

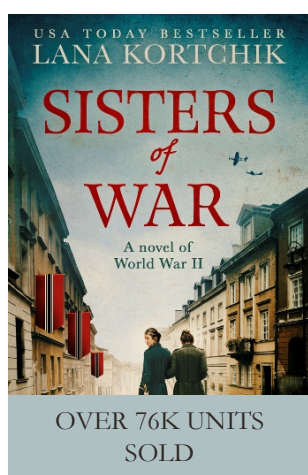
When Lisa's train is intercepted by the partisans, Irina's husband among them, these women's lives will take an unimaginable turn. As Irina fights to protect her family and Lisa is forced to confront the horrors of war, together they must make an impossible decision: what would they be willing to lose to save the people they love?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

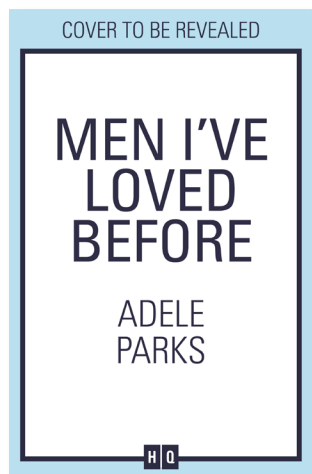
A *USA Today* bestseller in e-book

A US Kindle Top 100 bestseller

'Miss Kortchik takes the reader on a whirlwind journey, full of emotions, loss, love, and faith in this well-researched novel.' **Heather Osborne**, author of *Bitter Bonds*



'A powerful and hard-hitting novel, it tackles the themes of loyalty and compassion, and emphasizes the hard choices that need to be made in wartime.'
Deborah Swift, author of *The Lady's Slipper*



MEN I'VE LOVED BEFORE

Adele Parks

A riveting story of love and the paradox of choice from the Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author of *Lies Lies Lies*, *Just My Luck*, and *Both Of You*.

Imprint: HQ

Editor: Kate Mills

Publication: 2 Feb 2023

Format: Paperback

Extent: 432pp

Genre: Domestic thriller

Of note: Previously published by Headline in 2010

The author: Adele Parks
MBE is the author of over twenty bestselling novels.

What if the one you married is not the one?

Nat and Neil are just right for each other. They share the same likes, dislikes and hopes for the future – one filled with successful careers, sex, travel, and definitely no kids. At least that was the plan.

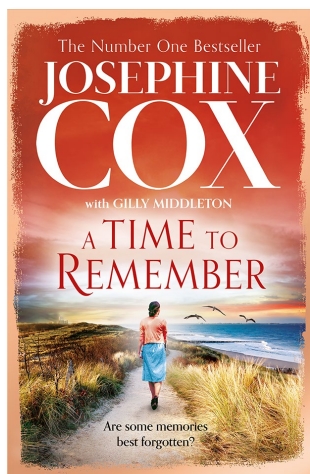
Increasingly surrounded by friends either with children, or trying for them, Neil begins to yearn for a baby himself, whereas Nat cannot be swayed.

Now there's trouble in paradise. With neither prepared to say what they really want, Neil makes an unlikely new friend willing to lend an ear. Whilst Nat, riddled with doubt about the man she married, looks for answers in her little black book of exes.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Adele Parks' books have sold to: HarperCollins (German, Swedish, Danish, Finnish), Stilus (Croatian), Uitgeverij Volt (Dutch), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Newton Compton (Italian), Kontinents (Latvian), Jotema (Lithuanian), Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Kobiعة (Polish), Presença (Portuguese), Rao Distributie (Romanian), AST (Russian), Publik Praktikum (Serbian), Harlequin (US).



A TIME TO REMEMBER

Josephine Cox with Gilly Middleton



The compelling new family drama from the nation's favourite storyteller.

Imprint: HarperFiction
Editor: Kate Bradley
Publication: 17 Mar 2022
Format: Hardback
Page extent: 432pp

Genre: Saga

The author: Josephine Cox was born in Blackburn, one of ten children. Her strong, gritty stories are taken from the tapestry of life.

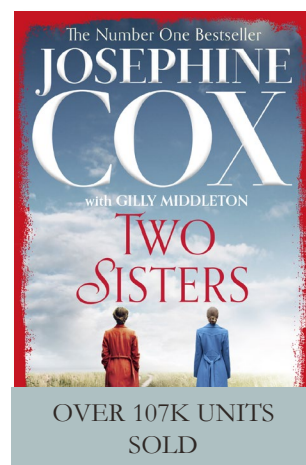
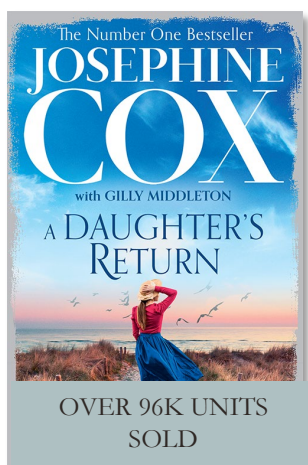
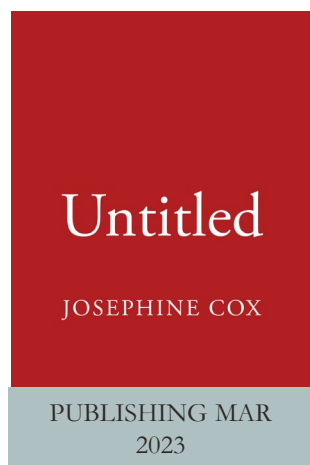
Maureen has never learned the art of putting herself first. She always gives, and never expects anything in return for herself. Instead of being treated the same way by others, her gentle temperament has seen her taken advantage of, and now she has lost her joy in life.

Maureen has a chance to change that when an unexpected windfall comes her way. Determined to make up for lost time, she decides to take a holiday and, needing a companion, looks up her old friend, Barbara.

However, Barbara has changed in the years since they last met, and what starts out as a nostalgic trip down memory lane, becomes something different altogether.

Will their friendship stand the test of time, or should it be left firmly in the past?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Previous rights sold to: Porto Editora (Portuguese), Family Leisure Club (Russian).



TEA FOR TWO AT THE LITTLE CORNISH KITCHEN

The Little Cornish Kitchen (2)

Jane Linfoot



Return to St Aidan: a cosy Cornish village where friendships are made for life and it's always cocktail hour somewhere.

**Imprint: One More
Chapter**

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 17 Feb 2022

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: Romance

Of note: Jane has sold over 474K units of her titles in the UK alone.

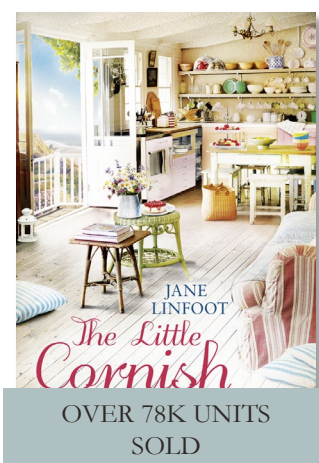
The author: Jane Linfoot writes fun, flirty fiction with feisty heroines and a bit of an edge.

When internet sensation 'Cressida Cupcake' has a soggy bottomed TV fiasco and faces bake-off backlash she jumps at the chance to spend some time hiding out in St Aidan, dog sitting for her brother.

Picturesque Seaspray Cottage is meant to be Cressy Hobson's port in the storm but with her blog sponsors having fled and her book deal gone sideways her funds are running low and she's forced to turn to the locals for help. Soon her quiet weeks in Cornwall are filled with chasing sheep, saving the local retirement village, taking The Little Cornish Kitchen into people's homes for baking nights and keeping vigilant guard against romance.

The one and only time Cressy lost her head to love was over a decade ago while in St Aidan, and she won't be making the same mistake again – a feat easier said than done when Ross Bradbury looks even better a decade on and every step she takes seems to put him in her path!

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



'A pure delight' **Debbie Johnson**, author of the bestselling **Comfort Food Café** series

Previous rights sold to: HarperCollins (German).



THE RED CROSS ORPHANS

The Red Cross Orphans series (1)

Glynis Peters



This stunning new historical novel from the author of *The Secret Orphan* takes readers on an emotional journey and follows in the footsteps of the brave women who volunteered with the Red Cross during the Second World War.

Imprint: One More Chapter

Editor: Charlotte Ledger

Publication: 30 Nov 2021

Format: E-first

Extent: 400pp

Genre: WWII saga

The author: Glynis Peters was shortlisted for the Festival of Romance New Talent Award 2014. She is the author of three bestselling novels, including *The Secret Orphan*, which has sold nearly 400K units in English language.

A journey into war, but not one she'll take alone.

Orphan Kitty Pattison is young, naïve and ready to do her bit for the war effort when she volunteers with the Red Cross and pledges to help those most in need. It's one of the most nerve-wracking moments of her life, but then she meets fellow volunteers Joan Norfolk and Trixie Dunn, and a bond of friendship is forged in the fire of life on the wards during the Blitz.

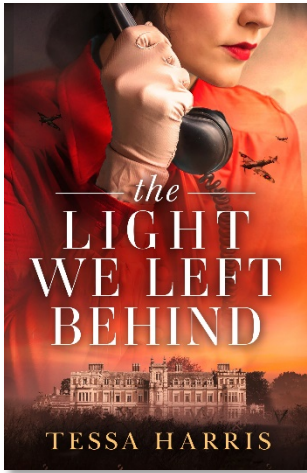
Days are spent nursing injured soldiers back to life and nights are spent anticipating bombs falling from the sky and then trawling through the wreckage to save who she can, but the light and laughter she finds with Jo and Trix see Kitty through the darkest hours.

And when Kitty starts growing closer to handsome Canadian doctor Michael McCarthy, it's her friends who help her to find the courage to realise that no matter what has happened or what is to come, we all deserve love.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Glynis Peters' books have been sold to: Ciranda Cultural (Brazilian Portuguese), IPC Konyvek (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Kultura (Macedonian).



THE LIGHT WE LEFT BEHIND

Tessa Harris

Based on the true events that took place at Trent Park during WWII, this is an emotionally gripping, and heart-breaking novel about love, sacrifice and betrayal. Perfect for fans of *The Rose Code* and *The Lost Girls of Paris*.

Imprint: HQ Digital
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 3 Dec 2021
Format: E-first
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Tessa Harris read History at Oxford University and has been a journalist for more than thirty years. She is the author of nine historical novels. Her debut, *The Anatomist's Apprentice*, won the Romantic Times First Best Mystery Award 2012 in the US. She lectures in creative writing.

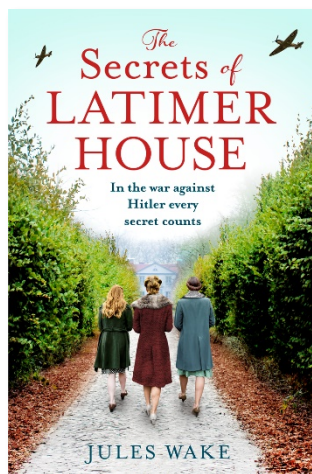
When Madeline is sent a mysterious message telling her that she will be posted at Trent Park mansion, she can't help but wonder how she will be helping the war effort from a stately home. Upon arrival, she is asked to sign the Official Secrets Act. Nazi generals are staying at the house, which is bugged with listening devices in every room. Madeline must gain their trust and coax them into giving up information.

When Max Bamberger, a Jewish refugee, arrives at the house with the same mission, Madeline finds herself trapped in a dangerous game of chess. She and Max had met in Germany before the war and fallen in love, but were painfully separated when the Nazis overran German cities. The hope that he might have managed to escape was her guiding light in the darkness of war.

But with one of the generals taking a fancy to Madeline, their love must remain a secret. When Madeline uncovers details on Hitler's plans that could change the face of WWII, she must act quickly – and when a general spots her with Max, and she learns her messages haven't been delivered, she realizes walls have ears. Can one trust anyone?

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





THE SECRETS OF LATIMER HOUSE

Jules Wake

A stunning historical novel inspired by a true story. A must-read for fans of Pam Jenoff, Dinah Jeffries, and Angela Huth's classic *Land Girls*.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 25 Nov 2021
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Jules Wake is the internationally bestselling author of over ten books including *The Saturday Morning Park Run*. She also writes as Julie Caplin and her Romantic Escapes series has hit the bestseller charts around the world.

Rights sold: HarperCollins (Italian).

Jules Wake's books have been sold to: Albatros (Czech), J'ai Lu (French), Droemer (German), Kontinents (Latvia), Vulkan Izdavasto (Serbian), Aktuell (Slovak), HarperCollins (Italian).

Society heiress Evelyn Brooke-Edwards is a skilled interrogator – her beauty making her a non-threat in the eyes of the prisoners. Farm girl Betty Connors may not be able to type as she claimed, but her crack analytical skills soon find her unearthing covert connections. German ex-pat Judith Stern never expected to find herself listening in to German POW's whispered conversations, but the Nazis took her father from her so she will do whatever it takes to help the Allies end this war.

Billeted together in the attic of Latimer House – a place where secrets abound – Evelyn, Betty and Judith soon form a bond of friendship that carries them through the war. Because nothing is stronger than women united.

Tucked away in the Buckinghamshire countryside, Latimer House, a grand country estate, stands proudly – a witness to some of the greatest secrets of WW2. Used by the SOE to hold Nazi prisoners of war, this stunning historical novel is inspired by the untold story of the secret listeners of 'M Room' who worked day and night to help the Allies win the war.

Praise:

'Shines a light on a part of the British war effort I'd previously not been aware of (...) a fascinating, informative and heartwarming novel, and I loved it' ***New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestseller Jill Mansell**

Reader reviews:

'A truly fabulous read, full of drama intrigue and three fabulous characters.' **Jeanie**

'I really enjoy this type of book which brings strong women together in exceptional circumstances, and this one did not disappoint.' **Angela**

'This five-star read is the first historical fiction novel for Jules Wake and I think you'll agree with me it's a real treat for lovers of this genre!!!' **Norma**

'An excellent WWII-era historical fiction novel that is gripping, suspenseful, and engaging. I really enjoyed it!' **Rachel**



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