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# Women's Fiction



## The Greek Café Sue Roberts

For fans of Sarah Morgan, Jenny Colgan and My Mamma Mia  
Summer

Sue's titles have sold over 290,000 copies and have 22M KU pages  
read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

When Mel loses her father, it gives her the push she needs to leave her desk job and start over... in Greece. At first, leading holiday makers on hikes and snorkelling trips is exactly what she wants. But when a fling with a co-worker goes horribly wrong, she wonders if she's made a terrible mistake. Walking through old olive groves, the dappled sunshine and the gentle splashing of the nearby sea soothe her. And, exploring new routes, she finds an adorable café. Even though it's a little rundown, it looks like something from a postcard. Mel's gaze fixes on the For Sale sign. She can't get it out of her head even as she falls asleep that night. And by sunrise, she's decided it will be hers.

But after spending all her inheritance, doubt starts to creep in. Especially when she spots the vines creeping over the old stonework – and through some of the holes in the walls. They only mount when Ireta, the previous owner, makes one last visit with her great-nephew, Elias. Elias is busy with his father's sailing business, and the café was too much for Ireta after her husband passed away. And from the look they give Mel, it's clear they think she isn't up to it either.

Yet, as Mel shares her vision, both seem to come round, even offering to help where they can. But the crumbling roof and rapidly dwindling funds are the least of their problems – when a storm sweeps in and threatens to undo all their work. Together, can they prevent the gales ripping at the shutters and keep breathing new life into the café? Or is this the end of Mel's dream life in Greece?

### Reviews for Sue Roberts

'OMG I loved this!! Gorgeous and glorious. I simply adore this... So absolutely beautiful... Perfect book!' Loris2littlelibrary,  
★★★★★

'Absolutely fantastically gorgeous... I was absolutely devastated when I came to the end... I was truly whisked away... An absolutely gorgeous book!... I absolutely adored.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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





## The Greek Guesthouse

### Michelle Vernal

For fans of Kate Frost, Jenny Colgan and My Mamma Mia Summer

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 29M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

#### Editor's Note

#### Retail Description

Sometimes life goes to plan. But Annie's definitely isn't. Her boss is a bully. Her fiancé won't set a wedding date. She's had enough. So, quitting her job and breaking off her engagement, Annie finally takes up her pen pal's invitation to stay at their guesthouse on the island of Crete. A trip to the sun-drenched beaches of Greece is exactly what she needs to leave her crumbling life behind and start fresh.

All her troubles wash away in the crystal blue sea. Until Annie meets handsome Greek god Alexandros. He's everything she normally goes for; tall, arrogant, afraid of commitment... She doesn't want to make her usual mistake, but her traitorous heart skips a beat every time he brushes her hand. And his openness and honesty as they get to know each other are new.

But after finally giving in to his charms, and spending a night gazing at the stars together, Annie finds out he may not have been as open with her as she thought... Has she fallen into the same trap she always has? Or is there still a chance for a new life in Greece?

#### Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Wow, just wow... Brilliant book, can't wait for the next... You can't do better.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... Love... Couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Michelle Vernal is a New Zealand author who writes stories that will take you onto the page with her characters and make you feel part of their lives. She writes with humour and warmth, and her readers describe her books as unputdownable, feel good and funny. In 2015 she was shortlisted for the Love Stories Award. In 2020 she won the Reader's Favorite Gold Medal Award for Chick lit, and in 2021 was shortlisted for the Page Turner Book Awards.





## The Wedding Favor

### Sharon M. Peterson

For fans of Emily Henry, Sarah Adams and Abby Jimenez

Sharon M. Peterson is an Amazon UK top 25 author and her debut novel, *The Do-Over*, has over 15M KU pages read to date.

#### Editor's Note

#### Retail Description

At twenty-two, Iris hasn't dated anyone since breaking up with her high school sweetheart. But Aidan insisted on them staying friends, and for the last two years, he's made the line between lover and friend very, very blurry...

Abe, along with his eight-year-old daughter, Hallie, has just moved back to Two Harts after leaving years ago, and nothing is working out quite the way he expected. His parents sold their house and are off travelling, his new auto repair shop is a long way off opening, and Hallie's mom has decided now's the time to show up after four years of silence.

Abe needs a nanny for the summer, and Iris needs a job, even if babysitting isn't exactly on the top of her list. But she's happy to do Abe a favor; he'll owe her one – and she might need him to repay it sooner than she imagined. Because when a surprise invitation to her ex's wedding arrives, she simply cannot go alone. Abe, with his tattoos, long hair, and thirteen years on her, is the exact opposite of Aidan in every way. The idea of showing up to the wedding with him on her arm is perfect.

But the more time Iris spends with Abe (and Hallie), the more her feelings start to change into something she didn't see coming. Iris swore she was a one and done woman – she gave her heart away once, and never again. But maybe all she needed was a real man to show her what real love looks like...

#### Reviews for Sharon M. Peterson

'OMG!!!! I CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I LAUGHED SO MUCH AND FELT SO GOOD BECAUSE OF A BOOK!!!!... I absolutely LOVE, LOVE, LOVED this!!!!... I absolutely devoured it in one reading and was completely absorbed throughout!!!!... The most hilarious book I have read this year... An absolutely epic page turner!!!!... A book you will never forget and will have tears streaming down your face in laughter... will make you feel amazing!!' bookworm86, ★★★★★

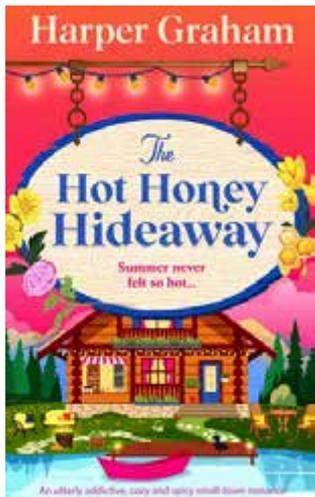
#### Author Biography

Sharon M. Peterson is a former middle school teacher and has the personality to prove it. She strives to tackle life that way and create characters who do the same. She lives in Washington with her husband and four children, including two autistic sons. She has one cat, two dogs, one tattoo, and an intense fear of poodles (don't ask). She can usually be found hunched over her computer, creating characters and stories she hopes you'll love as much as she does.



Chick Lit

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Two Harts



## The Hot Honey Hideaway Harper Graham

For fans of Emily Henry, Abby Jimenez and Laurie Gilmore

The Maple Falls series has sold more than 28,000 units and gathered more than 16M KU page reads

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

She runs a cozy lakeside café where everyone knows her name. He chases sunsets with a camera and a backpack. One honey spiced latte later, sparks fly... and a steamy, feel-good summer romance begins! Gilmore Girls + spice = 🔥

Krista is the busiest bee in Maple Falls. Her buzzing café 'The Hot Honey Hideaway' doesn't leave her with much time for romance. Until she meets Joe, the mysterious new guy with smouldering eyes... Can she open her heart to a man who's only staying a few weeks?

Joe's never felt like he belongs. Until he's working shifts at Krista's café—losing battles with steamed milk, distracted by her bright eyes and runaway hair. He's all easy charm, she's all caffeine and chaos. Somehow, they just work and soon sparks aren't just coming from the espresso machine...

But time is running out. He'll soon be back on the road, and Krista's dream café is on the brink of having to close its doors forever. Can Krista and Joe save the hideaway? And could a summer fling turn into love for a lifetime?

### Reviews for Harper Graham

"Chemistry? Off the charts 📈. The sexual tension sizzles 🔥 —... Had me grinning the whole time 😊. I loved watching these two fantasize about each other and struggle to stay away 🐝💍💕" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I loved every minute!... So addictive... I finished it in one day... Totally heart-warming... Feels exactly like a Hallmark movie with spice... The spice is spice-ing... A warm hug of a story... Addictive." Cozy Puppy Reads, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Harper Graham lives with her mischievous spaniel in a cozy small town in Connecticut. Her quirky neighbours may or may not have inspired the residents of her Maple Falls series. When she's not hiking with her daughter, baking her grandmother's recipes or reading in her favourite coffee shop, Harper can be found writing the sweet and spicy romance stories of her own dreams.



Chick Lit

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## Fuel to the Fire

### Sophie L. Henderson

For fans of Hannah Grace, Stephanie Archer and Amy Daws

#### Editor's Note

FUEL TO THE FIRE is the ultimate fake-dating novel where the characters are only fooling themselves. Set in the steamy world of firefighting, Brock and Nix can't deny the flame growing between them. But they agree to keep it 'fake'. Can they overcome their personal demons, romantic histories and their own egos and accept that what they really want is each other?

#### Retail Description

The best way to avoid single-shaming and a broken heart? Fake date Brock Holt—the infuriating yet smokin' hot firefighter with a saviour complex and tough guy attitude. And the last person I'd ever fall for.

Sworn to singlehood with abandonment issues after my mom walked out, I need a date to my cousin's engagement party. Anything to avoid being setup with another boring banker. Bitter and twisted after a bad breakup, Brock, needs a girl on his arm to impress at a firefighter gala. No strings, no drama, and absolutely no feelings. We have a deal.

The problem is, as I watch him pull a family from a huge car wreck, and after a steamy forbidden kiss in the fire hall, I can feel myself falling. Hard. We've hooked up before and I can't forget how wild those two weeks burned. But I've seen the dumpster fire left behind when relationships fizzle out.

The deeper we get into this lie, the more we're getting to know each other. Brock has a short fuse, but underneath that rugged exterior, he's protective and considerate.

We're fooling everyone. But are we also fooling ourselves? Because when the inferno really heats up between us, alarm bells start to ring...

#### Reviews for Sophie L. Henderson

"Yes. Yes. Yes. This novel grabs you from chapter one and keeps you hooked throughout." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"This book was so addictive!! So romantic, incredible plot twists and I literally read the whole thing in 3 sittings." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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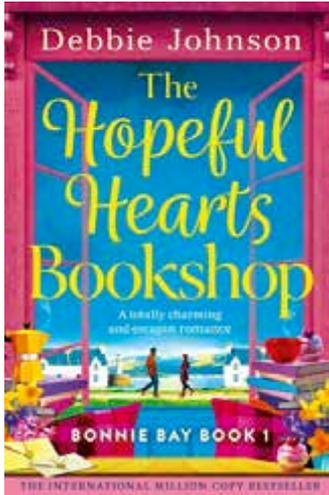
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## The Hopeful Hearts Bookshop Debbie Johnson

For fans of Susan Mallery, Phillipa Ashley and Laurie Gilmore.

Debbie Johnson is an international million copy bestseller.

### Editor's Note

Kicking off the Bonnie Bay series, we start with an incredibly charming premise: browsing in a bookshop, our protagonists find a note tucked away inside the book, inviting them to visit the bookshop in a charming Scottish village. Taking up the invitation, lost soul Kate and grumpy ex-Chicago police officer Brody find themselves staying in a little cottage, renovating a bookshop, and admiring the incredible ocean views together. Of course, sparks of all kinds fly! Debbie's writing makes me completely lose myself. Funny, sexy, and moving with tonnes of heart. Bookouture is the perfect home for the million-copy bestselling romance and women's fiction author Debbie Johnson, and I can't imagine a more delicious read than this!

### Retail Description

Single and in a dead-end job, Kate feels hope spring when an anonymous invitation falls from the pages of a book. Now, she's standing in a charming Scottish village and trying to ignore the six-four silver fox by her side. He's got an invitation too, a husky Chicago accent, and dangerously gorgeous sea-blue eyes...

Widowed ex-police officer Brody never expected to be stranded in Scotland with a cute British lady. Her smile might be bewitching... but her attitude? Way too cheerful. And eccentric bookshop owner Moira says they can stay for free, as long as they don't mind sharing one very cozy little cottage.

That's the least of their problems. Turns out Moira's bookshop needs them just as much as Kate and Brody need a fresh start. And with a twinkle in Moira's mischievous matchmaking eye, things are soon hotting up in surprising ways!

But as they string fairy lights over snug reading nooks and rally the whole community to buy their favourite reads, can Kate and Brody save the bookshop and heal their hearts? Or will their fresh start come crashing down?

### Reviews for Debbie Johnson

'Debbie Johnson - You heal my heart with every book... My absolute favourite series in the entire world... I loved this... It was just so heartwarming and aw... I could read these books forever.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Like a cosy bear hug of a story... a total joy to read... I devoured this book in a day, and I couldn't get enough of it. I loved every single word.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

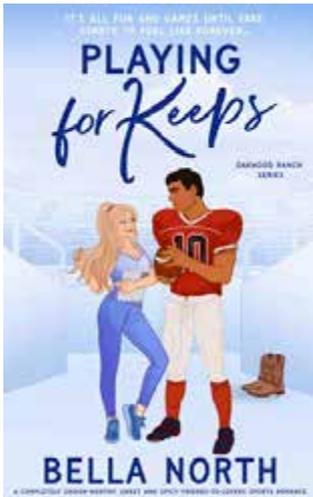
### Author Biography

Debbie Johnson is an award-winning author who lives and works in Liverpool, England, where she divides her time between writing, caring for a small tribe of children and animals, and not doing the housework. She writes feel-good emotional women's fiction, and has sold more than 1 million books worldwide. She is published globally in many different languages, and her books include the best-selling Comfort Food Cafe series, the popular Starshine Cove series, Maybe One Day, The Moment I Met You and Forever Yours. Her



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Bonnie Bay 1



## Playing for Keeps Bella North

**Playing for Keeps is a fun, steamy, friends-to-lovers sports romance, perfect for fans of Liz Tomforde, Stephanie Archer and Elsie Silver. The third in the Oakwood Ranch series, it can also be read as a standalone.**

### Editor's Note

The third in Bella's spicy, sassy, fun sports and cowboy romance series—this time following the youngest adopted Sullivan brother Dylan. Frustrated by the fans constantly trying to match-make him, Dylan and his childhood best friend Serena agree to a fake date to get them off his back - along with her controlling ex-boyfriend. She wants the big, all-consuming love story, and he knows that life isn't for him - but as sparks fly and the fake kisses start to feel suspiciously real, they realise that it doesn't matter what they thought they wanted. Because now all they really want is each other... Super sweet and swoon-worthy, jam-packed with steamy scenes, heartfelt moments, and gorgeous descriptions of the Colorado ranch.

### Retail Description

It's all fun and games until fake starts to feel like forever...

My life revolves around two things: football, and family. Romance? Not so much. But my fans have other ideas. And they've turned my easy-going life into a nightmare with their campaign to find me a wife...

My childhood best friend Serena thinks it's hilarious. She's always wanted the big, swoony love story, but instead, she has a controlling ex she can't shake breathing down her neck. And then the solution to both our problems hits me: a fake romance. 'Settling down' with Serena will get the fans off my back, and having a muscly football player on her arm should be enough to warn off her ex. Plus, we're best friends, so what could go wrong?

Our first date is set for the city's annual charity ball. I'm smug as I imagine how easy my life will be after tonight. Except, when my lips touch Serena's in front of the flashing cameras, when I hear her soft sigh as I dip her lower, something like panic creeps through my chest. I'm not meant for love—letting people down runs in my genes. I can't do that to Serena. I won't.

As the story we're spinning gets bigger, so do the feelings I've worked so hard to chase away. We want completely different things. But I can't stop wondering: do we both want the one thing that counts—each other?

### Reviews for Bella North

"Swoon-worthy... Bingeable... I loved it!... Fast-paced, full of witty banter, LOL moments and spicy scenes... Right from the start, I was hooked... LOVED... Amazing." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Oh God, I'm obsessed with this book!... Genuinely so sweet and funny—makes you feel like you're right there, falling for them and getting butterflies... I guarantee you'll lose track of time once you start reading." harusenaread, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Bella North writes spicy sports romances with equal parts heart-racing chemistry and heartfelt emotion. Her debut series, Oakwood Ranch, introduces readers to the sizzling lives of three gorgeous brothers who play for the NFL, blending the thrill of the game with the heat of romance. When she's not writing, Bella enjoys walking her dog or hitting the gym and dreaming up new swoon-worthy stories.





## Play with Fire

### Sophie L. Henderson

For fans of Hannah Grace, Stephanie Archer and Amy Daws

#### Editor's Note

PLAY WITH FIRE is a spicy second-chance romance set in the blazing world of firefighting. Sophie Henderson has expertly flipped the tropes of the athletic man and the nerdy girl and delivered us a sparky female firefighter and lovable nerdy male journalist as leads. The plot heats up with meddling families that stymie our main couple at every turn. Their joint mission to save the firehall proves trickier to navigate than they expected. And while the romance is fiery, the plot is pacy and secrets and twists are revealed throughout. The Vancouver setting is lush and gorgeous. This novel brings new meaning to the words 'sparks fly.'

#### Retail Description

As the only woman in the fire hall, I've worked hard to earn my crew's respect. But my plan to pass probation without drama goes up in smoke the moment my ex-boyfriend Brodie – the hottest reporter in town with serious Clark Kent energy – makes me the star of his latest feature.

The fire hall is in trouble, and the only way to save it? Prove the town needs us: telling my story in the process. As Brodie and I are forced to work together, I can't help but notice his attempts to impress me. But it won't work. I'll never forget how he broke my heart when he dumped me three years ago.

When I take a risk at a call out and enter a burning room to rescue a young mother, the first person to come to my rescue is Brodie and I feel the heat between us as he manhandles me back to safety. I can't start things up again with him... can I?

The captain's 'no-dating' rule means my job is as much on the line as my heart. I'm the one keeping the town safe from danger, but Brodie makes me feel protected in a way I've never known before. Can I say no to my smoking hot ex to save my career or will playing with fire mean I'm going to get burned again?

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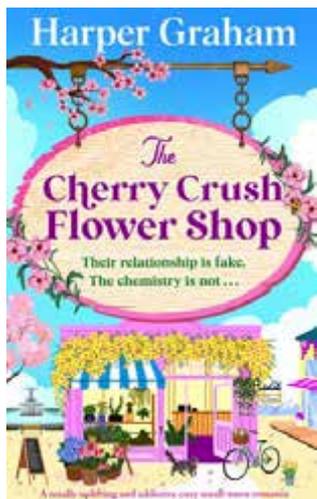
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Chick Lit

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## The Cherry Crush Flower Shop Harper Graham

For fans of *Gilmore Girls*, Laurie Gilmore and Emily Henry

The Maple Falls series has sold more than 28,000 units and gathered more than 16M KU page reads

### Editor's Note

Readers around the world have been falling in love with Harper Graham's bestselling Maple Falls series, and this next instalment is every bit as cozy, steamy, and utterly addictive. Set in a gorgeous small-town flower shop in Maple Falls, it features a sizzling fake-dating, friends-to-lovers romance that will make readers swoon. Cozy, steamy, heartwarming and escapist, this book delivers all the laughter, sparks, and cozy feel-good vibes fans adore. Early reviewers are already raving and obsessed with the aesthetic and chemistry — it's the ultimate comfort read with a generous dash of spice. Fans of Laurie Gilmore, Emily Henry, and Ali Hazelwood will be hooked from the very first page!

### Retail Description

Their relationship is fake... The chemistry is not!

A small-town girl with a secret crush and flowers in her hair. A dark, rugged veteran with scars only she can see. With spring fever all around, could fake dating turn into happily ever after? *Gilmore Girls* + *Friends to Lovers* + *Spice* = 🍷

Zoe Hart is right where she belongs: in her cozy Maple Falls flower shop with her cat Whiskers. But her oldest friend (and secret crush) Jackson is back in their small town too. And most of all, she longs to be in his strong arms. So when her hopelessly romantic mom bets on them being Couple of the Year at the Spring Festival, Zoe finds herself fake-dating the friend-zoned guy she's always wanted...

When Jackson returns from military service, even working on his llama sanctuary can't heal him. But Zoe is the only person who can truly make him smile. He'd do anything for her... even pretend to be dating for the Spring Festival. There's nothing fake about his feelings as he crushes his lips to hers. But there's no way she'd want a broken man like him, would she?

All eyes are on them as the town prepares to vote for Couple of the Year. But when a hidden wildflower meadow becomes their escape, real passion blooms amid falling cherry blossom. Will the magic of spring turn their make-believe romance into true love forever?

### Reviews for Harper Graham

"Wow wow wow!... absolutely adored... like a warm embracing hug... What's not to love about Zoe and Jackson, the best friend energy and undeniable chemistry!" NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

"Instant comfort... had me hooked from page one... perfect... chef's kiss... Friends-to-lovers PERFECTION. The fake dating? Immaculate. The yearning? Off the charts... an easy five stars and a must-read for small-town romance lovers 🌸💖" NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Harper Graham lives with her mischievous spaniel in a cozy small town in Connecticut. Her quirky neighbours may or may not have inspired the residents of her Maple Falls series. When she's not hiking with her daughter, baking her grandmother's recipes or reading in her favourite coffee shop, Harper can be found writing the sweet and spicy romance stories of her own dreams.



Chick Lit

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Maple Falls 3



## Game Over Bella North

For fans of Elsie Silver, Stephanie Archer and Liz Tomforde

### Editor's Note

The second instalment in Bella North's spicy, sassy, fun sports and cowboy romance series, perfect for the TikTok audience - this time following the eldest Sullivan brother Dylan. After an accident rules him out of the NFL, surly and devastated Dylan drunkenly agrees to buy a ranch-load of horses to fill his family's empty ranch - only to wake up the next morning with no recollection of the deal, and 18 horses he has no idea how to look after... Enter Izzy, the sassy, stubborn, passionate ranch hand who came with the horses - and sparks that will fly when the two opposites clash in this spicy enemies-to-lovers tale... Packed with steamy scenes, heartfelt moments, and gorgeous descriptions of the Colorado ranch.

### Retail Description

His football days might be over. But the game is just beginning...

Forced out of the game by a career-ending injury, Dylan Sullivan is busy drowning his sorrows in the local bar. Slumped a few stools down, Izzy Brooks knocks back another bourbon. Her grandpa is selling the horses she loves, meaning she's out of a job—and a home.

The next morning, Dylan wakes groggily to the sound of horses' hooves—with zero memory of the night before. Unlucky for him, there's a tougher-than-nails, sexy-as-hell ranch hand with a scowl the size of Texas to fill him in... Last night, Dylan bought eighteen horses to fill his family's empty ranch. Izzy's horses.

Izzy's future relies on Dylan becoming the rancher he never planned to be. As she puts him through his paces, competitive sparks—and something even more sizzling—fly. And stolen moments amongst the haystacks start to feel like a new beginning for both of them.

But when Dylan gets a chance to rejoin the world of football, the hope in Izzy's heart flatlines. Will he prove every misgiving she had about him true? Or will he realize the path he never expected to walk is the one leading to the happy ending he was looking for?

### Reviews for Bella North

"Absolutely LOVED it... Such a treat... Made my heart so happy... Fun and flirty... A delicious mix of tension, banter, and heart. Their chemistry? Off the charts. Their slow-burn enemies-to-lovers arc? Chef's kiss... Adorable. I devoured this in a single day... I'm officially obsessed." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"A total knockout... Makes you grin, swoon, and occasionally yell at the characters to just kiss already. The chemistry is off the charts... Laugh-out-loud... Addictive." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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Chick Lit

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Oakwood Ranch



## The Child at the Party

### Sam Vickery

For fans of Linda Green, Liane Moriarty and Amanda Prowse

Sam Vickery's titles have sold over 81,000 copies and have 28M KU page reads. *The Perfect Baby* and *The Child at My Door* both reached the top 50 on Amazon UK.

#### Editor's Note

#### Retail Description

Charlotte's birthday party is everything I could have dreamed of; she adored her unicorn cake and balloons, and the surprise of her whole class arriving to celebrate. She's exhausted, now everyone has left. But who is the little girl still perched at our dining room table?

My daughter says she doesn't know the blonde-haired girl sat twiddling her thumbs. And when I ask her who's coming to collect her, she says she lives here now.

Her eyes fix on the family photo in front of her. Her fingers reach out to caress the golden hair of my husband – who said he was too busy at work to attend.

And then I realise. She looks just like him.

Is this little girl his?

Years ago, my husband made a terrible mistake. Now I must finally face up to the secrets he's hidden, and find out if it will tear our family apart...

#### Reviews for Sam Vickery

'WOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOW... If I could rate this above 5, believe me I would!!... Wow... A true page-turner... The twists, the turns, had me holding my breath... HONESTLY the plot twist in this book you just won't see it coming!!... Truly an amazing book!!' [whatsarahreads.x](#), ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

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





## The Secret Bookshop in Ireland

### Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Mary Alice Monroe, Mary Kay Andrews and Rachel Hanna

Susanne's titles have sold over 1.4 million copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller.

#### Editor's Note

#### Retail Description

Ciara Finlay searches for the old brass key in her pocket as she looks up at the magnificent bookshop. Just last week she was reeling from her husband's affair, but now she has a chance for a fresh start... and a mystery to uncover. Who left the bookshop to her? Who sent her the key in a worn white envelope? Is she a descendent of the former owner?

Walking through the front door, Ciara can see the shop needs a lick of paint, and when she ambles through the beautiful town of Cherrywood Cove in the morning to buy supplies, she finds hot local handyman Luke, who tells her an incredible story about the bookshop. Built by George O'Sullivan, it was kept a secret for many years, for a mysterious reason...

A baby was abandoned at the shop forty years ago. And Ciara realises, she might have been that baby.

But nothing can prepare Ciara for what she finds under the rickety floorboards of the bookshop. Or the deep, all-consuming love she starts to find with Luke which takes her breath away. Can she find a fresh start in Cherrywood Cove? Or will the truth about Luke and the original owner of the shop, force Ciara to leave this little Irish village?

#### Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'A completely gorgeous story about lost loves and small-town secrets that will sweep you away to the Irish coast. I adored this book.' Avid reader, ★★★★★

'I felt like I was actually in Ireland, I could feel the coastal breeze from the Irish Sea upon my face... This phenomenal story will touch your heart and make you feel as if are part of Maggie's close circle of friends... I absolutely loved this.' PageTurners, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

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



## The Midwife at Ivy Cottage

### Rebecca Alexander

COVER ART  
PENDING

For fans of Barbara O'Neal, Tricia O'Malley and Liz Eeles

Rebecca's Wildflower Secrets series has sold more than 11,000 copies and has over 6.6 million KU page read

#### Editor's Note

Rebecca Alexander returns with another utterly stunning and tearjerking instalment in her Wildflower Secrets series. In this beautifully crafted story, a woman running a care home in a picturesque English countryside village uncovers the extraordinary story of a wartime midwife who once lived in her cottage. As the two timelines unfold, readers are drawn into a tale of motherhood, sacrifice, and the powerful bonds that form within a close-knit community. With richly drawn village characters, a tender romance, and very emotional twists that will tug at the heart, this is a rich, escapist, ultimately uplifting read. Fans of Call The Midwife, Susanne O'Leary, Tricia O'Malley, and Rose Alexander will be completely enchanted.

#### Retail Description

Midwife Julia Harper is still reeling after her hospital was bombed when she is sent to the countryside. Ivy Cottage, on the edge of a quiet village, feels a world away from the war. But Julia is the only midwife for miles. And when a tiny, premature baby is born to a family who cannot, or will not, care for him, she takes him home.

As Julia tends to the little baby and the community, she finds herself drawn to Duncan, the steady, quietly magnetic village doctor. But can she care for the baby and have a future with the man she loves?

Years later, neonatal nurse Imogen Oldstock has given up her career to help her frail father with the mammoth task of opening and running a care home. Moving into the tumbledown cottage nearby, she discovers a black-and-white photograph of a baby whose wide eyes pull her in.

Inspired by the incredible story of the midwife who defied the odds and took that baby in, Imogen throws herself into caring for the home's quirky residents. And as she grows closer to Jasper, the handsome local builder, she starts to find her feet. But like Julia, can she care for those who need her most—and still follow her own heart?

#### Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'WOW!!!! Clear your schedules and grab the tissues as you will need them!!!!... Devastatingly heartbreaking and beautiful... I was utterly glued to the pages... I was carrying my phone to read it on kindle every chance that I got... I had tears absolutely streaming down my face... This is one of those books that will stay with me for a long time... Absolutely amazing!!! I LOVED it.'

Bookworm86 ★★★★★

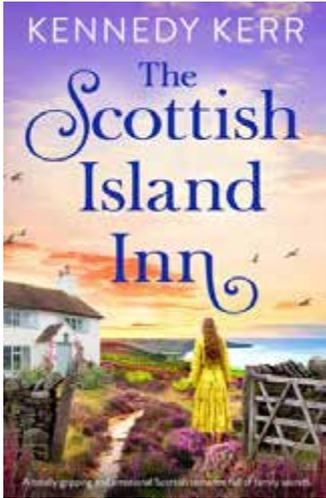
#### Author Biography

Rebecca Alexander was born in Malta and grew up on the south coast of England, becoming a psychologist. She escaped parenting six children to study writing in 2011, and the Secrets series of novels was published in 2013. A Baby's Bones and sequel followed. Rebecca lives in a haunted 300-year-old cottage in Devon where she grows fruit, paints, and bakes. She reads and writes all sorts of genres, from women's fiction to fantasy to crime. She is married with four chickens, two grandchildren and a cat.



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## The Scottish Island Inn Kennedy Kerr

For fans of Pamella Kelley, Hope Holloway and Debbie Macomber

Kennedy's previous Loch Cameron series has sold over 72,000 copies  
and has more than 49 million KU pages read

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

The Balhennie Inn is surrounded by heather-strewn mountains, with breathtaking views across the wild blue loch. But the cosy B&B is in trouble, and the only woman who can save it left without looking back years ago. Sorrel Balhennie will need to confront her past if the inn has any hope of a future...

The Balhennie family raised their six daughters on the Isle of Skye amongst early breakfast services and fully booked summers. Their inn is never short of gossip – and when eldest daughter Sorrel turns up for the first time in ten years, the island rumour mill begins.

Always the one left to corral her younger siblings, resourceful Sorrel now runs her own successful property business on the mainland. She throws herself into the repairs, praying her curious sisters will stop asking about the real reason she left home...

But Sorrell didn't count on brooding, blue-eyed Tam Blackwood – the man she thought was her forever – supervising the works. Now they're thrown together again, Sorrel realises just how much she's missed him.

And with her secret in danger of tearing her family apart for good, only Tam has a plan to fix the inn and heal the rift between the Balhennie sisters. With his help, can Sorrel finally open up? Or will the inn close its doors forever?

### Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

'Oh my gosh... Had me in an emotional choke hold... So so so gorgeous a tale... Pure gold.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Kept me on my toes!... Amazing... I loved... I had the best time reading!' Faeriemerrybookworm, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

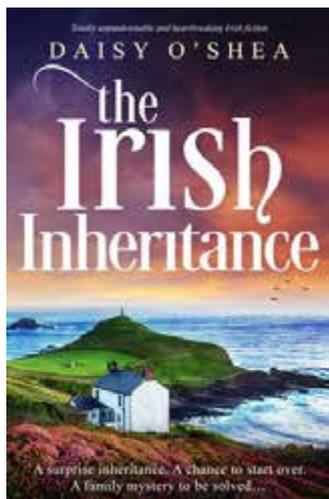
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children's and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called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



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## The Irish Inheritance Daisy O'Shea

For fans of Kathleen McGurl, Tricia O'Malley and Maeve Binchy

Daisy's books have 63,000 units sold and 43 million KU page reads.  
The Irish Key reached the top 50 on Amazon UK Kindle charts.

### Editor's Note

Daisy O'Shea is the queen of this escapist and emotional genre. Here she tackles a very timely topic: the Irish mother and baby home system. She writes beautifully about the trauma of discovering everything you thought you knew about your family was a lie. Aoife was told her twin died at thirteen, and yet her name is listed as a patient at a mother and baby home three years later. Together with her daughter Tara, she must unravel the terrible lies her parents used to cover up their dark family life. As always, Daisy expertly balances all this heartbreak with her beautifully evocative setting, charming small town cast of characters and a hunky police officer love interest.

### Retail Description

Tara took in the grand farmhouse sitting high on the hill amidst the emerald grass. She never knew her mother came from money. Now, this house will be passed down to her. But how can Tara accept it when there is still a mystery hiding within the faded walls?

When Tara Hourihan's mother receives a letter informing her she's inherited a house down south in Roone Bay, Tara sees her mother pale. Aoife hasn't been back to her tiny hometown in years.

When mother and daughter arrive in town, the lawyer handling the estate gives them some shocking news: the inheritance may be split. There is evidence that Aoife's twin sister Eithne, thought to have died as a teenager, may still be alive. Her name is listed as a patient at a local mother and baby home.

With the help of handsome local garda, Declan Ford, Tara and Aoife must untangle a decades old family secret and a possible terrible cover-up that tore the sisters apart. Did Aoife's parents lie to her about Eithne?

What the women discover will change everything they thought they knew about their history. But can they finally put the past to rest, before it is too late?

### Reviews for Daisy O'Shea

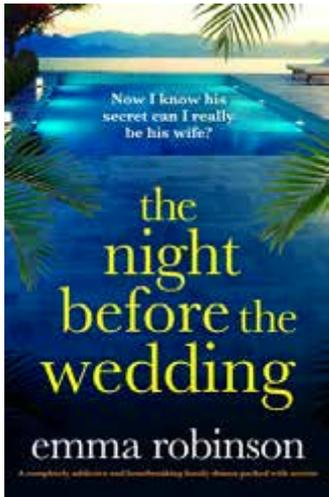
'OMG! OMG!!!... Beautiful... Absolutely gorgeous!!!!... Swept me away from the beginning to the end!!!!... I devoured it in one sitting!!!!... Gorgeous, heart-warming... Clear your schedules and grab the tissues... Stunning.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Oh my aching heart!... Heartbreaking... In tears... I was holding my breath. Tears were streaming from my eyes... I had a rush of tears when I said goodbye to this beautiful island... Fiercely pulled at my heart... I loved this... Wonderful... Be prepared with tissues... Will capture your imagination and soften your soul.' Cindy L Spear, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Sue has had many genre books published (M&B and Virgin), under pseudonyms, and self-publishes her crime thrillers. She has been a fiction tutor for the London School of Journalism for twenty years. Sue has two grown-up children, a happy second marriage, and a bundle of cats and dogs at her home in West Cork. She loves good commercial fiction, and is a devotee of the Oxford comma.





## The Night Before the Wedding

### Emma Robinson

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Kate Hewitt and Diane Chamberlain

Emma Robinson's titles have sold over 370,000 copies to date and have 72 million KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

We Both Have Secrets was our biggest family drama release in 2025 wowing readers across the globe and establishing Emma as a go-to author for suspenseful family drama with a twist perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty, Jodi Picoult and Susan Lewis. Her latest novel, The Night Before the Wedding will surely be our biggest release for 2026. The night before your dream wedding in paradise you discover your husband has been keeping a terrible secret about what really happened to his dead wife. But when you discover just why he had to lie, can you really say I do? The plot twist at the heart of this book truly left me gasping for air but this is never at the expense of Emma's expert portrayal of relationships and family secrets.

#### Retail Description

It was supposed to be a week of perfect bliss. But as I look around the luxury swimming pool, I can't help but feel everyone's against this wedding. My mother looks so out of place and keeps asking if I'm certain. Then I look over to my future step-daughter and I know she's against this too.

But I'm not the only one looking at her. Soon I lock eyes with a woman who's been far too interested in our wedding party and when my fiancé Damien sees her, his face immediately pales.

By the end of the week, the secret my fiancé has tried desperately to hide will come to the surface and the night before the happiest day of our lives, my own family secret will come out. But will it destroy us forever?

#### Reviews for Emma Robinson

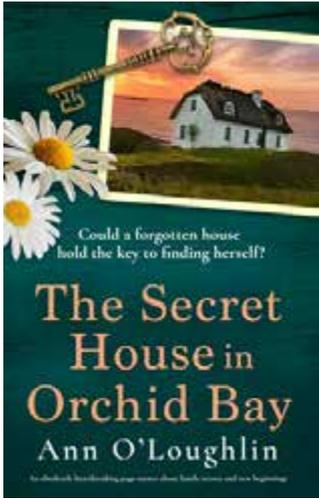
'Wow... Oomph this book sure does pack an emotional punch... My eyes simply couldn't read fast enough... I loooooove this kind of book... Held me tight and didn't let go... Brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Impossible to put down... Will leave you on the edge of your seat and also punch you in the heart... Beautiful.' kkecreads

#### Author Biography

Emma Robinson is a USA Today Bestseller with a passion for stories which explore the power of family and friendship in the most challenging circumstances. Focusing on emotional themes, her novels are both heart-breaking and life affirming.





## The Secret House in Orchid Bay

### Ann O'Loughlin

For fans of Jojo Moyes, Faith Hogan and Sheila O'Flanagan

Amy's women's fiction titles have sold over 36,000 copies

#### Editor's Note

This is the second novel in a new series set in fictional town Orchid Bay, a gorgeous coastal town in Ireland. When Kelly promises her husband on his deathbed to go to Ireland, she doesn't know what his connection to the place is. Grieving, she goes to start again and uncover the mystery. Familiar faces from book 1 emerge, and there is a very powerful subplot about one of her neighbours, Maisie, who was forced to give her child up in one of the Irish mother and baby homes. Kelly finds new love in local chef Mike and finally uncovers the mystery of why Rob wanted her there. There is a bittersweet finale when Maisie dies before meeting her child she gave up, and it is a powerful and romantic denouement.

#### Retail Description

Kelly blinks back tears as she gazes at the wildflower meadows outside her window. In her trembling hands is a letter from beyond the grave, with a secret that could change everything forever...

Kelly's heart is still in pieces following the death of her husband, Rob. As she opens the creaky gate leading to Orchid Hall, she draws a ragged breath, remembering her final promise to him to travel to Ireland. Desperate to understand his last wish, she hopes this house holds the answers she is searching for.

The glimmering sea and the gorgeous coves of Orchid Bay soon sweep Kelly off her feet. Spending long days and nights renovating the tumbledown house with the help of handsome local villager Mike, she slowly feels her heart beginning to open again. Did her husband send her here because he wanted to give her a fresh start by the wild Irish Sea?

But then a letter from Rob from beyond the grave turns everything she thought she knew on its head. In the pages of his letter, she uncovers the mystery of the house, and its true connection to her husband. The secret shakes her to the core and makes her question everything she ever knew about her husband. Will her husband's past stop her from making a new life in Orchid Bay, or can she trust again, and take a second chance on love?

#### Reviews for Ann O'Loughlin

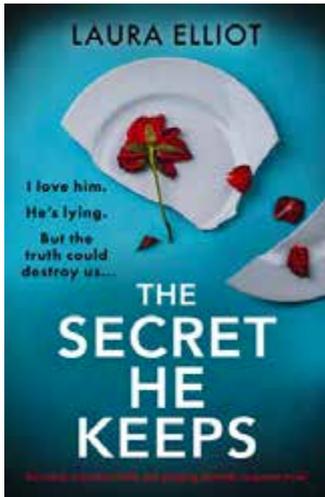
'A wonderful story which I devoured in a day... A real tear-jerker... A beautiful story set in Ireland.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking... A beautiful, poignant story that you won't want to put down.' Netgalley reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Ann is the Irish author of five novels and has been translated into eleven languages. Her first novel *The Ballroom Cafe* was also an ebook bestseller and in the top 20 bestselling books of 2015 on Amazon UK. A leading journalist in Ireland, Ann has covered all major news events in a long career with Independent Newspapers, Ireland. She is now a senior journalist with the Irish Examiner specialising in legal issues.





## The Secret He Keeps

### Laura Elliot

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Amanda Prowse and Diane Chamberlain

Author sales over 700K and top 15 in Amazon US, UK and CA

#### Editor's Note

Long-buried truths are unearthed and shocking family secrets are revealed in this tense and emotional family drama from bestselling author Laura Elliot, set on the outskirts of Dublin.

Alysia's new boyfriend Darragh is keeping a secret from her – they didn't meet by accident and he knows everything about her. He's the nephew of the man in prison for murdering her beloved aunt Jo twenty years before, and he's determined to prove his uncle innocent. Before long, she's drawn into Darragh's investigation, spilling family secrets and becoming more and more convinced that Jo's murderer is walking free, and may be closer to home than Alysia could ever have imagined...

#### Retail Description

I stare at the man I thought I knew, my heart hammering. I love him. But he's lying. And the truth could destroy us...

When I met Darragh, I knew it was meant to be. We talked all night as his sage-green eyes lingered on my face in the dimly lit bar. He asked me question after question, about my dreams and fears, my family and friends, and before I knew it, I was telling him things I've never told anyone. And then I found out who he really is.

Twenty years ago, my beautiful, brilliant aunt Joanna was murdered. Her death still casts a shadow over my family's lives, and my mother has never recovered. I thought we were strangers that first night, but Darragh knew who I was – he got close to me deliberately. And the man I love, who I shared my deepest, darkest secrets with, has betrayed me in a way I never thought possible...

He says he never meant to hurt me, he never meant to fall for me. But while my mind is reeling, he tells me one last thing. And it has the power to change everything I thought I knew about what happened twenty years ago...

All I wanted was for Darragh to be honest with me. But if he's telling the truth now, it means that I've been living a lie. Can I trust the man I love? Are there more secrets to uncover? And can my family survive if I start to ask questions?

#### Reviews for Laura Elliot

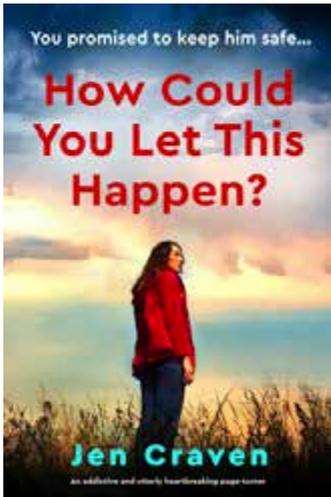
'OMG... Wow! Couldn't put it down at all! I'm shook! What an ending! I didn't want it to end... Fab!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Grabbed my attention instantly... I feel as though I've been dragged through a hedge backwards after reading this book... The ending is genius, but it nearly turned my hair white... fantastic.' Kindle 4 me, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Laura Elliot has written eight novels which have been widely translated. Also known as June Considine, she has written twelve books for children and young adults. She has also worked as a journalist and magazine editor. She is a full-time writer from Dublin, Ireland, where she lives with her husband, Sean. After serving on the Board of the Irish Writers Centre, she established WORD, a group that connects professional writers, who meet in the Irish Writers Centre.





## How Could You Let This Happen? Jen Craven

For fans of Diane Chamberlain, Jodi Picoult and Melissa Wiesner

Jen Craven's first title with Bookouture, *The Baby Left Behind*, reached the top 40 on the Amazon UK charts, has over 5.5m KU page reads and has sold over 11,500 copies

### Editor's Note

When single mom CeCe agrees to one beer each at her son's house party, she is determined to keep a watchful eye. But when the party gets out of control and one teenager ends up in a coma, CeCe knows that this one decision has potentially ruined her family's life. A powerful novel about small-town community, moral grey areas and how one moment can change everything. Jen Craven has a beautiful writing style and deep emotional insight. She writes with emotion and economy: each sentence has a universe of feeling in it. This is where Jen really shines - suspenseful, heart-rending dilemmas that have vast implications on the family unit.

### Retail Description

I fight back tears as my best friend clutches her son's hand, the room silent except for the low beep of his life support machine. I couldn't bear it if this was my own son. My pulse races as she slowly turns to me. "How could you let this happen?"

When my teenage son Miles and his best friend Isaac ask to have a party at our house, I immediately agree—as a single mom, I'm used to making the decisions and they need to let off steam. But later that night when I'm woken by the blare of sirens and see blue lights streaking across the sky, I realize I am living every parent's worst nightmare.

They said they would stay in the garage. So why aren't they there? Sprinting over to the lake at the bottom of the garden, my heart pounding all I can think is, where is my son? Is he hurt? Then in horror, I watch as Isaac is pulled onto a stretcher.

Guilt crashes over me in waves as I struggle to breathe. I never meant for any of this to happen, but I know this is all my fault. I should never have left them. Beth trusted me to look after her son and I already know that she'll never forgive me.

As Isaac's life hangs in the balance, I feel a rising sense of panic. What if he never wakes up? And if he does, will he tell everyone what really happened that night and tear our families apart forever?

### Reviews for Jen Craven

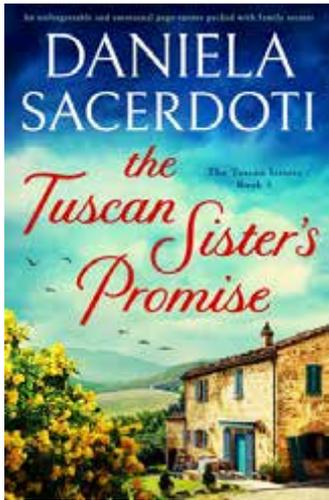
"WOW! Just wow... I inhaled this one! I read it practically in one sitting... A page-turner!... Gut-wrenching... Amazing." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I read the whole thing in one day. Whoa, my emotions are ALL over the place!!! Wow!!! Wow!!! Wow!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Jen Craven is the author of emotional and suspenseful women's fiction, stories where one decision changes everything. A former college instructor, she loves dark campus novels, which led to her contemporary debut, *Best Years of Your Life*, published in August 2022. Her writing style blends poignancy with drama to create what-would-you-do narratives of the human experience.





## The Tuscan Sister's Promise

### Daniela Sacerdoti

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Santa Montefiore and Fiona Valpy

From the author of *THE ITALIAN VILLA* (100,000) and *Glen Avich* series (1M). Sacerdoti's debut novel, *Watch Over Me*, was named the eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015

#### Editor's Note

In the third book in Daniela Sacerdoti's Tuscan Sister series, we follow the story of Mia. Having left the casalta in Tuscany for the first time, she is desperate to fall in love and find her own path. And when she meets local bookseller Ben, she is swept her off her feet. But when she discovers a locket and letters from a past inhabitant of the house she is living in, is she doomed to the same fate of heartbreak? Or has Mia really found true love?

#### Retail Description

Throughout her childhood, Mia has watched her beloved sisters leave their Tuscan villa and start their own families. Now it's her turn and, having promised them that she will follow her heart, she hopes she will finally be brave enough fall in love herself...

Not long after she arrives in London, Mia meets Ben, a bookseller with warm hazel eyes and thick brown hair. As they spend more time together, Mia finds herself enchanted by his gentle smile. But just as she feels her affection for him growing, Ben tells her he can never leave London. Falling in love and building a life with him would mean saying goodbye to her home in the Tuscan hills forever.

As she thinks about her future, Mia finds a locket hidden in the house where she is staying, along with a long-forgotten love story that mirrors her own. As she uncovers diary entries from the eve of the First World War, she learns of a forbidden romance, and a woman who also once shared Mia's desire to find her place in the world.

But will the story Mia unravels inspire her to keep her promise to embrace the future, and let Ben into her heart at last? Or will she return to Italy, leaving behind the only man she has ever truly loved?

#### Reviews for Daniela Sacerdoti

'Wow!! I've just read this book in one sitting and it has blown me away. Everything you could ask for in a book... I love Daniela Sacerdoti's writing... Amazing.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wonderful... I do love how this story sucked me into its pages and I just couldn't stop reading... I couldn't help but smile.' The Strawberry Post, ★★★★★

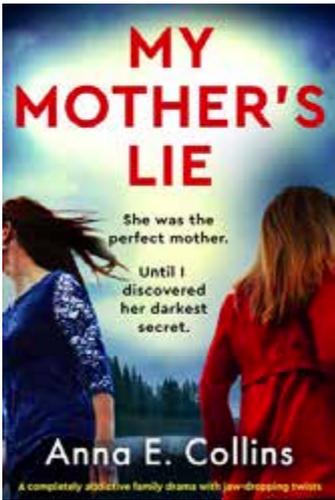
#### Author Biography

Daniela Sacerdoti is the author of fifteen books set either in Scotland or Italy, which have sold millions of copies all over the world and have been translated in several languages. She's lived in Scotland for many years, but has now moved back to her home village in Italy, in the middle of nowhere, where she lives with her Scottish husband, two sons, two dogs and a small cohort of chickens.



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## My Mother's Lie Anna E. Collins

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Kate Hewitt and Diane Chamberlain

Anna's titles with Bookouture have sold over **11,000 units** and garnered more than **17M KU page reads**.

### Editor's Note

A heartbreaking and emotional women's fiction novel from the author of *His Other Life*. When Frankie's mother, Estelle, dies, her whole world falls apart. A single sentence in a condolence card unearths a secret Estelle had long hidden away. As Frankie pulls at the threads of her mother's life, she uncovers more lies and betrayals. Frankie is compelled to find out the truth, even as her life begins to unravel. Can she uncover the secrets her mother worked so hard to bury... at any cost?

### Retail Description

I'm frozen to the spot as I read the words addressed to my dead mother: 'I have no choice but to forgive you... Not that you deserve it.' A soft buzzing sound fills my ears as my world tilts. What secrets was my mother hiding?

I struggle through the rest of the funeral, accepting words of sympathy. But all I can think about is that card burning a hole in my pocket. My mother was everything to me, and I thought everyone loved her too. So what could this card mean?

Trying to push it out of my mind, I cling to my memories of her love and support. We had breakfast together every morning and she'd always sipped her coffee from a chunky red mug I'd made her at school.

But then, I find more things that don't make sense. Unpaid bills and empty bank accounts. More secrets she'd kept from me. And when I stumble across my parents' marriage certificate, my breath catches and falters. Because it's not my mother's name written there...

My heart beats faster in my chest. Was my mother who I thought she was? I need to find out who sent that card. But not just to uncover the truth... it's my only chance to find out who I really am, too.

But when I do... will I be prepared to face the consequences of my mother's lie?

### Reviews for Anna E. Collins

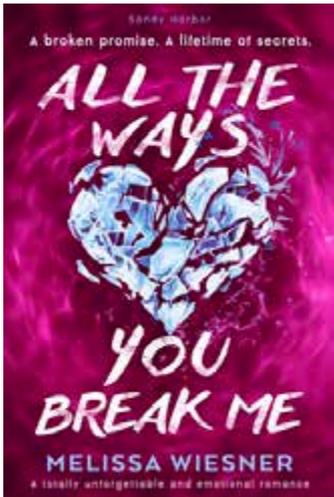
"Oh wow... you neeeeeed to read this. you will finish with the smuggest most satisfied readers smile on your face when you do." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Wow! This book is hard to put down... This story keeps your attention and emotions on a whirlwind ride." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Anna E. Collins is a Seattle area author who writes stories about the lives and loves of women—their hopes, dreams, journeys, and relationships—with the goal of making readers both laugh and cry. She grew up in Sweden as a voracious reader with a vivid imagination but didn't start writing fiction until after she had kids. By that point, she had worked as a high school teacher for several years, married an American, undertaken two international moves, and needed a new outlet.





## All the Ways You Break Me

### Melissa Wiesner

For fans of Carley Fortune, Catherine Cowles, Mia Sheridan.

Melissa's previous title, *His Secret Daughter* reached 30 on the US Kindle charts. Her books have sold over 135,000 units and have over 71M KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

This incredible read has everything: a gorgeous escapist location in the form of Sandy Harbor island, bags of suspense, and the steamiest, hottest second-chance romance. This is Book 2 in a linked pair, and we follow Josie, sister of Madeline from *All the Ways You Break Me*, as she's forced to return to Sandy Harbor a maid of honor for her sister. There are two huge problems... Josie has only ever told once person the real reason their family were forced to leave the island. Plus her first love, Ian, is one of the things she left behind... and now he's best man at the wedding. Thrown together, the heat between them is impossible to resist. But Josie's own secrets means Ian is the one person she can never be with.

#### Retail Description

Ten years after fleeing Sandy Harbor Island, Josie's hometown is the last place she wants to be. But she's maid of honor for her sister Madeline and determined to give her the beachside wedding of her dreams.

Josie hadn't reckoned on the best man: Ian. One look in his sky-blue eyes and she's back to the summer she turned eighteen, waitressing at the sailing club. She never expected the son of the island's wealthiest property developer to notice her. But sun-kissed days out on the water showed Josie that Ian had the kindest heart and biggest dreams.

Their future had only just begun when Josie's life was torn apart. She can never tell Ian why she ran away. She'll just avoid him all week and leave as soon as the wedding is over.

But Ian's oceanside cottage is the only place to stay, and wedding events throw them together in all kinds of ways. It's clear from every lingering glance and accidental brush of hands that neither of them ever forgot that fleeting, magical summer...

But the harder Josie falls, the more danger she's in of revealing her secret. Ian is the one person who can never, ever know what she did on that life-shattering day a decade ago. But if Josie runs away—forever this time—will she break her own heart all over again?

#### Reviews for Melissa Wiesner

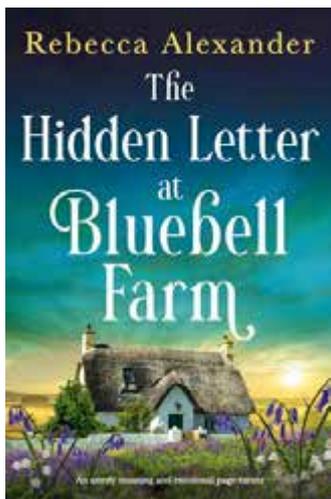
"MY GOD WHERE DO I BEGIN... Loved... My God I did not see that twist coming... Made me gush!! So!! Hard!!!"  
Alyaaheartbooks, ★★★★★

"Welllll sheesh I was up till 3 a.m. with this book... I loved this... awesome... will have you gripping your seat." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

A night-owl, Melissa began writing novels when her early-to-bed family retired for the evening. She is the award-winning author of contemporary romantic comedies and emotional women's fiction. Her work has earned praise from Kirkus, Booklist, Library Journal, and Publisher's Weekly, and has been featured in *Women's World*, *The Knot*, and *Book of the Month*. Along with her charming husband and two adorable children, she splits her time between Pittsburgh, PA and rural West Virginia.





## The Hidden Letter at Bluebell Farm Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Barbara O'Neal, Tricia O'Malley and Liz Eeles

Rebecca's Wildflower Secrets series has sold more than 11,000 copies and has over 6.6 million KU page read

### Editor's Note

Set against the sweeping moorlands of the English countryside, this stunning dual-timeline novel is packed with emotional depth, long-buried secrets, and a tender love story. When historian Tasha arrives at crumbling Bluebell Farm at a crossroads in her life, she's drawn into the mystery of a hidden letter, a missing father, and of course, into the gentle rhythm of rural life with her caravan under the stars. Her unlikely friendship with the sharp but warm-hearted Maud, and her growing connection with kind, motorbike-riding archaeologist Ryan, bring her hope, healing and the chance to write her future, and that of Maud's too.

### Retail Description

Arriving at Bluebell Farm in the English countryside, historian Tasha has never felt more alone. Her twins have left for university, her marriage is over, and she's said goodbye to the place she thought would always be her home. Exploring the tumbledown farm and striking up a friendship with elderly Maud, whose prickly exterior masks a warm heart, offers the distraction Tasha desperately needs.

Together with Ryan, a silver-haired, motorbike-riding archaeologist, Tasha digs into the farm's history. Soon she finds faded photographs and a sealed, yellowing letter that calls to her. But Maud's eyes fill with tears as she insists the long-lost letter must never be opened. Could it be from Maud's father, who went missing after the Second World War?

Intrigued by the stories hidden behind Maud's sharp blue eyes, Tasha and Ryan unearth a heart-wrenching secret. Maud's father's disappearance is not the only mystery hidden on this farm. If Maud reads the letter, will it reveal all?

And with Maud's encouragement, can Tasha have a second chance at love with kind-hearted Ryan? Or will the heartache in their own pasts keep them apart?

### Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'WOW!!!! Clear your schedules and grab the tissues as you will need them!!!!... Devastatingly heart-breaking and beautiful... I was utterly glued to the pages... I had tears absolutely streaming down my face... Will stay with me for a long time... Absolutely amazing!!! I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking... Left me teary-eyed and unable to stop reading... Absolutely loved it... Felt every emotion... I was pulled in from the very first page... Phenomenal... It feels like home and family.' Page Turners, ★★★★★

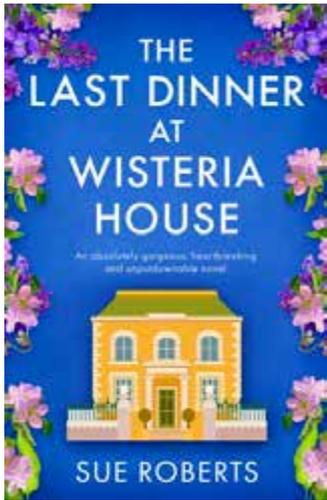
### Author Biography

Rebecca Alexander was born in Malta and grew up on the south coast of England, becoming a psychologist. She escaped parenting six children to study writing in 2011, and the Secrets series of novels was published in 2013. A Baby's Bones and sequel followed. Rebecca lives in a haunted 300-year-old cottage in Devon where she grows fruit, paints, and bakes. She reads and writes all sorts of genres, from women's fiction to fantasy to crime. She is married with four chickens, two grandchildren and a cat.



Women's Fiction

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## The Last Dinner at Wisteria House Sue Roberts

For fans of *The Last List of Mabel Beaumont*, Sally Page and Laura Pearson

Sue's titles have sold over 300,000 copies and have 30M KU pages read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

### Editor's Note

Alice is back to her childhood home, Elizabeth House, after the death of her husband. It's changed over the years – now 4 flats – and more change is coming. The other residents don't know, but it's going to be sold and torn down. She's here to bring them together to save the old building. But she's feeling her age in her bones.. and bring these troubled neighbours together isn't going to be easy... Sue has written such a wonderful novel of friendship, grief and love. I'm amazed at how much editing this broke my heart and put it back together again.

### Retail Description

Ninety-year-old Alice has one last wish: to fill her new home with light and laughter, just like when her husband was alive. So she sets out her favourite plates, opens an old recipe book, and sends invitations to the neighbours she's certain need friendship just as much as she does...

Declan hasn't believed he deserved to follow his dreams since he tragically lost his sister. Jess has been working herself to the bone to provide for her little daughter and has no time for joy in her own life. Mark, a widower, has been isolated in his grief for so long.

Over a shared meal, Alice reminds each of them that sharing stories keeps those we love alive, and that time is our most precious gift. As they hug goodbye, each feels lighter than they have for years. Little do they know Alice had her own secret reason for gathering them together...

The next morning the tenants receive terrible news. Was their first dinner party destined to be the last? With Elizabeth House under threat, can they come together to save the one place that has only just started to feel like home? Or will they lose their little community just when they need it most?

### Reviews for Sue Roberts

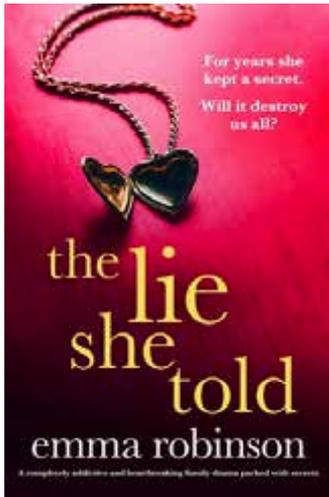
'Oh my goodness... brilliant... I absolutely loved every page from the beginning until the end... Heart-warming... My favourite read for 2025, just fantastic.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gorgeous... I love how this book made me feel... Wonderful... Loved this.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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





## The Lie She Told Emma Robinson

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and Diane Chamberlain

Emma Robinson's titles have sold over 370,000 copies to date and have 72 million KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

We Both Have Secrets was our biggest family drama release in 2025, securing over 8.5 million pages read in Kindle Unlimited and fast becoming a must-read. Emma's latest novel, *The Lie She Told* begins with two sisters being called to their dying father's bedside. He's a man they've idolised their entire lives. But when they get to the hospital, he tells them that everything they believed about their parents was wrong. And an unknown woman waiting in the hospital corridor has the potential to destroy their lives forever. Emma takes the reader on a rollercoaster ride of emotion exploring themes of sisterly bonds, family betrayals and grief. It will have you turning the pages long into the night.

### Retail Description

'Natalie, it's mum. You need to come home. It's your father...' Clutching the phone, my hands shaking, my entire world tilts. For years I've run from a family secret which threatened to devastate us all. But with my darling father's life on the line, I have to face the truth, whatever the cost.

Bursting through the hospital doors, I see my mother and sister waiting in the corridor, worry etched on their faces. Over the years I've grown apart from my sister Victoria. She married young and started a family. I chose a different path. I had no choice but to leave so that the rest of my family could be happy.

Gathering at my father's bedside, I clutch Victoria's hand like we're little again. As we start to share our memories of the fun and loving home he created, he leans towards us, uttering words which will turn our world upside down: 'You mustn't blame your mother. It was never her fault.'

Victoria reassures me that it must be the medication, that he doesn't know what he is saying. But I do. Years ago, I thought our mother had betrayed us in the worst possible way. But looking at the stranger standing next to her, I know they are part of the lie my parents were so desperate to hide. The lie I ran from. But if I tell the truth of what I know, will it destroy our lives forever?

### Reviews for Emma Robinson

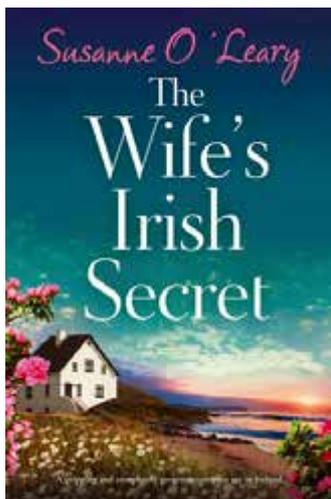
'Have the tissues ready for this!... Really tore at my emotions and shredded them to pieces... Tears in my eyes... When I wasn't reading, I was constantly thinking about it... Heart-wrenching.' @leannebookstagram, ★★★★★

'O.M.G!... I. FELL. IN. LOVE. WITH. THIS. BOOK!!!... A 5-star read that you must put on the top of your TBR list!... Totally addictive, fast paced, nail biting, suspenseful, mind blowing, heart-wrenching. I couldn't get enough!!' Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Emma Robinson is a USA Today Bestseller with a passion for stories which explore the power of family and friendship in the most challenging circumstances. Focusing on emotional themes, her novels are both heart-breaking and life affirming.





## The Wife's Irish Secret Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Mary Alice Monroe, Sheila O'Flanagan and Debbie Macomber

Susanne's titles have sold over 1.4 million copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller.

### Editor's Note

Susanne's bestselling Magnolia series reaches its conclusions in this, the sixth book. Set on the wild shores of rugged rural Ireland, this gorgeous story follows Marian, who has escaped to Ireland questioning whether she can trust her husband. Considering divorce, and the consequences on her two children, alongside her identity, this tale speaks to the heart of Susanne's readership.

### Retail Description

When Marian Fleury finds a love letter hidden in her husband Theo's belongings, her heartbreak puts her on the first plane to Ireland. With her sister Claire's wedding only a week away, she has the perfect excuse to escape to the Irish coast and decide where her future truly lies...

Marian is shocked by how quickly she adjusts to the beautiful sandy shores, shopping for dresses and collecting roses for the perfect wedding bouquet. As the ocean sparkles before her, the wind soft against her face, she manages to keep the pain Theo has caused her a secret and remembers that as a little girl she always wanted Ireland to be her home.

Yet just as Marian thinks her past is behind her, Theo arrives in town. He begs for her forgiveness, his handsome face and olive skin making her heart race like always, and suddenly she wonders if he might start afresh in the village with her.

But when she stumbles upon the woman her husband was sending letters to, in a beautiful cottage among the wildflowers, Marian learns that Theo has an even bigger secret. Can Marian find the strength to take the next steps in her own life, or is she about to lose everything?

### Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'OMG! OMG!! I cannot remember the last time I was so gutted to come to the end of a book!! I absolutely fell in love and it genuinely felt like I was packing my bags and being whisked away... Absolutely gorgeous!!!!... An absolutely stunning, heart-warming romance.' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'I was completely captivated... Amazing... completely melted my heart. This story is uplifting and inspiring and I found it to be unputdownable. I absolutely loved it.' Page Turners, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

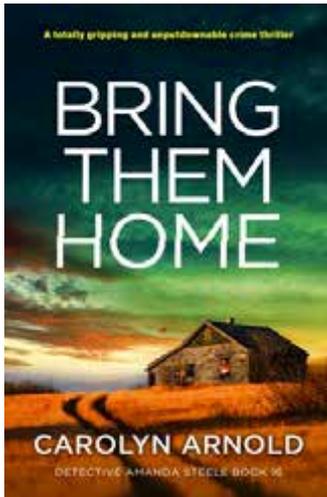
Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than twenty novels, mainly in the romantic fiction genre. She has also written three crime novels and two in the historical fiction genre. The wife of a former diplomat, she has also been a fitness teacher and a translator. She now writes full-time from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



Women's Fiction

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# Crime Thriller



## Bring Them Home Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Kendra Elliott, Robert Dugoni and Mary Burton

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

When a seemingly ordinary family goes missing in plain sight, Detective Amanda Steele is called in to find them before it's too late. The only evidence left behind is the mother's abandoned car in a mall parking lot—her phone and purse on the front seat. But why would anyone target a loving mother, a dedicated father and elementary schoolteacher, and a teenage girl?

Amanda and Trent speak with friends and family but can't unearth any reason the family would disappear on their own. Their darker suspicion is confirmed when they find CCTV footage of the mother and daughter being bundled into an unmarked black van, driven away at speed. They are looking at an abduction.

Soon charred remains are discovered in a field outside of town, and Amanda uncovers a lead that could blow the investigation wide open. If she's right, this case is linked to a woman who went missing ten years ago—and closer still, to someone within the police department. But can Amanda and Trent put all the pieces together in time to stop a twisted killer before more lives are lost?

### Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"Wow! I'm lost for words... Had me glued to this eBook... I didn't stop until 4.30am... Had me hooked!... Gripping... Love!... Amazing!" cathysbooktok, ★★★★★

"I read in one sitting as I couldn't bring myself to put it down, even for a few minutes... Phenomenal!" bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

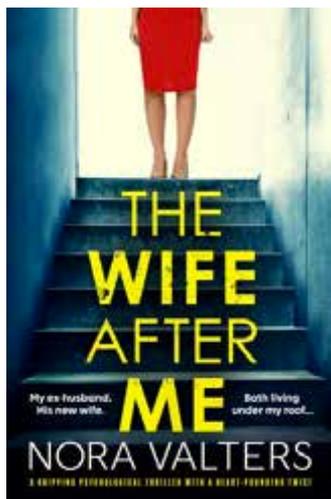
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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## The Wife After Me Nora Valters

For fans of None of This Is True, John Marrs, T.M. Logan and Freida McFadden

Nora is a successful author who has self-published two psychological thrillers, and had three published with Inkubator.

### Editor's Note

This psych thriller is totally gripping - what would happen if you and your ex-husband shared a house, but then he quickly remarried and moved his new wife in? And it transpired that actually she'd only married him to get to you? THE WIFE AFTER ME is truly chilling and delivers twist after twist. Even when you think you have it all figured out, there's more... and Nora Valters writes in an addictively commercial way that has readers totally hooked from the very first word. This will appeal to readers of all domestic psych suspense and is guaranteed to leave you breathless.

### Retail Description

I share a house with my ex-husband, Ben. I know that sounds odd, but we make it work. We renovated this home together and we both love it too much to leave. A floor each, a schedule for taking turns to use the kitchen... it's all perfectly amicable. Until his new wife moves in.

Yasmin breezes in on a cloud of linen and expensive perfume. She's all sweetness and light at first, giving me flowers and warm hugs. But her perfect veneer soon starts to crack. Our lovingly restored kitchen is a mess. Loud parties and unwelcome guests destroy any calm that existed before. Then I find her in my room. And I start to wonder: Yasmin and Ben got married really quickly. How well does he actually know her...?

I can't even ask Ben, because suddenly, he disappears. He texts me saying he's home, but I can only hear one set of light footsteps on the floor above me, and he's not answering his phone. I know my ex-husband better than anyone, and I know he's not really upstairs. When I run down the steps to our basement, a door slams behind me. I hear a key turn in the lock. I realise I might be too late, not only for Ben, but for myself too...

### Reviews for Nora Valters

'Wow! This book was so crazy! You can't trust ANYONE!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'My jaw was on the floor and my heart was in my mouth and it pretty much stayed there the whole time. The twists were explosive.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

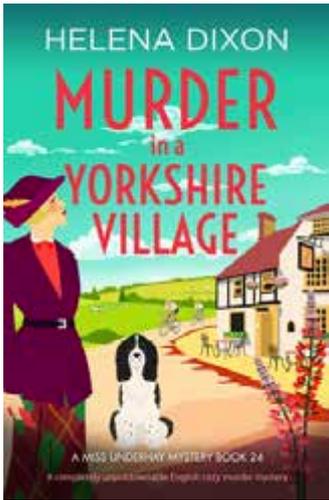
### Author Biography

Nora Valters grew up in the New Forest in the south of England and has lived in London, Manchester, Bournemouth, Oxford and Dubai. She currently resides in Weston-super-Mare. She studied English Literature and Language at Oxford Brookes University before embarking on a career in marketing and copywriting. Nora loves to travel and has journeyed around the world. She enjoys exploring new places, knitting/crochet, painting, hiking, and is an avid reader. She's also a bit obsessed with dogs!



Crime Thriller

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## Murder in a Yorkshire Village Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey or Verity Bright

**Bookouture's biggest new cosy crime series launch of 2025. The series has sold more than 50,000 copies and has more than 17M KU page reads.**

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

England, 1938. Kitty Underhay is enjoying a stroll in the Yorkshire town where she and her husband Matt are visiting his family. As she stops to take in the rolling hills, she suddenly sees a most unexpected sight. There's a bike in the ditch just along the road... and the cyclist is dead.

Abandoning her plans for a picnic with Matt, the pair start to piece together what happened. But there's more than meets the eye to the man now pushing up daisies. The victim is no stranger; it appears he has unexpected Devon connections. Why is he here? And who is behind his murder? Has his ex-girlfriend hit the brakes? Or could it be the woman he was courting in secret? And the other cyclists aren't faultless either...

But just as Kitty and Matt set the wheels in motion and the investigation picks up speed, there's another murder, shaking up the quiet country town further. Then Kitty and Matt realise that they too have been marked by the killer, and the duo need to unearth the connection between the two murders immediately...

Can Kitty and Matt catch the killer before they get to the finish line? Or will it be game over for both of them by the end of the race...?

### Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I LOVED this book!... Just perfection. If I had to sum this book up in three words it would be WOW WOW WOW.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I absolutely loved... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive... Kept me turning the pages late at night!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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A Miss Underhay Mystery

## The Campervan Detectives

### Maeve Haran

COVER ART  
PENDING

For fans of Clare Chase, Emilyya Hall and Faith Martin

Maeve's worldwide bestseller *Having It All*, was translated into twenty-six languages.

#### Editor's Note

Bestselling women's fiction author Maeve Haran is about to make her cosy crime debut! When Sadie Sutton's marriage implodes, she buys an orange VW campervan on impulse and, with her dog Sam Spade by her side, escapes to the little seaside town of Winching. But the peace and quiet she'd imagined very quickly evaporates when she discovers a body on her first night there! This novel weaves Maeve's trademark warmth, wit and explorations of female friendship into a twisty and satisfying cosy crime plot set in a gorgeous quirky little town full of suspects and interesting characters. I'm so thrilled to be publishing this brilliant new series, and can't wait for readers to meet Sadie and her friends Rose, Tina and Amanda!

#### Retail Description

Fearless, feisty and at the wheel of her new bright orange campervan, Sadie is about to enter a new era... as a detective?!

It's never too late to begin again. So when Sadie Sutton's marriage implodes spectacularly, she buys a VW campervan on impulse and, with her faithful dog Sam Spade by her side, heads for the last place she remembers being truly happy: the beautiful seaside town of Winching Sands. The local campsite is lovely, her little van is cosy, and the women who live in the nearby vans welcome her warmly. But her fresh start comes to an abrupt stop when she trips over a dead body in the community gardens, and an ordinary dog walk turns into a murder investigation!

The dead woman is retired headmistress Charlotte Woolf, whose sharp tongue is legendary in Winching. But who could have hated Charlotte enough to kill her? Sadie discovers that Charlotte had made plenty enemies in Winching Sands and that no one seems very sad that she's gone. When Sadie overhears a mysterious conversation in the church, she's sure she's getting closer to the truth, but everything changes when one of her chief suspects is found poisoned in his garden shed.

Along with her three camper vaning neighbours, Rose, Amanda and Tina, it's up to Sadie to unravel the clues and stop the killer before the next person buried is her!

#### Reviews for Maeve Haran

'Absolutely brilliant. I loved it from the start to the end... As I was reading it, I was THERE with them. A great read.'  
Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Absolutely full to the brim of fizz... I totally loved it.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

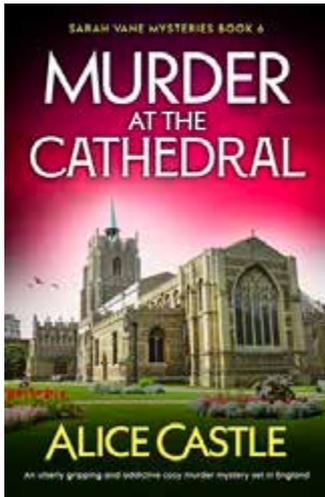
#### Author Biography

Maeve Haran is an Oxford law graduate who had a successful career in television before writing her worldwide bestseller *Having It All*, which was translated into twenty-six languages. She has three grown up children and four grandchildren. She lives mainly in North London but escapes when she can to a much-loved cottage near the sea in East Sussex. Her hobby is ignoring age and having a good time!



Crime Thriller

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## Murder at the Cathedral Alice Castle

For fans of Agatha Christie, Betty Rowlands and Katie Gayle

Over 172k Alice Castle novels sold and over 38 million pages read in  
Kindle Unlimited

### Editor's Note

Sarah is visiting Canterbury Cathedral, when she finds the body of her friend, the renowned TV art personality Simone Benz, in the nave. Turns out, Benz had made enemies of many of the townsfolk of Merstairs, making it tough for Sarah to pin down a suspect. But with some key grudges and unusual acquaintances, she soon finds herself embroiled in Simone's life. When a second body turns up at the cathedral, Sarah has her work cut out to uncover the killer in this addictive cozy crime.

### Retail Description

The vaulted ceiling of Canterbury Cathedral has echoed many sounds over the centuries. But none more harrowing than the scream of 'Murder!' ringing out across the nave.

Sarah Vane is enjoying a leisurely day in the small town of Merstairs when she spots her friend – and renowned artist – Simone Benz walking into the cathedral. Sarah follows her inside the ancient sanctuary. But she's utterly shocked to find Simone's lifeless body, propped against a stone wall in the cloisters, spattered with crimson from a fatal stab wound.

Sarah feels an aching sense of loss when she thinks about Simone, especially when she learns she may have been Simone's only friend in town. A feud between Simone and her neighbour, a vindictive ex-husband and a set of mysterious initials in her diary set Sarah's inquisitive mind racing.

But events take an even more harrowing turn when Sarah finds the dead body of the cathedral dean bathed in the reds and blues of the stained-glass windows in the nave. Will Sarah solve the mystery before the killer strikes again?

### Reviews for Alice Castle

'Wow!!!!... I absolutely LOVED this... had me hooked from the start to the end!!!... absolutely smashed it out of the ballpark again!!!!... completely sucked me in from beginning to end... a page-turner... I felt myself walking around with my kindle in my hand every chance I could get... addictive... absolutely perfect.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'LOVED!... Many laughing moments!... A real page-turner... once start, you won't be able to put down until finished.' Coffeandpages2021, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Before turning to crime, Alice Castle was a UK newspaper journalist for The Daily Express, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. Alice is an avid reader of crime fiction, her favourite stories are cozy crimes with a strong sense of place. When she couldn't find a series about her beloved south London, she decided to write her own – and single mum amateur sleuth Beth Haldane was born. Alice also writes psychological thrillers for HQ Digital as A.M. Castle.



Crime Thriller

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## Where's My Daughter

L.G. Davis

For fans of *The Silent Child*, *Gone Girl*, *The Housemaid* and *Lisa Jewell*

L.G. Davis is a chart-topping, bestselling psychological thriller author

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

Three years ago, my daughter vanished.

Lily was twelve. Off to summer camp, her first time away from me. But I stayed close, right there at Saltspray Cove with her Dad, James, and our close friend Vanessa, in a beautiful holiday apartment overlooking the same glittering ocean. I never saw her again.

They said she drowned.

They were wrong.

Because now, a photo arrives in the mail. She's older. Changed. There's a sadness in her eyes that tears me apart, but it's her. My little girl is alive.

Someone who was at that camp took her. Or at least knows what happened. Maybe someone I trusted.

And now I'll stop at nothing to bring her back.

### Reviews for L.G. Davis

"WOW WOW! A rollercoaster ride from start to finish... I couldn't put it down... My mind was spinning... Gripping!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"I DEVoured this book. It had me hooked from the first page to the last... Brilliant." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

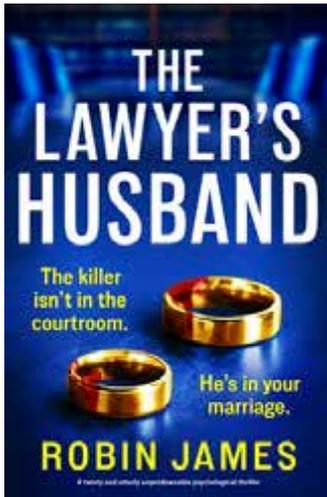
### Author Biography

Liz's story began in a refugee camp in Angola, where she spent the first eight years of her life. After that, she spent some years in Namibia (her home country), South Africa, and Germany. She now lives in Vienna, Austria, with her husband and two children. Liz wrote her first full-length novel at eighteen and hid it in a box under her bed. Several others soon followed it. Her passion lies in writing edge-of-the-seat psychological thrillers that give readers the same rush they would get on a rollercoaster.



Crime Thriller

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## The Lawyer's Husband

### Robin James

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

#### Editor's Note

One of the biggest self-publishing stars in the legal thriller world in the US, Robin James, has written her first psychological thriller. Slick and sexy, it's *Verity* meets *The Housemaid*. The killer isn't in the courtroom. He's in your marriage. This book is compelling, intense, with twists upon twists. We're expecting exceptional KU reads from this self-published phenomenon who debuts in this new genre with an existing audience to build on, who will be raring to read the book as soon as it publishes.

#### Retail Description

The killer isn't in the courtroom. He's in your marriage.

I'm working the biggest case of my career. If I win, I'll be the most successful lawyer in Michigan. If I lose, no woman is safe at home, least of all me...

Because, as our first and only witness gives her statement, my whole life begins to unravel.

Every detail she recalls about the killer we're after is devastatingly familiar: his dark, unruly hair, his obsession with crisp shirts and sharp suits, even the restaurants he takes his victims to on dates. I shudder as she describes the red silk ribbon he asked her to wear as a symbol of her devotion.

We haven't found the real killer. But I know exactly who he is.

The man who swore to cherish me until death do us part. Who tightly tied the crimson bow that I can now feel scratching at my wrist. My husband...

#### Reviews for Robin James

"OMG, this book totally reeled me in and kept me hooked... will keep you on the edge of your seat and gripping it with your nails! Absolutely loved... You will literally feel like a tornado has gone through your mind when you read this... Unpredictable and soooooo good." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

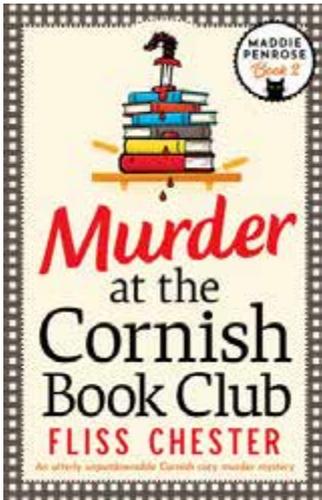
"Omggggg. I read this book in less than 24 hours. I couldn't put it down!... Will keep you reading on and on trying to figure everything out." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography



Crime Thriller

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## Murder at the Cornish Book Club Fliss Chester

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Verity Bright.

Seventh in the Cressida Fawcett Mystery series (46K copies and 19M KU pages read). From the author of The Fen Church Mystery series (40K copies sold).

### Editor's Note

This is the second title in Fliss Chester's brilliant new series. She's created the most brilliantly cosy world and a fabulously intriguing murder(s), all set at a book club in a quaint Cornish town. Think summer evenings on the beach, a delightful little community... and a stabbing the back, literally! Readers will love both the setting and the plot for this one, it really shouldn't be missed.

### Retail Description

Maddie Penrose is settling into Cornish life with her fun and feisty grandmother, Nor. She throws herself into getting to know the locals, helping out at the village book club and enjoying the occasional G&T in the pub with handsome police officer DI Tom Trevelyan. But one sunny morning, her newfound peace is shattered when she spots Quentin, a member of the book club... dead, with a knife in his back.

To Maddie's surprise, it transpires that almost all the other members of the book club have a motive to murder Quentin. Quentin's own wife, a fellow reader, seems to be hiding something. The local romance author isn't all sweetness and light, and another writer is keeping secrets. But is one of the book lovers in the sleepy seaside village really responsible for Quentin's untimely death?

No sooner has the ink dried on the page of the first killing, another takes place – and the second victim is also a member of the book club! As Maddie frantically scrambles to get her clues down in black and white, she unearths a discovery connected to Nor. Is her gran the next victim on the list?

Can Maddie rescue Nor before her story ends in murder too? Or will the killer have the last word?

### Reviews for Fliss Chester

'Perfect... I was hooked from the first line!... I was guessing until the very end, I found myself smiling and gasping throughout!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

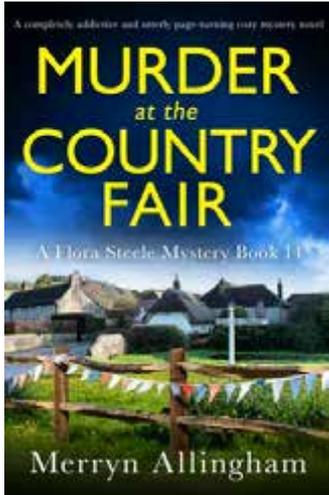
'I loved this! Found myself going to bed earlier and earlier so I could devour another few pages.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Fliss Chester spent ten years as a journalist, writing about lifestyle and interiors, sampling the offerings in London's bars and restaurants, press junkets and parties. Now she is co-owner of an independent wine merchant, based in the Surrey Hills. Never one to let a holiday get in the way of a wine tasting, Fliss adores combining her love of wine with her passion for writing – and has tasted her way around France, Spain and even Georgia while writing her novels.



Crime Thriller



## Murder at the Country Fair Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and J.R. Ellis.

Merryn has sold over 280,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK  
Top 100 Bestseller

### Editor's Note

In this latest instalment, Flora and Jack are enjoying a visit to their local country fair when a van crashes into the festivities, its owner dead at the wheel - seemingly killed by his own prize-winning cheese... There are lots of people with motive to kill Gilbert, but when his girlfriend is attacked next, the heat to find the killer heats up faster than fondue. This book contains more of the charming old village of Abbeymead, a vibrant cast of characters (including recurring characters that fans adore book after book) and is a truly addictive, cozy, page-turning novel perfect to curl up with.

### Retail Description

When a body is discovered at their local country fair, amateur detectives Flora Steele and Jack Carrington agree that this death stinks – not just of the cheese that killed him, but of murder...

It's the perfect day for Abbeymead's autumn fair. The village green has been transformed into a riot of stalls and tents, and Flora and Jack are keen to sample all the local produce. But when local cheesemaker Gilbert Barrow crashes into the fair, he brings the festivities to a dead halt.

Flora rushes to the van and finds Gilbert slumped over the wheel. He's seemingly been killed by his prize-winning round of cheese, which has come loose. But Flora is immediately suspicious. Surely Gilbert would have been more careful with his pride and joy – and his life?

Certain there's more to this than just a tragic accident, Flora and Jack begin investigating Gilbert's close circle – his jealous cousin Bea, cheesed-off dairy rival Reginald, and estranged wife Vivienne. But when Gilbert's girlfriend is attacked, the race to find out who had the biggest motive heats up faster than fondue. Flora and Jack are ripe with suspicions, but evidence proves hard to come by. Can they sniff out the killer – or will their investigation crumble before the murderer strikes again...?

### Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Wonderful! I absolutely adored this... Had me finishing in no time! I highly recommend!!!!... I was drawn in instantly.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I really didn't want to put this book down for even a second...Totally immersive... Bravo!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

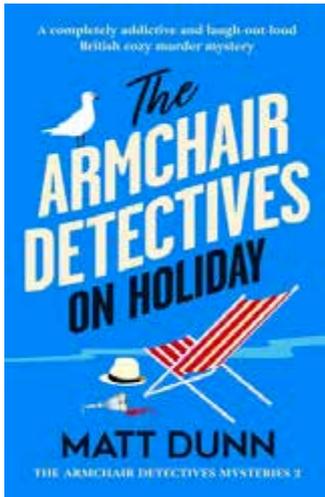
### Author Biography

Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the books have grown darker, it was only a matter of time before she plunged into crime with a cosy crime series set in rural Sussex against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Crime Thriller

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A Flora Steele Mystery 14



## The Armchair Detectives on Holiday Matt Dunn

For fans of Richard Osman, Robert Thorogood, Jesse Q. Sutanto and  
Only Murders in the Building

### Editor's Note

When Martin and Albie decide to go on a much-needed holiday to Menorca, little do they think that their crime fighting skills will be put to the test again. But that's exactly what happens when bestselling author Karen Squires is found dead on the beach much to the shock of the authors who have come on her writing retreat. What follows is an absolutely charming and often hilarious caper, a locked door mystery albeit set in a luxury hotel as Martin and Albie try to uncover who is guilty. This is the perfect read for fans of Robert Thorogood, Richard Osman and shows like *Death in Paradise* and *Only Murders in the Building*.

### Retail Description

Fresh from their last case at Twilight Lodge, Martin and Albie reward themselves with a relaxing trip to the sun-soaked island of Menorca, joined by Martin's daughter Dionne and beloved pug, Custard.

But when they head down to breakfast one morning, they happen upon a panicked husband reporting his wife, bestselling author Karen Squires, missing. Soon afterwards they're shocked to discover Karen's body on the beach.

Local police call it a tragic accident: one look at the broken safety fence on the cliffs above suggests Karen fell. But the victim's perfectly-manicured nails tells Martin that this was no accident. She was pushed.

Back at the hotel, the duo discover that Karen was running a retreat for writers, all of whom seem shocked by her untimely passing. But which one of them may have had a motive for murder? Was a fellow writer jealous of her success? Did her devoted husband feel sidelined?

As they hunt for clues, they realise that the answer may be found in one of Karen's bestsellers and luckily for them, Albie's girlfriend, Barbara, is her number one fan. A killer is hiding in plain sight. But to get to them, can they separate the fact from the fiction before it's too late?

### Reviews for Matt Dunn

'I absolutely loved this book from start to finish. I read this all in a day as I simply couldn't put it down... I know it's a good read when I literally laugh out loud.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG, this book is an absolute vibe! It's so wholesome and cozy... I loved it from the start right to the very end.'  
\_lazymumreads, ★★★★★

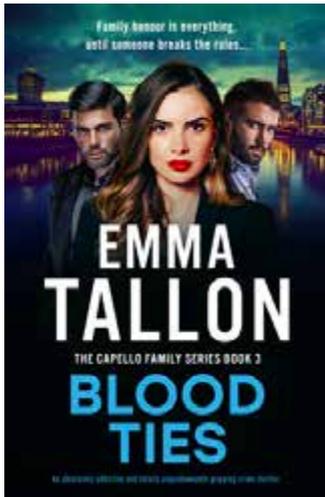
### Author Biography

Matt Dunn is the author of numerous novels, including the bestselling *The Ex-Boyfriend's Handbook* (which was shortlisted for both the RNA Romantic Novel of the Year Award and the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance), *A Day at the Office*, *13 Dates* (shortlisted for the RNA Romantic Comedy of the Year), and *At The Wedding* (an Amazon Kindle #1 bestseller).



Crime Thriller

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The Armchair Detective Mysteries 2



## Blood Ties Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jessie Keane

Emma's books have sold more than 287,000 copies and have 69M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

Just as readers thought the lives of the Capello family couldn't get anymore dangerous, in walks someone from their past – someone who knows all of their secrets and is in a position to expose them all! From bestselling author, Emma Tallon this is the third book in the Capello series and it really is pulse-racing. Gangland readers love family dramas, love trysts, revenge and betrayal and this book has it all. Anyone who loves Martina Cole, Jacqui Rose and Kimberley Chambers will adore this page-turning thriller.

### Retail Description

Alex is worried about his soon-to-be-ex-wife, who has vanished from the family home. Unbeknownst to him, Bianca has been talking to the police, telling them everything about the family. The police now have everything they need to raid the Capellos.

Antonio is still on the run and desperately looking to get one up on his brother. He wants to be the most powerful Capello in town, and he won't let anyone stand in his way. Not even his beloved brother.

Maria is trying to keep the family business going, but she soon realises that they have bigger problems on the horizon than Antonio. When the police come knocking at her door, she comes face to face with someone from her past. Someone she never thought she'd see again. Someone who knows all of her secrets.

This is a dangerous time for the Capellos and as a rival firm starts taking out other families close to them, it seems like everything is about to go up in smoke. Unless the three siblings can find a way to work together.

### Reviews for Emma Tallon

★★★★★ 'It's been a long time since I've sat on the edge of my seat, devouring a book like I just did... You won't be able to put this down until you've finished! I was hooked... just wanted to keep turning the pages the second I started!'  
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★★★★★ 'Oh my goodness... a book of the year... I can't lie, I NEED more... I have no regrets in devouring this in just one sitting. I just need more... Fantastic... I'll be recommending this to anyone and everyone who will listen.' Little Miss Book Lover

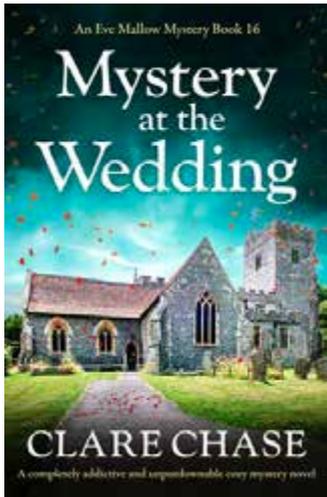
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Capello Family Series 3



## Mystery at the Wedding Clare Chase

For fans of Emylia Hall, MC Beaton and Agatha Christie

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 490,000 copies and have more than 170 million KU page reads. Clare is a top 15 Amazon US and CA author

### Editor's Note

The latest in this delightful mystery series which delivers with every new title: the Eve Mallow series has sold 340,000 copies and over 120 million pages read for £950k revenue, and sees thousands of pre-orders for every book. She's one of our most consistent sellers in this genre and she delivers everything readers love: a brilliant and mysterious puzzle, a determined, down-to-earth amateur sleuth, gorgeous settings with a fun cast of characters, lots of delightful food and drink, a charming ongoing relationship, and a dachshund as a sidekick. MYSTERY AT THE WEDDING features a Romeo and Juliet style marriage between feuding families - which of course ends in murder - but the reveal is far from obvious.

### Retail Description

The Dennings and the Cadys have been at war for years – ever since Russell Cady and Marcus Denning fell out and the business they built together fell apart. But now Russell's daughter and Marcus's son are tying the knot... and hopefully bringing peace.

Except that someone's sent Eve Mallow a warning along with her wedding invitation: watch out for trouble. But even she didn't expect to find the father of the bride dead in his bed before he can walk his daughter down the aisle. So who's ruined the big day? Is it Marcus, his former enemy? His two older children, who fought with him before he died? Or the woman Eve saw weeping, who swears they never met?

Eve is left with a bouquet of mismatched clues to piece together: the umbrellas left out on a sunny day, Russell's missing camera, and his threat to change his will. And when a second mysterious death puts the icing on the cake, Eve makes her own vow – death will not part the happy couple. But can she track down the killer, or will the wedding bells ring for her funeral instead?

### Reviews for Clare Chase

'Page-turning, fantastic... Perfect... An addictive cozy mystery that kept me guessing all the way through... Clear your schedules as once you've picked this up you won't be able to put it down!!... Amazing... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I loved... Pulled me in from the very beginning... I couldn't wait to find out whodunnit. I was flying through the pages at a rapid speed, as my heartbeat quickened, and my mind raced... Perfect... Wonderful... I loved it.' PageTurners, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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An Eve Mallow Mystery 16



## Girl in the Mist Helen Phifer

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Over 410,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 25 Amazon US and UK author.

### Editor's Note

Having just reached one million copies sold across her fiction, Helen Phifer is a force to be reckoned with in the crime thriller world, and her 18th Morgan Brookes thriller is a shining example of why. When Morgan is called to an abandoned summer camp, to reports of a killer on the loose, and a girl lost in the mist, she begins a heart-pounding search across the lake district mountains, nearly losing her own life in a icy lake, and hiking deep into the caves nearby. Helen knows her readers so well, and KU reads for book 17 in this series were Helen's highest yet - there's growth in this established series, which has also taken the German market by storm.

### Retail Description

Her entire body shakes as she runs through the mist, barely keeping her screams bottled inside. She finds somewhere safe to hide, but the image of the figure dressed head-to-toe in black flashes through her mind. Someone is coming for her...

When reports come in of an attack on a group of friends on the grounds of an abandoned summer camp, Detective Morgan Brookes races to the scene. Seeing a body in the lake, she throws herself into the freezing water, but the boy's battered face and blue lips are evidence that she is far too late. With his killer at large, and one young girl missing, a desperate search ensues.

Everyone in town believes the camp is haunted, but not a soul knew the teens had ventured there to look for ghosts. The only witness was the caretaker, and his filthy, dilapidated house puts the whole team on edge. But when Morgan meets the girl who survived, trembling in her hospital bed, and hears about a female figure she saw in the mist, a shiver runs through her. Is this the young girl's imagination running wild, the killer, or another victim?

With rain flooding Rydal Falls, washing away all evidence and reducing visibility in the camp, Morgan must throw everything she has into unravelling this mystery and finding the young girl lost in the mist. But will the twisted killer stalking the mountains get there first?

### Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Wow!!!!... I did NOT in a million years see THAT coming!!!!... I smashed this in one sitting and could not sleep until I finished it which ended up being 3am!!!!... Absolutely unputdownable page-turning book... Absolutely LOVED IT... I was just gobsmacked by the twist... Will stay with me for a long time.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I devoured it over two evenings (I was working both days or I'd have read it quicker) – and I stayed up until WAY past my bedtime on the first night because I didn't want to put it down!' Urban Sapphire, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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Detective Morgan Brookes 18



## I Know You Killed Your Husband Steena Holmes

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and John Marrs

A New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Steena Holmes' books have sold over 2 million copies of her titles worldwide.

### Editor's Note

Steena's characters here are pitch perfect – wealthy widows who have been friends since college, all hiding their own dark and twisted secrets. One terrible night in college has bound them together, but now their group is fracturing when one of their own (and sweetest of the group!), Lyndy, is killed on their annual girls' trip. The pace at the start here blew me away, and we're immediately in the thick of the tangled dynamics of the group right from page 1. All of them had a reason for wanting Lyndy dead, and someone has been waiting over twenty years for revenge. As is Steena's signature, you'll have no idea who to trust here! Every chapter ramps up the tension until the final breath-taking showdown on a Paris rooftop.

### Retail Description

As we toast our champagne, Lyndy leans over and whispers six little words that change everything: 'I know you killed your husband.'

James and I were the perfect couple. He swept me off my feet, and after years of marriage, we still seemed totally in love. Then his sudden death destroyed everything. This girls' trip to Paris with my best friends is my first chance to try and start again.

But at Lyndy's words, my heart races in my chest. The police said my husband's death was accidental. If Lyndy thinks I killed him... what else does she know?

I can't believe my best friend would turn on me. After everything we've been through. Everything we covered up for her...

But the next morning, Lyndy is found dead in the hotel pool. And the letter shoved under the door to my suite makes my blood run cold: Now you're free, liar.

### Reviews for Steena Holmes

"WOW! What a story. This is by far my very favorite book... Just left me breathless... I didn't want to put this book down. I could have kept reading but for lack of sleep and needing to eat. It's that good... 5/5 HUGE stars." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Oh my goodness... My God this book had me reading nearly all night. Fantastic!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

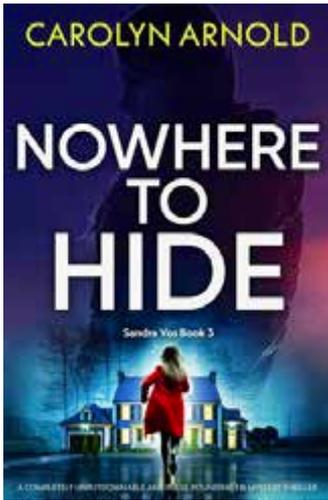
### Author Biography

Steena Holmes is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author with over 2 million copies of her titles sold worldwide, including *The Patient*, *The Forgotten Ones*, *The Sister Under the Stairs* and *The Twin*. Named in the Top 20 Women Author to Read by Good Housekeeping, Steena has been featured in various newspapers and magazines, websites such as RedBook, Glamour, Coastal Living, and Goodhousekeeping.



Crime Thriller

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## Nowhere to Hide

### Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Kendra Elliot's Mercy Kilpatrick series, Mary Stone and Elle Gray

Carolyn's Detective Amanda Steele series has sold over 600,000 copies and had over 55 million KU pages read

#### Editor's Note

In this third instalment of the Sandra Vos series an entire family is taken hostage in their own home with the hostage taker having a very personal motive which will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the explosive ending. This thriller is full of page-turning action, a heartbreaking, emotional motive and a huge amount of personal peril for Special Agent Sandra Vos.

#### Retail Description

When a lone gunman takes an entire family hostage in a wealthy suburb, there is only one FBI negotiator he'll engage with. Special Agent Sandra Vos hit the headlines for bringing a crisis incident at Founders Hospital to a close, but there's no time to rest with a family's life in her hands.

Arriving on the scene, Sandra discovers that Edward Hanson and his family are the hostages. Edward is the son of the late Timothy Hanson who left his entire fortune to his son. While it seems this may be all about money, the hostage taker makes a demand that is far more personal. Reopen an investigation into a fatal car accident from thirty-three years ago or he shoots the entire family. But how does this connect to the Hansons?

Sandra calls in her boyfriend, Detective Eric Birch, at the Metropolitan Police Department, and asks him to dig into the case. Eric works to untangle a web of lies which leads him straight to the heart of the police force. But can any of this help Sandra talk the hostage taker down and save the family? And how much will Eric need to sacrifice in the pursuit of the truth?

#### Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"OH MY GOSH!... Had me reading late into the night... I was caught up in the story from the first page to the last... So addictive!" Shortbookthyme, ★★★★★

"I was not going to sleep until I finished this book. Wow!... The hits just kept coming, and I never saw most of them until they hit... You will not be able to put it down because you will have to know what happened... Keep[s] you glued to the pages as you race to the end." Escapetobooks1503, ★★★★★

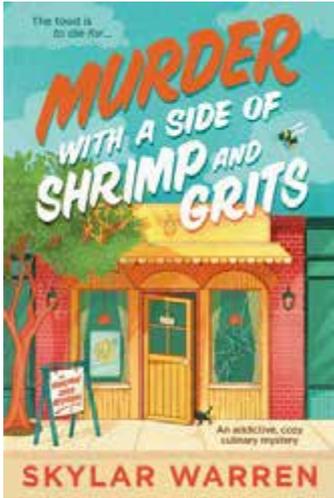
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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## Murder with a Side of Shrimp and Grits Skylar Warren

For fans of Ellery Adams, R. L. Killmore and Joanne Fluke

### Editor's Note

Murder with a Side of Shrimp and Grits is a page-turning cozy mystery full of Southern charm, featuring a feisty sleuth with a point to prove. Blending the warmth of homestyle cooking with the paciness of a well-spun murder mystery. Its cast of amateur detectives are funny, sassy and out for justice. Shrimp and Grits is a perfect blend of cozy, culinary mystery and small-town charm. It would be perfect for readers of A Cinnamon Falls Mystery and would also appeal to long-time genre fans. If you love great food, good friends and a rollicking whodunnit, this is the perfect book for you!

### Retail Description

Welcome to Honeybee's diner, where the scent of butter and garlic wraps itself around you, thick and comforting. Jessie Haynes' homestyle cooking feeds the hearts and souls of the good people of Willow Bluff. Until someone puts murder on the menu!

Y'all are invited to dig into a steamin' plate of meatloaf. The diner's well-worn red chairs have cradled folks from every corner of Willow Bluff—Jessie's podcasting bestie, Tee, Old Mr Higgins, two mighty mischievous kittens, Biscuits and Gravy, and every tattling townspeople in between—so when the mayor turns blue after a bite of Jessie's famous shrimp and grits, she finds herself in seriously hot water...

Suddenly, all eyes are swivelled toward Jessie. For fifty years her family has fed Willow Bluff, and Jessie won't let one mouthful shatter the legacy of her grandmother's secret recipes. The mayor's peanut allergy was the talk of the town, so when traces are found in his food, Jessie must fight to clear her name.

An empty peanut packet in the diner's pantry has Jessie and Tee hot on the heels of the murderer when another case of food tampering occurs at a nearby bakery. Someone is dishing out delicious death sentences—but how many locals will get served before Jessie can crack the case? Her investigation must be a recipe for success or Honeybee's will be toast...

### Reviews for Skylar Warren

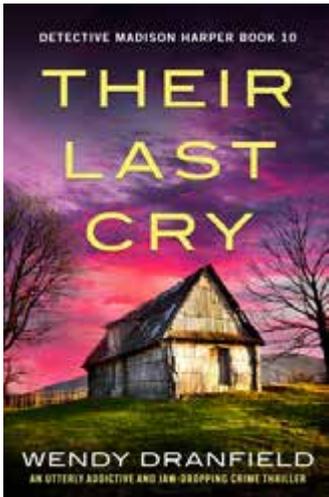
### Author Biography

Skylar Warren is a Chicago native and a graduate of Chicago State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Media Arts and Theatre. She now lives in New York City and works as a claims adjuster. In her spare time, she enjoys watching mysteries and solving puzzles.



Crime Thriller

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The Honeybee Diner Mysteries



## Their Last Cry Wendy Dranfield

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot.

The Detective Madison Harper series has sold over 100,000 copies  
and had over 70 million KU pages read

### Editor's Note

The final instalment of this consistently highly-reviewed series leaves no crumbs!!!

### Retail Description

A biting wind whips through the desolate campsite as she gazes down in horror at the bodies at her feet; teens the same age as her son, their eyes glassy and their lips a deathly blue. She will stop at nothing to catch the twisted killer who heard their last cries...

Detective Madison Harper is enjoying a night out with her colleagues in Lost Creek when a heart-shattering scream rings out across the diner. Madison sprints outside, adrenaline pulsing through her veins, to find a young girl covered in blood. As the girl collapses in her arms, she locks eyes with Madison and whispers "all my friends are dead. And it was the devil who did it."

Madison rushes to the site where the girl had been camping with four friends. Three bodies are lined up inside a tent, but fifteen-year-old Cassie, if she is still alive, is unaccounted for. Then a video goes live of Cassie chained up in a basement, and Madison's blood turns to ice.

With only a few hours to provide a ransom, Madison pushes herself to the brink hunting down both the missing girl and a murderer while local parents tremble behind locked doors. Could their child be next? With every second that passes the chance of finding Cassie alive gets smaller, but Madison won't rest until she gets justice for the dead teens' grieving families. Will she make it in time to save Cassie? Or will it be Madison's own life on the line?

### Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

"Wow!! Just give me a minute to get my breath back!... Be ready for a whirlwind journey... Brilliant... This one will really keep you on your toes, so find somewhere to hide away and lose yourself for a few hours!... Wow! Fantastic." cypresscornerreads, ★★★★★

"Okay readers, buckle up—because you will read this book in one sitting... Just when you think you've figured it all out? BAM — the rug gets pulled out from under you... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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

Crime Thriller

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## Our Little Secret Samantha Hayes

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

Samantha Hayes has sold over 800,000 copies to date

### Editor's Note

By far Sam's paciest psychological thriller to date, *Our Little Secret* throws you in at the deep end and truly holds you under until the last, gasping-educing page. Gemma's perfect life snowballs towards utter destruction when her ex appears at the support group she slips away from her family to secretly attend once a week. Last time she saw him, he was dead... True to Sam's signature style, this white-knuckle rollercoaster ride finishes with twist after twist... and then one more for good measure. Bet you don't see it coming.... Sam is a No.1 Amazon bestseller for a reason!

### Retail Description

He offers me his hand and a too-white smile. But my heart stops as I take in his familiar face. This man knows my deepest, darkest secret. And the last time I saw him, he was dead...

I adore every second of my life as a wife and mother. Once a week – laundry folded, dinner simmering, my kids upstairs tackling homework – I kiss my gorgeous husband's cheek, grab my gym bag and head out the door, thanking my lucky stars for this happy life.

But every time I lie to my husband about where I'm really going every Thursday night, a little piece of me crumbles inside. Deceiving him is the last thing I want to do, but it's the only way to keep him safe. I need this little slice of time to myself. It's my sanctuary, trust me.

Except tonight. When the man I've been running from for the past twenty years crashes into my perfect world.

In an instant, I know everything I've built could be shattered by him and our little secret.

Because this man should be dead.

### Reviews for Samantha Hayes

'I DEVoured this... So so good!... Literally had me hooked from the first page... I just ate it up... My jaw was on the floor.'  
NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Completely hooked!... Left with my mouth hanging open!... Had me glued to my e-reader!... A rollercoaster... Everything I love in a thriller... Fast-paced, twisty... OUTSTANDING twists... OMG... I absolutely LOVED this! A huge sparkling 5 stars!'  
NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

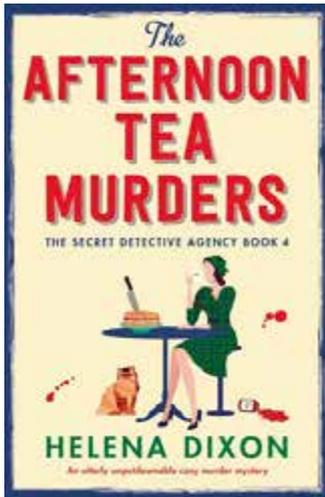
### Author Biography

Samantha Hayes grew up in a creative family where her love of writing began as a child. Samantha has written eight thrillers in total, including the bestselling *Until You're Mine*. *The Independent* said "fantastically written and very tense" while *Good Housekeeping* said "Her believable psychological thrillers are completely gripping." Samantha's books are published in 22 languages at the last count. She is also studying for a degree in psychotherapy. She has three grown-up children and lives in Warwickshire.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 5/5/2026 | 9781805509417 | Oli Munson, A.M. Heath



## The Afternoon Tea Murders Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Verity Bright

**Bookouture's biggest new cosy crime series launch of 2025. The series has sold more than 50,000 copies and has more than 17M KU page reads.**

### Editor's Note

This series has had a brilliantly strong start, with several titles outselling already very successful books in her first Miss Underhay series. This title is so much fun: it's set in Devon and is filled with scones and jam... and mortal peril. This time Arthur's life is really in danger, and it's only Jane who can save him. They know someone staying the same country as them wants to sabotage their mission, but they need to work out who it is before it's too late... Readers who enjoy cosy crime are absolutely lapping up this new set of stories about Jane Treen, who works for the UK government during WW2, and her genius codebreaking sidekick Arthur Cilento.

### Retail Description

Tea and cake on the terrace, views of the Devon hills... and a dead body in the local village? This is one for Jane Treen...!

London, 1942. Miss Jane Treen is at her desk in Whitehall sipping a strong coffee when she receives an urgent message about her colleague, codebreaker Arthur Cilento. He's in danger in Devon, and Jane needs to get there sharpish. But before her bags are properly unpacked, the local teashop owner in Arthur's village is found lying amidst the scones and teacakes... and she's dead.

When Jane arrives, it quickly becomes clear that the murder is a half-baked attempt to curdle Arthur's current codebreaking mission – but how? There seem to be suspects at every turn. Is Arthur's boss going to extremes to cover up his incompetence? Can the teashop customers be trusted? And what about the secretary, who seems to have secret links to the village teashop...

Spurred on by scones and clotted cream, Jane and Arthur start to whip up a theory as to who the killer could be. But just as they begin to make progress, someone else is murdered – and it looks like Arthur could be next. It's clear they need to solve this case quickly, before teatime is over and Arthur meets a sticky end...

### Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I ATE this up. what more could I ask for???... Loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Hooked from start to finish... This book is an absolute delight!' reading\_barefoot\_on\_the\_beach

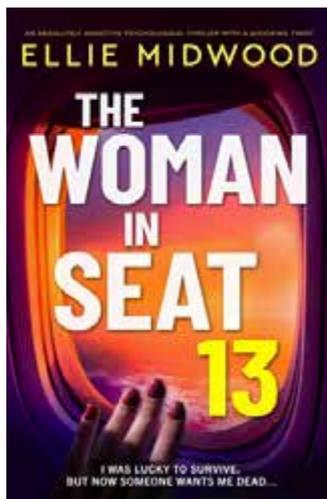
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 29/4/2026 | 9781805508298 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency  
The Secret Detective Agency 4



## The Woman in Seat 13

### Ellie Midwood

For fans of *The Silent Patient* and *Jeneva Rose*

Ellie Midwood is a bestselling historical fiction writer, who has sold over half a million copies of her books.

#### Editor's Note

This is Ellie's first foray into crime-fiction writing and she does this with a brilliant high concept page-turning read that is perfect for fans of *THE FLIGHT* by Julie Clark, *THE GIRL IN SEAT 2A* by Diana Wilkinson and *LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE* by Jessica Knoll.

Jess is the only survivor of a devastating plane crash. But as she tries to piece her life back together, it becomes very clear, that there's someone who wants her dead. And all paths lead back to the man she met on the flight before the plane crash.

#### Retail Description

When I spot I'm in row 13 on the flight, I barely notice. I'm not superstitious. But then I am offered the window seat by a stranger with melting brown eyes and no wedding ring. As we begin to chat, I find myself drawn to him. I never imagined that just half an hour later, I'd be clutching his hand, passengers screaming around us as our plane plummets terrifyingly through the night sky...

Months later I'm trying to make a fresh start as the only survivor of the crash. My brand-new apartment should feel like a haven for me but I'm still jumping at every noise, frightened to confide in my new neighbors. My therapist tells me this is normal, but I can't shake the feeling that I'm not alone in my new home.

Then the notes begin. Notes that say it should have been you. You weren't meant to survive. I think back to the stranger on the plane, who seemed to be just a nice, uncomplicated man. I remember his last words, lost under the roar of the failing engines. 'There's something I need to tell you. Look out for—'

If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be alive. But is he the reason I am in terrible danger now?

#### Reviews for Ellie Midwood

"Grips you from page one and never lets go." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"If I could give this book ten stars I would!" Bev Walking, ★★★★★

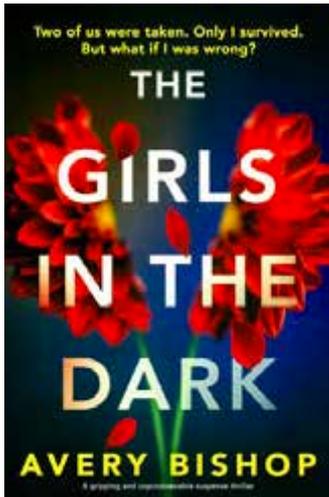
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 29/4/2026 | 9781805505785 | Unagented



# The Girls in the Dark

## Avery Bishop

For fans of Jessica Knoll, Mary Kubica and John Marrs.

Avery Bishop is the author of *GIRL GONE MAD* and *ONE YEAR GONE*, which have sold over 200k copies combined, as well as the Audible Original *Dear Seraphina* and a forthcoming Original, *The Chateau*.

### Editor's Note

As teenagers, Megan and her twin sister Alison were abducted from their home. Twenty years on, when Megan closes her eyes each night, she isn't tormented by her abductor. Instead, she sees her sister. Because when she escaped, she promised to come back for Alison, but she was too late. And when someone leaves a black rose on her car, Megan immediately knows her sister is still alive. And if she is, she will want revenge for what happened between them in that basement all those years ago... A dark and electrifying new novel from USA Today bestselling author Avery Bishop.

### Retail Description

I stare at the security footage, heart pounding in my chest. I know who broke into my home—she has a face just like my own, similarities I can't ignore. Twenty years ago, my sister was killed and I survived. So how can she be here now? And what does she want?

For years I have been haunted by memories of the three months my twin and I were abducted and held in darkness. I see her frightened eyes, staring at me for the last time as I whisper a promise to her, the one I failed to keep. "I'll come back for you..."

The twentieth anniversary of our abduction brings a swirling sense of dread. And when I find a black rose on the passenger seat of my car, it feels like a warning. Not long after, a figure with a face so like my own breaks into my house. My sister.

I tell myself it can't be true. Her body was never found and I'm sure she died in that room at the hands of our abductor. But what if I'm wrong and she's back for revenge?

Because for years I've kept a secret about what really happened the night I escaped. And as the threats grow, I start to fear for my life. Now it's clear someone wants the truth to come to light. But if it does, will it destroy everything?

### Reviews for Avery Bishop

"THIS BOOK IS 5 STAR WORTHY. I absolutely loved it. It had me hooked from page one and I could not put it down."  
Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"HOLY MOLY THIS WAS GOOD... Had my jaw dropping several times... I absolutely loved this and honestly wanted MORE... \*chef's kiss\*." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

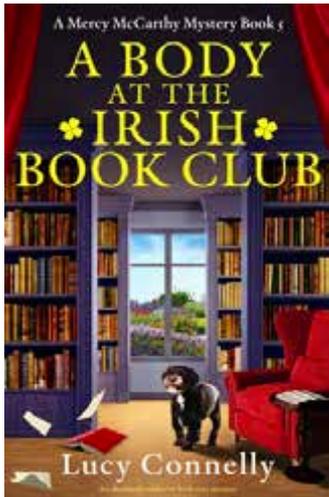
### Author Biography

Avery Bishop is the pseudonym for a USA Today bestselling and ITW Thriller Award-winning author of over a dozen novels. Avery's previous titles include *Girl Gone Mad*, *One Year Gone*, *Dear Seraphina*, and the Audible Original *The Chateau*, which spent four straight weeks on AP's Top 10 Audiobooks in the US.



Crime Thriller

404 pages | Pub Date 24/4/2026 | 9781805507895 | Tess Callero, Europa Content



## A Body at the Irish Book Club Lucy Connelly

For fans of Agatha Christie, Carlene O'Connor and Faith Martin

The Mercy McCarthy series has sold more than 50,000 units and accumulated more than 15 million KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

A Body at the Irish Book Club is the latest in the Mercy McCarthy series of cosy mysteries set in the town of Shamrock Cove, Ireland. This latest edition is the perfect cosy crime. It features a warm, cosy town setting, quirky characters, grumpy suspects, a believable - yet still twisty - murder setup, and a plucky detective who wins the day. This can be read as a standalone without reading the previous books. It's funny, there's a romantic relationship, the friendships are well developed and the murder investigation is interesting, pacy and set in a book club!

### Retail Description

Mercy McCarthy is delighted to see old neighbors and new friends come to the bookstore to support her sister's autumn book club. But as Mercy closes the chapter on the evening, she stumbles across local grandmother Eva, lifelessly slumped in a squashy armchair at the back of the store.

She recognizes Eva as one of the festival's main organizers and though she looks to be at peace, the plot thickens when Mercy notices a suspicious mark on her neck. She knows this was no accident. With so many people in the store that night, any one of them could be the killer.

Just as Mercy reads a suspicious-sounding entry for the festival's fiction-writing contest, another body turns up on the beach. Is someone in Shamrock Cove dying for a bestseller?

It's up to Mercy and her crime-solving canine companion Mr. Poe to sniff out the suspects before another victim is taken. Could the murderer be the garden center owner who dabbles in chemistry? Eva's ne'er-do-well grandson-in-law? Or the local busybody who has an opinion about everybody?

Mercy has to hit the books—and the streets of Shamrock Cove—to solve the mystery before the killer has the last word.

### Reviews for Lucy Connelly

"Outstanding! I am absolutely loving the main characters!... I ended up staying up until the wee hours of the morning to finish as I just couldn't put it down... this series is sure to fill your cozy mystery loving needs!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I absolutely love this series... a delight... I couldn't put it down, I really really loved it." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

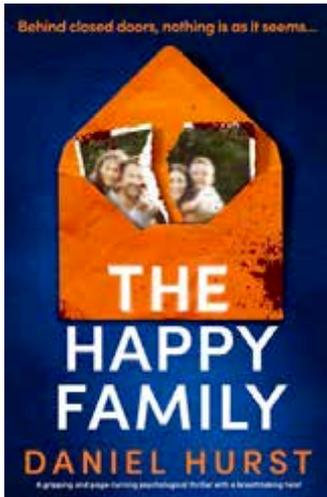
### Author Biography

Bestselling author Candace Havens has published more than 25 books. Her novels have received nominations for the RITA's, Holt Medallion, Write Touch Reader Awards and National Reader's Choice Awards. She is a Barbara Wilson Award winner. She is the author of the biography Joss Whedon: The Genius Behind Buffy and a contributor to several anthologies. She is also one of the nation's leading entertainment journalists and has interviewed countless celebrities from George Clooney to Chris Pratt. Candace runs a free online writing



Crime Thriller

226 pages | Pub Date 21/4/2026 | 9781805501503 | Jill Marsal, Marsal Lyon Literary Agency LLC  
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## The Happy Family

### Daniel Hurst

For fans of T.M. Logan, John Marrs and Freida McFadden.

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

#### Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 200 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles. The Happy Family is the second book in brand new series that's brimming with secrets, lies and revenge! It's a gripping page-turner with strong female characters.

#### Retail Description

Behind closed doors, nothing is as it seems...

I stare at the photograph. It was taken on an ordinary day at the park. The four of us look so happy – our smiles wide and cheeks rosy. But just a month after this image was taken, I lost everything.

I'm watching them now, walking in the park together: my handsome husband, my beautiful daughter and my adorable son. They're with her. She's playing happy families with my loved ones. She stole them from me.

She thinks she's got rid of me.  
But I'm going to get my family back.  
And I'm going to get revenge...

#### Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading... Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HOLY COW... AMAZING. MY GOODNESS... Gave me chills... What a crazy wild ride... WOW, what a BANGER... OUTSTANDING... Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

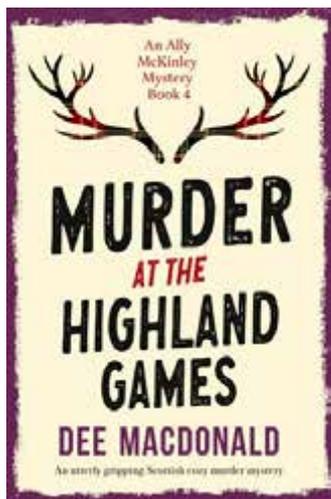
#### Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 20/4/2026 | 9781807222024 | Unagented  
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## Murder at the Highland Games Dee MacDonald

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Clare Chase

Dee MacDonald has sold over 450,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

### Editor's Note

Dee MacDonald is back with the fourth Ally McKinley mystery, and it's another absolute treat! The Locharran Highland Games are afoot, but when the champion contender from Canada dies right in the middle of tossing the caber, Ally soon deduces it was no accident. *Murder at the Highland Games* brings the reader back to the cosy little village of Locharran that – with its quirky characters, gorgeous views and delicious cake at The Bistro and despite the murder – will have you longing to check into Ally's little B&B for a visit!

### Retail Description

When a fun day out in the Scottish Highlands turns fatal, there's only one solution: call for Ally McKinley!

It's the annual Locharran Highland Games and Ally McKinley has never seen her little village so busy or excited. Everyone's enjoying the Scottish dancing, the bagpipes, and cheering the competitors on. But there's a hitch in the proceedings when champion challenger Archie Armstrong drops dead in the middle of tossing the caber. Rushing to the scene, Ally is the first to spot that Archie's death was no accident – this was murder!

Ally flings herself into a new investigation and soon discovers that more than one person may have had a murderous motive, including some of the residents at her cosy little guesthouse. Patti, Archie's glamorous wife, seems intent on acting like the perfect widow, but rumours of infidelity have been flying. Is her performance too good? Could her uncle, cranky gamekeeper Angus, have finally snapped, furious at Archie's treatment of his niece? Or was it one of the frustrated local competitors, desperate to end Archie's winning streak?

Determined to crack the case and fuelled by more than one piece of her famous shortbread, Ally begins to narrow down her list of possible culprits, but is thrown for a loop when her chief suspect is found dead by the loch, a mysterious and threatening note clutched in their fingers. With a killer at large, can Ally finally uncover the truth? Or, as the sun sets over the highlands, will this game be her last?

### Reviews for Dee MacDonald

'Brilliant mystery... I found myself racing through this one, eager to find out who did what – and to who! A terrific read.' Grace J Reviewer Lady, ★★★★★

'OMG!... I absolutely adored every single step... Had my jaw dropping!... One of my favourite books of the year.' My Chestnut Reading Tree, ★★★★★

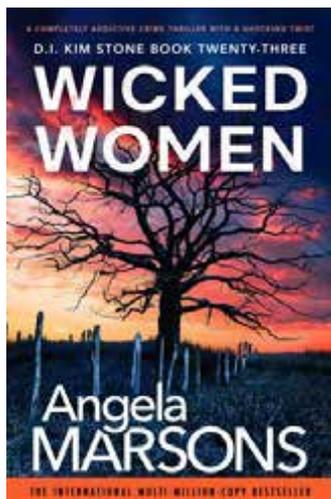
### Author Biography

Dee MacDonald grew up on an isolated farm in the Scottish Highlands, where her mother encouraged her to draw and to write 'wee stories'. Her working life took her all over the globe as an air stewardess, into the world of TV, where she worked in Market Research and Sales, and then into hospitality, running B&Bs for over ten years. After first finding her love of writing as a little girl, Dee became a published author of cosy crime and women's fiction in her seventies.



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 16/4/2026 | 9781836182535 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates  
An Ally McKinley Mystery 4



## Wicked Women Angela Marsons

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Val McDermid and Robert Dugoni

Angela Marsons has sold 6 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 30 languages

### Editor's Note

Kim Stone's latest case sees her investigate the chilling, impersonal murder of a young mother - when another body is found, it seems that someone is blaming these women for breaking up families. The parallel investigation adds in a spooky spin, as the motive links to an old family curse... Throughout, Kim is her usual brilliant and idiosyncratic self, as she pushes back against superstition but is always aware that 'witch' is just another word for a woman you don't like. The novel touches on what family means - and how far you will go to protect yours - combining a rich emotional depth with the thrills of the murder mystery and a reveal that no one will see coming.

### Retail Description

The woman is lying on her back, eyes closed, face still. The blood from the single stab wound in her chest has pooled on the ground, interrupted only where her killer stood to watch her die...

Detective Kim Stone knows from the moment she looks down on Ashley Reynolds that this is no ordinary crime. No one has a bad word to say about this loving wife and mother. So why did someone murder her, and wait to make sure she was dead?

Ashley was a social worker, and some claimed she tore families apart. But her husband is also acting strangely, planning to take their daughter and leave town. Did the threat to her come from home or work?

Then another woman is killed in the same cold, calm way. Nadine was a honey trapper, and the men she tricked blamed her for destroying their marriages. Someone clearly believes Ashley and Nadine were wicked... and that wicked women deserve to die.

But when a third woman is murdered, Kim and the team can't find anything that even the sickest mind would find fault with. Certain that time is running out, they search desperately for something that links their victims.

And then Kim realises something that chills her to the bone. Because if she's right, the worst danger is yet to come...

### Reviews for Angela Marsons

'WHY DO I DO IT TO MYSELF EVERY TIME????? Why can't I just be a sensible reader and savour every sentence, why do I have to halt the universe, sit in a quiet room, mute the kids and hubby and devour it in one sitting???'

Bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

'OMG! OMG! OMG! Angela Marsons what on earth have you done to me?!... I'm completely out of words to describe this. Just OMG! Wow! Speechless!... Utterly amazing.' Rachel's Random Reads, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

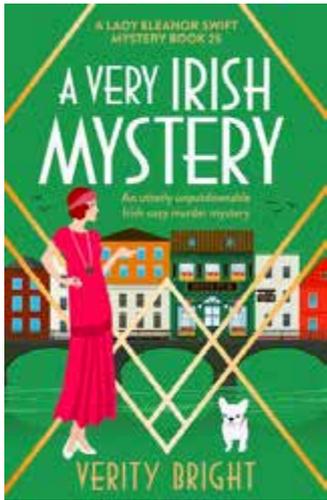
Angela Marsons is the Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author of the D.I. Kim Stone series. Her books have sold more than 6 million copies, and have been translated into over thirty languages.



She lives in Worcestershire with her wife, two cheeky Golden Retrievers, and a Bernedoodle.

Crime Thriller

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## A Very Irish Mystery Verity Bright

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Carlene O'Connor

The bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series has sold over 690,000 copies and has over 242 million KU pages read.

### Editor's Note

Set in a fictionalised version of the real Guinness Brewery in Dublin, Lady Swift and her gang are on top form here. When the owner of the brewery is murdered, Ellie must contend with knotty family dynamics, professional politics and many mistresses! Full of Irish charm, cozy pubs and very smart sleuthing. Eleanor was in town to discover more about the mystery of her parent's disappearance, and the current case collides with this in a most unexpected way! Fans of the series will be thrilled by new details coming to light in this series-long plot line. What Eleanor discovers about her parents will finally give readers some answers as well as leaving us with a brilliant cliffhanger for the next book: her mother is still alive...

### Retail Description

Lady Eleanor Swift is visiting Dublin with her husband Hugh Seldon and butler Clifford to meet Samuel O'Sullivan, a man who may be able to tell her more about the mysterious disappearance of her parents two decades ago. Deciding they should explore the city a little more, they jump at the chance to visit the world-renowned Finnegan's brewery.

But their taste test of the famous black stout turns deadly when Eleanor spots a body in one of the barrels! The dead man is none other than the owner of the brewery, Fergal Finnegan himself. Sensing a scandal, the head of operations hires The Byron Detective Agency to investigate. It seems there was no pot of gold at the end of Fergal's rainbow. Did his debt-ridden younger brother kill him for his inheritance? Did the fact Finnegan wouldn't leave his wife make his mistress murderous? And was there more to fight about with rival brewer George Gaffney than just profits?

When their chief suspect is found dead just days later and the top-secret formula for a new beer goes missing, the agency is almost thrown off the case. But Eleanor doesn't give up on justice. Will the luck of the Irish be on her side before the killer catches up with her?

### Reviews for Verity Bright

'MY FAVOURITE BOOK... Had me hooked... I absolutely devoured this brilliant read in one sitting as I just could not put it down... I was gutted when I came to the end... Amazing!!!' bookwormwhitlock86, ★★★★★

'I absolutely LOVED this!... Had me hooked from the beginning and I kept flipping through the pages because I could not put it down!' @bookishbri\_, ★★★★★

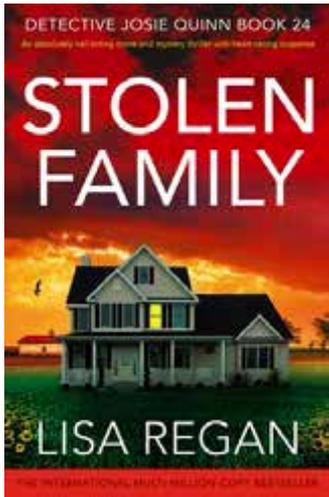
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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## Stolen Family

### Lisa Regan

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

The Detective Josie Quinn series has sold over 4.2 million copies. Lisa Regan is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

#### Editor's Note

24th instalment of bestselling crime series from an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author, Stolen Family dives into the private life and backstory of one of the series most love-to-hate repeat characters as Josie hunts for his missing family.

#### Retail Description

As a heatwave chokes the small town of Denton, Maxine and Haven Barnes are discovered dead at a local festival, blood-red camellias pressed into their once-clammy skin. Detective Josie Quinn races through the crowds to attend the scene, horrified that something so disturbing could happen at a family event. Maxine was known to the police for issues with her abusive husband, but the trail ends there.

Hours later, a call rocks Josie to her core: another mother and teenage daughter are missing, with the same rare flowers left on their doorstep. And just when the stakes couldn't get any higher, the missing women are linked to the most challenging member of Josie's team, Detective Kyle Turner. He had a secret family he's kept hidden from them all, and now their lives are in danger...

Clock ticking, it will take everything Josie has to break down the walls Turner put up to protect himself and the people he loves. But when tracing the flowers back to their origins has the killer within her grasp, a truth much closer to home reveals itself. And with it, more danger than anyone could have imagined. Can Josie bring this monster to justice before any more precious lives are taken?

#### Reviews for Lisa Regan

"Oh my word what a book. What a time to be a reader... brilliant, brilliant, all-the-stars read. I couldn't put it down, I didn't want to put it down. I was hooked from start to finish... loved every moment of it." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

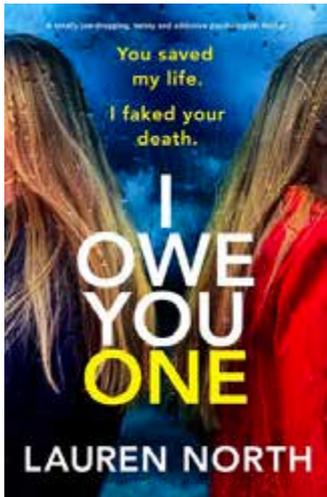
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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## I Owe You One Lauren North

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Couple Next Door* and *The Family Upstairs*.

20M pages read in KU across Lauren's titles since May 2023. Lauren has sold over 60k eBook units across all of her books

### Editor's Note

A claustrophobic, addictive, twist-packed thriller about the lengths you'll go to for family - and a warning to be careful about who you put your trust in... Is blood really thicker than water? Filled to the brim with small-town rumours, characters you want to believe but shouldn't, and a race against the clock pace, this is a heart-stoppingly brilliant thriller that will have you turning the pages all night long.

### Retail Description

I only came back home to lie low and reconnect with my sister Bryony. Her life with her gorgeous husband Alex is perfect – a far cry from the disaster mine has turned into...

But almost immediately I can tell something is wrong. My once bubbly sister's skin is pale, her hair dull, her eyes unfocussed. She tells me Alex has turned obsessive, controlling her every move. A tear tracks down her cheek as I stare at her in horror.

'I have to fake my death,' she whispers and I jolt back in shock. 'And I need your help to do it.' As I start to shake my head, mouth trembling, she lays her winning card down: 'You owe me, Jess. I saved your life.'

But after she's successfully disappeared, I realise there are holes in her story – things she's told me about Alex that can't be true. Threatening messages that can't have come from him. Rumours in the village about the way she's been acting. She doesn't contact me like she promised – and rather than being angry she's gone, Alex seems completely devastated...

Have I just saved my sister, or helped her get away with something terrible? And when the truth comes out, will I be the one whose life is in danger...?

### Reviews for Lauren North

'Wow, just wow!... Brilliant... Kept me awake far later than planned... I devoured this gem in one sitting. I was hooked... Impossible to put down.' Littlemissbooklover87, ★★★★★

'Wow, wowsers, just wow!... My mind is blown... I could barely stop reading... I kept on gasping out loud... Just wow... I loved it... Addicted!' Rachels Random Read, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Lauren writes psychological suspense novels that delve into the darker side of relationships and families. She has a lifelong passion for writing, reading, and all things books. Lauren's love of psychological suspense has grown since childhood and her dark imagination of always wondering what's the worst thing that could happen in every situation. Lauren studied psychology before moving to London where she lived and worked for many years. She now lives with her family in the Suffolk countryside.



Crime Thriller

304 pages | Pub Date 8/4/2026 | 9781805506591 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates



## Just Between Us Barbara Copperthwaite

**An addictive, deliciously juicy and twisty psychological thriller that will have you turning the pages late into the night. Perfect for fans of The Wives, The Holiday and One of the Girls.**

**Previous titles have sold over 250k copies. Top 30 Amazon UK author**

### Editor's Note

A locked-room holiday thriller with a true race-against-the-clock pressure right to the very end. Six friends have gathered in a Spanish villa to celebrate Alexis's birthday. But when Alexis is discovered dead on the last night, with only one other woman locked inside the room with her, found clutching the murder weapon, all suspicions point to Polly. But Polly knows she didn't do it - which means someone else here did... And now they're trapped, with a sudden summer storm meaning the flood water is rising - and 20 years of deadly secrets are about to unravel...

### Retail Description

We arrived at the beautiful, sprawling Spanish villa ready to celebrate – over twenty years of friendship, and of course, Alexis's big birthday. It's paradise. Alexis has pulled out all the stops, and like always, I know we're meant to be grateful...

But the tensions begin on the very first night.

The workaholic slipping off to take mysterious calls. The people pleaser afraid to speak out. The quiet observer snidely analysing every move we make. The former life of the party knocking back wine to forget it all. Even I, the peacekeeper, have secrets...

And of course, Alexis, the Queen Bee – furious that, as a summer storm descends, her perfect trip isn't working out like she planned... Her fury makes it feel like she's hiding something. Like her schemes are unravelling...

I thought our secrets finally emerging might be the biggest threat on this trip. But on the last night, I wake up on the cold floor of the locked wine cellar, a knife clutched in my hand and Alexis's body unmoving beside me.

I want to scream, to cry, to run, but with the floodwater rising, we're trapped. My friends all think I killed her. But I know I didn't, which means someone else here did...

### Reviews for Barbara Copperthwaite

'I just read my new favourite book... ALL THE STARS!... I'm in awe... I was so flipped around by the end!... READ THIS BOOK!... \*INSERT STANDING OVATION HERE\*' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'One of the best books I have read... Gripping... Left me completely hooked... Packed with twists and turns on nearly every page... will leave you stunned.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

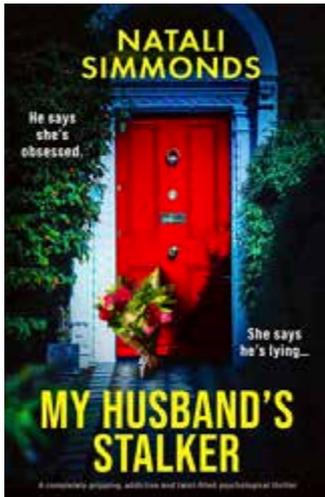
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

350 pages | Pub Date 30/3/2026 | 9781835257043 | Unagented



## My Husband's Stalker Natali Simmonds

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

### Editor's Note

Freya will do anything to hold onto her perfect husband - including ignore the threatening messages she's been receiving from his stalker. Dan says Cynthia is obsessed but harmless. Cynthia says Dan is a liar and dangerous - and that Freya should run. But who should she trust? Her caring, sweet husband - or a complete stranger who seems to know more about the man she married than Freya does? A cloying, claustrophobic domestic thriller with a seemingly unreliable narrator and a cast of clever, gaslighting, convincing characters... Tense, twisty, addictive and compulsive, this one will have you flipping the pages until the explosive final twist...

### Retail Description

I have the perfect life. The perfect home with the perfect husband, who I still can't believe chose me. The only dark blemish is her.

Celine started stalking my husband years ago. She's obsessed – unhinged. And her behaviour is escalating: rocks through the window, warnings scrawled on our driveway.

But then the messages change. They used to tell him to leave me, but now they say my husband isn't who I think he is. That I'm in danger. That I should run...

When I finally tell Dan, he acts like I'm making it up. Celine isn't even in the country, so she can't possibly be behind all these so-called threats. I can't believe how cold he's being.

I'm terrified of losing him, but I know I'm not crazy. If Celine isn't the one stalking my husband, then who is?

And who should I believe? My caring, loving husband, or someone I've never met – but who seems to know more about the man I married than I do?

### Reviews for Natali Simmonds

'I could not put this one down... I actually did the laundry carrying my phone with me because I couldn't stop reading... Grabs you in the very first chapter. RECOMMEND!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'I could not put this down – I devoured it in a single evening!... Left me breathless... So gripping... My head was spinning... An absolute must-read!' Hannahs.booknooks, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

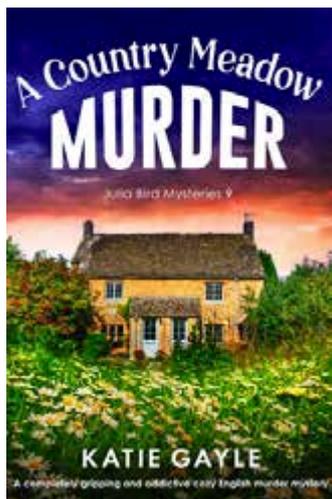
Natali Simmonds is a multi-genre fiction author and storytelling brand consultant, best known for her domestic suspense and thriller novels. Her debut, *Good Girls Die Last*, is being adapted for TV by STV, and the last book of her fantasy trilogy, *Children of Shadows*, was shortlisted for the 2022 RNA Fantasy Award.



As a consultant Natali works with various creative and entertainment brands, has her own column in *Kings*

Crime Thriller

310 pages | Pub Date 25/3/2026 | 9781805506232 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates



## A Country Meadow Murder Katie Gayle

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Faith Martin and Betty Rowlands

Over 330,000 Katie Gayle novels sold and over 43 million pages read  
in Kindle Unlimited

### Editor's Note

This is the ninth instalment in the brilliantly cosy murder mystery series from Katie Gayle. These books continue to be some of our top performing contemporary cosy crime books in KU. Julia Bird's next adventure, in which she investigates a mysterious murder in a meadow, will have Katie Gayle's fans gripped from start to finish. This feels gloriously cozy and is absolutely packed with spring details.

### Retail Description

Julia loves donning her gardening gloves for the first blooms of spring. But when out working in the local wildflower meadow, she does not expect to find a dead body...!

Spring has come to Berrywick, and Julia Bird is determined to enjoy the fine weather. But not all life is in flower when she stumbles across the body of building expert Basil Crow next to a bright yellow digger. And Julia believes this is no accident.

Julia's suspicions are confirmed when forensics report a brutal blow to the head. Julia soon learns from pie shop owner, and Basil's first wife Delilah, that he was not widely liked and left behind three failed marriages. Could one of his ex-wives have wanted revenge? Julia's friend Tabitha was in a neighbourly dispute with him after he blocked her car in her driveway. But is this motive enough to kill?

Then local choir singer Esmeralda is found dead in the woods. The police think the murders are unconnected. Unlike Basil, Esmeralda was a well-loved soul. Who would want her dead?

Digging for clues, Julia realises that both victims had a link to the proposed redevelopment of the meadow Basil was found in. But would someone really kill to save it? Can Julia find the murderer before someone else is pushing up the daisies?

### Reviews for Katie Gayle

'Fantastic... had me hook, line and sinker!!! ... Stunning... I absolutely love reading these fantastic books in this amazing series... devoured the whole book in just a few hours... absolutely addictive... absolutely page turning series!!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I absolutely LOVED this... Julia Bird was an amazing and lovable character... Once I started it, I couldn't stop.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

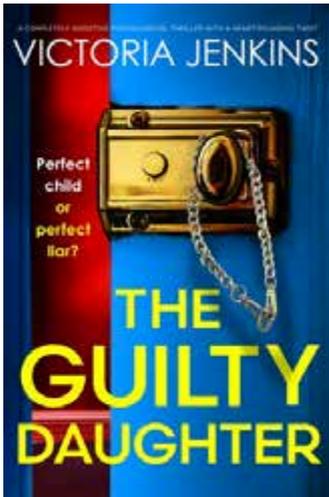
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 24/3/2026 | 9781805504252 | Unagented  
Julia Bird Mysteries 9



## The Guilty Daughter

### Victoria Jenkins

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *Jeneva Rose* and *Jackie Kabler*.

Victoria has sold over 500,000 copies and reached the top 20 in the UK, US, CA and AU Amazon charts

#### Editor's Note

Every parent's worst nightmare has been a major theme in this year's breakout TV from *Adolescence* to *Wild Cherry*: how well do we actually know our teen children and could they hide the darkest secrets from us? This is how Victoria's latest pulse-pounding psychological thriller begins. Natasha, a successful barrister is used to defending criminals but when her own daughter is implicated in a drink spiking at a party and refuses to talk, Natasha has to ask herself: is my daughter lying and worse, is she guilty?

#### Retail Description

I defend criminals for a living. But I never thought I'd have to defend my own child.

Our home was always our sanctuary. As a barrister, I work long hours with tough people. Coming back to Damien and our teenage daughter Ellie was heaven. But lately, Ellie has been distant, missing her curfew and never answering her phone. Tonight, as I watch the blue flashing lights across the street as a young girl is wheeled into an ambulance, I feel a growing sense of dread: Is my daughter guilty?

Damien reassures me she's like any other teenager, rebelling against us. But I feel certain it's worse. Over the last few months she's become a stranger to me. When I overhear her on the phone saying, 'She deserves to pay for what she did,' I feel sick. What is she capable of?

When the police ask to question Ellie, I start building her case. But if I want her to walk free, I know I must risk my own dark secret coming out, something I've hidden all Ellie's life. It will destroy my family. But will it also cost me my life?

#### Reviews for Victoria Jenkins

'LOVED, LOVED, LOVED... A THOUSAND TIMES LOVED!... I read this book in one night... This book will send you on an emotional rollercoaster. Do not sleep on this one. You will regret it if you do!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Woah! What did I just read? My mind is BLOWN!... I realised I'd had EVERYTHING wrong! Victoria Jenkins, you are a plot twist genius!... It will blow your mind! Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

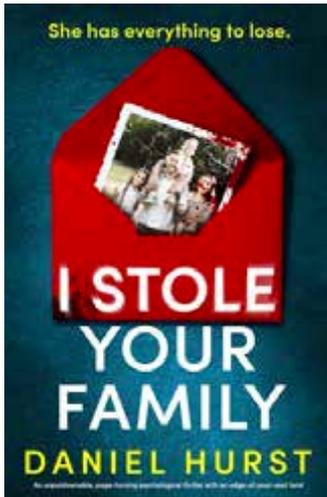
#### Author Biography

Victoria Jenkins is an English tutor and former secondary school teacher from South Wales who has been writing for years and day-dreaming about becoming a 'proper' writer for the past decade. She has an MA in Creative and Media Writing from the University of Wales, Swansea, where she wrote a lot of poetry while planning a lot of plots she hoped she would one day write. Victoria lives in South Wales with her husband.



Crime Thriller

242 pages | Pub Date 23/3/2026 | 9781805506195 | Unagented



## I Stole Your Family

### Daniel Hurst

For fans of John Marrs, T.M Logan and Freida McFadden.

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

#### Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 200 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles. I Stole Your Family is the second book in brand new series that's brimming with secrets, lies and revenge! It's a gripping page-turner with strong female characters.

#### Retail Description

She has everything to lose...

Opening the door, I kiss my handsome man and smile as the children run into the home I've spent all day making perfect. I still can't believe that I'm living in this warm, safe place that's filled with laughter. But I'm always looking over my shoulder because I know that my gorgeous family could be taken away from me in heartbeat.

Because one woman has every reason to try and destroy me.

She's watching and waiting for me to mess up. But I know what it's like to have nothing and I'm determined not to let anyone come between me and the dream life I've worked so hard for.

Even if this family belonged to her first...

#### Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading... Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HOLY COW... AMAZING. MY GOODNESS... Gave me chills... What a crazy wild ride... WOW, what a BANGER... OUTSTANDING... Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

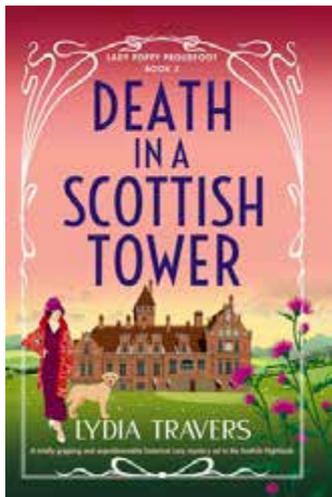
#### Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 20/3/2026 | 9781807220037 | Unagented  
The Hunt Family 2



## Death in a Scottish Tower

### Lydia Travers

For fans of the mysteries of Verity Bright, T.E. Kinsey, Helena Dixon and Catherine Coles.

Lydia's first series with us has had just over 19 million KU pages read so far. The first novel was an Audible #1 bestseller in the US.

#### Editor's Note

When a body plunges from a university tower right in front of Lady Poppy Proudfoot, she is convinced it is no accident. And when she discovers a student met the same fate several years ago, she is convinced a murderer has returned to the campus. With the help of the distractingly attractive Inspector MacKenzie and her trusty labrador, Major, she begins to unpick the case. But when the murderer sends her a note inviting her to climb the tower, she thinks she may be too close to the killer for comfort...

#### Retail Description

Scotland, 1924: When Lady Poppy Proudfoot is invited to Glasgow University to celebrate a scholarship she generously established, she's excited to return to her old stomping grounds. But the delightful champagne reception is interrupted by screams when a body plunges from the tower to the ground below...

While everyone exclaims at the tragic death of the young student, Poppy is instantly suspicious. Just moments before the body fell, tutor Mary Christie told her a student died falling from the very same tower eighteen years ago. Convinced another death is no accident, Poppy and the distractingly handsome Inspector MacKenzie begin to investigate.

As they do, they discover the murderer left behind clues – a threatening note referring to the death eighteen years ago, and a replica of the previous victim's dress. Could it be Malcolm Kennedy, the porter with a grudge against privileged students? Or Mrs Lorimer, the jealous wife of a professor, who has a deft hand with a needle and thread? Or perhaps Mary Christie, who told Poppy about the first death, and might know more than she's letting on?

When another young female student is found dead, Poppy knows that time is running out. And when she receives an anonymous note, asking her to climb the tower at midnight, she is terrified of what she might find. Can Poppy unveil the murderer before she, too, plunges to her certain death?

#### Reviews for Lydia Travers

'I truly loved loved loved this book!!... I can't wait for more!' coffeandfaebles, ★★★★★

'I had to force myself to put the book down at times, I was so sucked into the plot.' (e)Book Nerd Reviews, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

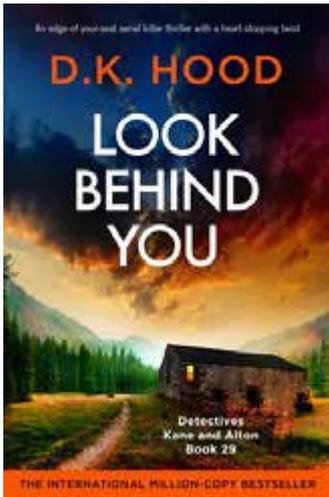
Lydia Travers was born in London. She moved progressively north until settling with her husband in a village on the edge of the Scottish Highlands. She has raised children, bred dogs and kept chickens; and for as long as she can remember has written for pleasure. A former legal academic and practitioner with a PhD in criminology, she now runs self-catering holiday accommodation, sings in a local choir and is walked daily by the family dog.



Crime Thriller

300 pages | Pub Date 19/3/2026 | 9781805501329 | Unagented

Lady Poppy Proudfoot 3



## Look Behind You

### D.K. Hood

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh, Kendra Elliot and Mary Stone

**D.K. Hood is a USA Today bestselling author. The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over 1 million units and been translated into French and German**

#### Editor's Note

There's a serial killer in Black Rock Falls and he's hunting down young women who live alone and taking their lives before they even have a chance to scream. The only person who can stop him is Detective Jenna Alton and her deputy, David Kane. This is the 29th book in this bestselling crime series, and it's absolutely thrilling from the very first page. From bestselling crime author, D.K. Hood, this long-running police procedural series reviews highly and never leaves readers disappointed.

#### Retail Description

When Jan Pierce is reported missing, Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy David Kane rush to the forest surrounding Black Rock Falls. Jenna's heart breaks when she sees Jan's body at the bottom of a ravine. But it's the purplish bruising in the shape of a boot on her back that tells Jenna it was no accident. Somebody killed her.

As Jenna investigates Jan's last movements, she learns that Jan joined a self-defense class and told her closest friends that she thought someone had followed her home one night. Was someone watching her every move, waiting for the right moment to strike?

Then another woman from the same group, Sierra Lang, is reported missing. When Jenna finds Sierra at home, her lifeless body submerged in bathwater amid clear signs of a struggle, she is certain there is a serial killer in town. With no sign of forced entry, Jenna believes Sierra knew the killer and let him in. Could it be someone known to the whole group, someone they thought was a friend?

As Jenna looks into both women's lives, her heart races when the trail leads to someone she knows very well—someone she trusts. As a member of her own team comes under fire, Jenna is shocked to her core and desperate to get answers. Could the killer be closer than Jenna ever imagined, and can she uncover the truth before another young woman's life is taken?

#### Reviews for D.K. Hood

"I've been holding my breath since I picked this book up... I resented the time needed to eat/sleep/work as I was desperate to finish it... D.K Hood is the gift that keeps giving... a breathtaking chase... a gripping, heart-stopping story." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"I absolutely love this." bookloversanonuk, ★★★★★

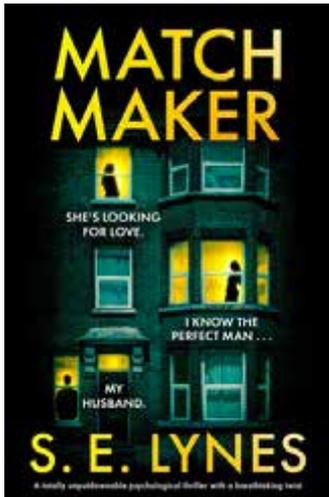
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 17/3/2026 | 9781805504610 | Unagented  
Detectives Kane and Alton 29



## Matchmaker S.E. Lynes

For fans of Lucy Foley, Gillian Flynn and Claire Douglas

S.E. Lynes' books have sold over 700,000 copies  
Author of the no.1 Kindle chart bestseller *The Baby Shower*

### Editor's Note

No.1 UK Kindle bestseller S.E. Lynes has sold over 700,000 copies, hit 30 million Kindle Unlimited pages read, and generated over £1 million in revenue. When we launched *THE BABY SHOWER* in a trad print edition, it was selected by Tesco's and The Works, and sold 12,000 copies. What underpins this success is her atmospheric, upmarket writing, pitch-perfect characterisation, and ability to create intense tension on every page. Her novels always have a quality that will intrigue and surprise.

### Retail Description

She's looking for love. I know the perfect man. My husband.

Cat is young, and pretty, and shy. At work, she blushes almost every time I talk to her. She reminds me sometimes of how I used to be – before marriage, before children. Before I was afraid.

So when she tells me, nervously, that she's considering dating again, and asks if I have any friends who might suit her... I know exactly what I'm going to do.

I'm going to set her up with my husband.

I think I'm being so clever. No one would do what I'm doing, so neither of them will suspect a thing. Least of all him.

But I don't know Cat as well as I think I do. She took this job with me for a reason.

I have no idea what she's really looking for.

Because it isn't love...

### Reviews for S.E. Lynes

'Wow!!!! Loved!!!! Speechless!!!!... My head was spinning throughout the whole entire book... Kept me guessing and that ending was a complete shock... I raced through each chapter like it was my last.' Blue Moon Blogger, ★★★★★

'Incredible... Will stay with me for a loooooong time. Fantastic, Intense, Gripping, Phenomenal!!!!!!... I loved it.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

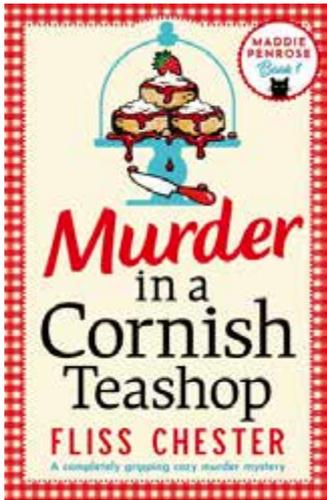
### Author Biography

After graduating from Leeds University, S E Lynes lived in London before moving to Aberdeen where she worked as a BBC Producer. In 2002, she moved to Rome with her husband and two young children. In 2007, after the birth of her third child, she returned to the UK and gained an MA in Creative Writing from Kingston University. Currently, she writes novels and teaches Creative Writing at Richmond Adult Community College.



Crime Thriller

336 pages | Pub Date 13/3/2026 | 9781805500667 | Veronique Baxter, David Higham Associates



## Murder in a Cornish Teashop Fliss Chester

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Verity Bright.

Seventh in the Cressida Fawcett Mystery series (46K copies and 19M KU pages read). From the author of The Fen Church Mystery series (40K copies sold).

### Editor's Note

The first title in Fliss's deliciously cozy new contemporary mystery series, featuring amateur sleuth Maddie Penrose she solves crimes on the Cornish coast. Maddie has travelled back from London to help her Grandma, Nor, to bring her crumbling old teashop back to life. But as she settles in, a body is found in the fields behind the farm. Fliss has done a fabulous job of creating a dreamy Cornish world, there's so much jam and cream tea! And that sits alongside a delightfully twisty crime, with three separate murders for readers to ponder. And the ending is more twisty than Maddie could have ever imagined! This is a brilliant new series from Fliss that's set in a place readers can't get enough of at the moment.

### Retail Description

Maddie Penrose is staying with her beloved grandmother, Nor, at her gorgeously idyllic Cornish farm. She's looking forward to days helping out in Nor's little teashop and evenings wandering down the cliff path to watch the sunset. But before Maddie has even finished serving up scones on her first morning, a man bursts through the door: Nor's neighbour Clive has found a body in the field behind the teashop...

Maddie is straight to the scene, fancying herself as a bit of an Agatha Christie. But solving this mystery is far from a piece of cake. Her list of suspects is jam-packed with locals, with some a little too close to home: the newcomer renting out one of Nor's barns is acting suspiciously, the victim's boyfriend has disappeared without trace, and Clive isn't really Maddie's cup of tea either...

But the proof is in the pudding when there's another murder – her prime suspect is dead. And when Maddie finds a backpack belonging to the first murder victim, her diligent notetaking and quick thinking leads her to discover that the killer will act again, and soon. Maddie is horrified to discover that it looks like she is their next target... Can Maddie and Nor work as a team to piece together the puzzle? Or will murdering Maddie be the icing on the cake for the killer?

### Reviews for Fliss Chester

'Perfect... I was hooked from the first line!... I was guessing until the very end, I found myself smiling and gasping throughout!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I loved this! Found myself going to bed earlier and earlier so I could devour another few pages.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

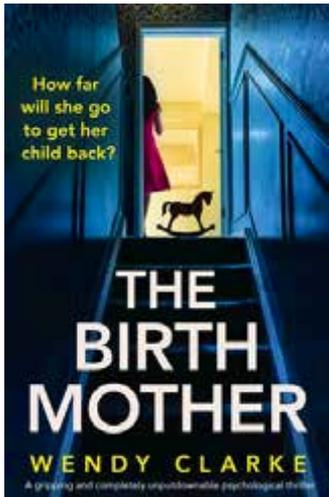
### Author Biography

Fliss Chester spent ten years as a journalist, writing about lifestyle and interiors, sampling the offerings in London's bars and restaurants, press junkets and parties. Now she is co-owner of an independent wine merchant, based in the Surrey Hills. Never one to let a holiday get in the way of a wine tasting, Fliss adores combining her love of wine with her passion for writing – and has tasted her way around France, Spain and even Georgia while writing her novels.



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 11/3/2026 | 9781805504443 | Emily Sweet, Aevitas Creative Management UK  
Maddie Penrose 1



## The Birth Mother Wendy Clarke

For fans of Gillian Flynn, Ruth Ware and Lisa Jewell

Author's previous books have sold over 250,000 copies with Bookouture.

### Editor's Note

How far will she go to get her child back? When Becky got gave up her child, she was told Rosemary would provide the perfect home: loving, safe, secure, everything Becky couldn't offer her daughter. But when Becky meets the child by chance, she finds her little girl mute, and she knows she must get her back. Taut and emotional, this thriller is all about motherhood, but one of these women is hiding a body in her basement... and the twists on twists, and tension is almost an out of body experience. Prepare to shiver, stay up all night, and dive into Wendy's previous books. This is the kindle bestsellers best book to date.

### Retail Description

How far will she go to get her child back?

I walk through the beautiful house, my hand lingering on the handrail of the polished mahogany staircase. Looking around the grand hallway, I can't believe my luck at being here. If Rosemary knew who I was, she'd never have invited me in.

Ten years ago, she adopted my daughter. Gave her the life I never could: safety, stability, a normal childhood.

All I wanted to do was catch a glimpse of my precious girl, to check she was happy. I would only have stayed for a moment. I would never have done anything.

But as I spot Faith's rich auburn hair and whisper a hello, Rosemary tells me she's mute. She hasn't said a word in almost a year.

And I know I cannot leave this house. Behind closed doors this perfect family is hiding dark secrets, and I'll do whatever it takes to protect my daughter...

### Reviews for Wendy Clarke

'I COULD NOT PUT THIS BOOK DOWN. I didn't even realise I hadn't eaten because I was too busy reading... so unpredictable that I just didn't even know who I was anymore. I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG!! WOW!!... OH YES!!... a book that EVERYONE will be talking about!! I can see this being a bestseller... BOY. OH. BOY... Incredible read!!... Clear your schedule for this book!... Will suck you in like never before!... Mind-blowing... LOVED this book!' Heidi Lynn Book Reviews, ★★★★★

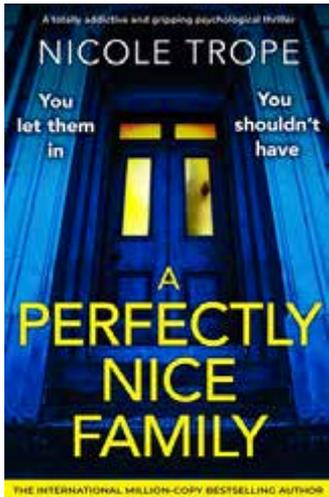
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

332 pages | Pub Date 10/3/2026 | 9781805503835 | Unagented



## A Perfectly Nice Family

### Nicole Trope

For fans of Shari Lapena, Lisa Jewell and Noelle W. Ihli.

From the author of *The Family Across the Street* (over 500,000 copies sold, 11.4M KU pages read) and Amazon UK (#3) and Amazon US (#8) bestseller

#### Editor's Note

Stephanie thinks she's doing the right thing when she rents out the small house at the bottom of her garden to a family at rock bottom. Divorced and struggling with money herself, all she wants is to keep her own kids in the home they deserve. The Kemp family seem sweet – but very soon, it becomes clear she's in an impossible situation, with her own family in danger but no way out. This is the ultimate "worst nightmare" scenario and the book truly delivers on every single note of suspense and danger. Each chapter cranks up the tension and the final crisis scenes had my heart in my mouth as I was editing! Domesticity gone wrong is what readers LOVE in this genre and Nicole always delivers.

#### Retail Description

Single mother Stephanie is more than happy to welcome the Kemps to her property. Tragically, they have just lost everything in a fire. The rent money means Stephanie can keep her children in this beautiful, rambling home – so expensive to run, since the divorce – all while helping the Kemps get back on their feet.

Jason Kemp is so handy, always offering to fix things. But his wife Cecelia finds a reason to knock on Stephanie's door every day. Their teenage daughter is sullen and rude. Then one day, Cecelia says the strangest thing...

"You know what teenagers are like. I would have sworn that she set our house on fire in a fit of rage."

It must be a joke. Stephanie smiles weakly. The Kemps have been through so much, she tells herself. But when she opens her eyes in the middle of the night to the sound of unfamiliar footsteps on the staircase, Stephanie realises she has made a dangerous mistake. A mistake she may not survive...

#### Reviews for Nicole Trope

'Oh my gosh!! Run, don't walk to get this!... I was glued to the couch... Stayed up way too late finishing this one... Kept me guessing until the end!' diane.likes.to.read, ★★★★★

'Addictive... I'd finished the whole book in a single day... impossible to look away from... keeps you glued to the page... bingeable juicy drama... I loved it.' Pournamireads, ★★★★★

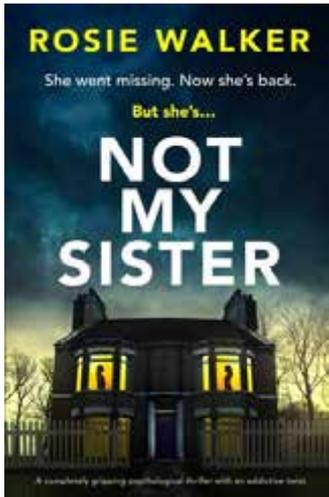
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

286 pages | Pub Date 6/3/2026 | 9781805505488 | Unaged



## Not My Sister Rosie Walker

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *Gone Girl* or *The Other Daughter*

### Editor's Note

### Retail Description

My missing sister is at my door. She's in my home. She's not who she says she is.

When my thirteen-year-old sister Lydia vanished, all they ever found was her purple, space-themed schoolbag, discarded in the mud. My family was left in tatters.

Now a girl claiming to be Lydia is nervously sipping tea at our kitchen counter. I want to believe her like our mother does, but I know she's hiding something.

Why won't Lydia let me into her room? Is it really amnesia stopping her talking about her time away from us? And why does she keep pushing me for details about her childhood illness, as if she doesn't remember how it tore our family apart?

Sneaking into her room, I find a pocket notebook secreted away. Lines and lines of chillingly specific details about our family – things she should know instinctively. Then, one word that shakes me to my core. My suspicions curdle in my gut. Who is the girl sleeping in the room next to me? Am I safe? Is my family?

### Reviews for Rosie Walker

"Wow! Just wow. This book has everything I want in a thriller. A missing girl with loads of secrets, narrators you can never quite trust, and honestly, twists even more impressively executed than in *The Housemaid*. I was totally gripped throughout... Warning: this book is addictive and will keep you up all night." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"I was so hooked to the book that I forgot about time... What a spectacular read it was!!!! My mind is blown... I could never predict the twist, it was literally jaw-dropping." @tamanna.reads, ★★★★★

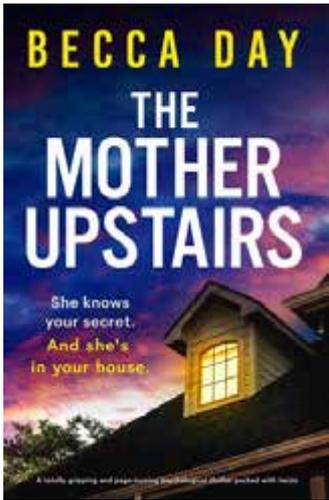
### Author Biography

Rosie Walker writes psychological thrillers about mysteries, secrets, lies, and strange people. Rosie was born in North Yorkshire and has lived in Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Birmingham, Ohio and Texas, and has yet to live in a house with a secret passageway, hidden basement or a long-forgotten sealed-up room, but still holds out hope. She now lives in Edinburgh with her husband Kevin, their daughter Elsie and their Cypriot rescue dog, Bella. She has a Masters in Creative Writing and a degree in Psychology.



Crime Thriller

352 pages | Pub Date 4/3/2026 | 9781836180821 | Unagented



## The Mother Upstairs Becca Day

For fans of Freida McFadden's *The Housemaid*, *The Girl on the Train* and Colleen Hoover's *Verity*

Becca Day has published four books with a combined total eBook revenue of \$715k in the US, and £232k in the UK

### Editor's Note

When Mellie's husband tells her they have to move in with his mother now that she's unwell, she is filled with dread. Her mother-in-law has never liked her, and soon they'll be living under the same roof. And when Mellie finds a secret hidden in the attic that could destroy the family, she is terrified of what might happen if her mother-in-law finds out she knows the truth. Becca Day is an established psychological suspense author, famous for unguessable twists. She has published four books with Embla with a combined eBook revenue of in \$745k (US) and £344k (UK).

### Retail Description

Mellie's future mother-in-law bursts into the bridal suite, a piece of paper clutched in her hand. 'I know your secret,' she says, a satisfied smile on her face. 'And I will not let you marry my son.'

Two months later, anxiety twists in Mellie's stomach as she watches the taxi arrive. She knew her mother-in-law would move in after her stroke, her husband Henry had insisted on it. But now they're under the same roof, she knows she's in danger...

Because locked in the attic is a piece of paper that could destroy everything. And Mellie knows that Pauline will expose her secret.

As Pauline rests, Mellie frantically searches the house for the key to the attic. But when she finds it and starts tearing through boxes of papers, her blood runs cold at what she finds. Hands shaking, she tries to make sense of the words in front of her, realising with a bolt of terror that Henry has his own dark secret. One that could destroy her.

Then she hears footsteps downstairs. The doctors said Pauline would be bedbound for weeks, but what if they were wrong? Neither woman knows what the other is truly capable of, and just how far they will go to protect their secrets. But who will make it out of this house alive?

### Reviews for Becca Day

'EVERYONE NEEDS TO DROP WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND ADD THIS ONE TO YOUR TBR! PERFECTION! I felt like I was on a rollercoaster... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time!... an utterly thrilling storyline that kept me turning the pages at lightning speed!' [arcreviews\\_by\\_m](#) ★★★★★

'Hot dang y'all!!! This is how a thriller is done!... I thought I knew where it was headed, and then BANG! New direction! I loved the sudden shift! I started reading, and before I knew it, I was three-fourths done.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

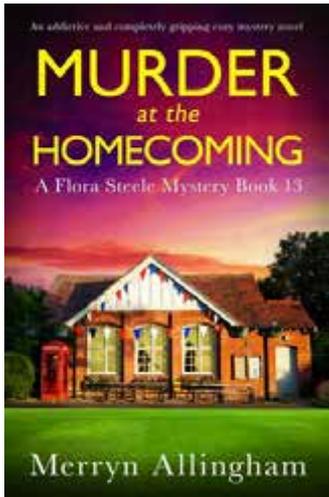
### Author Biography

Becca Day lives in the middle of the woods in Surrey with her husband, two daughters and cocker spaniel. She studied acting at Guildford College and went on to start her own Murder Mystery theatre troupe. *The Girl Beyond The Gate* was an instant Amazon bestseller and her exploration of the dark side of families has continued into the rest of her novels.



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 2/3/2026 | 9781805500476 | Emily Glenister, DHH Literary Agency



## Murder at the Homecoming Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and J.R. Ellis.

Merryn has sold over 450,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK Top 100 Bestseller

### Editor's Note

Merryn Allingham's Flora Steele series has now sold more than 263k units, with over 72 million pages read through KU. In this latest instalment, Flora and Jack are delighted to attend a welcome home party for a local villager's mysterious son, who disappeared ten years ago... But it turns out not everyone is in the party spirit when the cook is found murdered - having drank from a glass not intended for her... In a party full of guests with enemies, can Flora and Jack work out who the killer is in a thrilling investigation that turns into the after party they never saw coming? This is a cosy, addictive and absolutely charming mystery with a stunning old town setting and characters that fans adore book after book.

### Retail Description

Amidst the smell of sherry trifle and the sound of lively music, the guests raise their glasses. But as a loud scream interrupts the toast, amateur detectives Flora Steele and Jack Carrington learn that not everyone is in the party spirit...

It's the perfect day in Abbeymead for Ambrose Finch to throw a welcome party for his long-lost son, finally returning home after disappearing ten years ago. The sun is shining, the spread is sumptuous, and the residents are eager to catch a glimpse of the young man they've heard so much about – and perhaps learn why he left in the first place...

But when Ambrose sends his maid to fetch the cake from the kitchen, he is interrupted mid-toast by her screams. Flora and Jack rush to the kitchen, horrified to find the cook hired for the occasion lying unmoving on the flagstone floor. The sickly-sweet smell of cyanide is their only clue – but who was the glass she'd been drinking from intended for?

The poor cook had no enemies – but there are plenty at the party who do, and Ambrose seems to have invited them all to join the festivities. Flora and Jack can't resist investigating, in an afterparty they never saw coming... And when another of Ambrose's employees is found dead, they must work out why all roads seemingly lead back to the Finch family. But can they uncover whose past sins have come home to roost, before it's too late?

### Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Fantastic!!! Absolutely devoured in one sitting!!!... Absolutely addictive!!!!... My heart was in my throat... OMG!!!! THAT ENDING!!!! LOVE, LOVE, ABSOLUTELY LOVED!!!!... Clear your schedules as you won't be able to put this book down!... Kept me turning the pages late at night!!!!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Wonderful! I absolutely adored this... Had me finishing in no time! I highly recommend!!!!... I was drawn in instantly.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

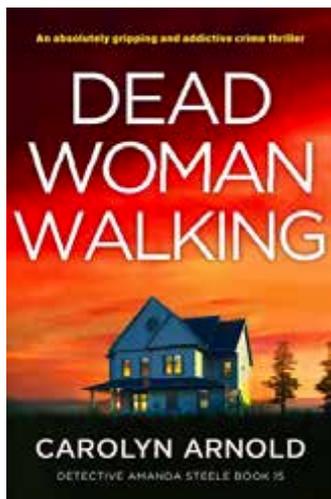
### Author Biography

Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the books have grown darker, it was only a matter of time before she plunged into crime with a cosy crime series set in rural Sussex against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 27/2/2026 | 9781805505990 | Unagented  
A Flora Steele Mystery 13



## Dead Woman Walking Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Mary Burton, Elle Gray and A. J. Rivers

Carolyn's Detective Amanda Steele series has sold over 600,000 copies and had over 55 million KU pages read

### Editor's Note

The 15th book in the Amanda Steele series will not disappoint fans of pacy procedurals. This will prove to be one of Amanda's most personal cases of recent books when her stepbrother becomes a suspect in the murder of his girlfriend, a successful realtor of luxury property. But was she the intended target? As Amanda races to find the real killer and clear her stepbrother's name, she will uncover a web of secrets that leads her to another woman in the line of fire of one of the most feared assassins in the world. But when she sets a trap to lure them out into the light, will she have to sacrifice her partner Trent to get justice?

### Retail Description

Preparing the empty house for another viewing, she knows she's taking a risk showing it at night. She never told anyone she was here, but she desperately needs this sale. If she pulls it off, she can finally give her daughter the life she deserves. But as she climbs the stairs, goosebumps spread down her arms. She's not alone.

When the body of realtor Christine Lane is discovered in one of Woodbridge's most affluent homes, Detective Amanda Steele is left reeling. The victim was dating Amanda's stepbrother, making him an immediate suspect. They've never been close but Amanda knows he's not a killer.

As forensics move in to process the crime scene, Amanda is ambushed by a well-dressed woman desperately trying to get inside the house. Dominique Sharp is a successful lawyer and expected her house to be sold by the time she returned from a business trip to DC. Could she have been the intended target?

Delving into Dominique's business, Amanda and Trent discover a long line of disgruntled employees and a dark web of secrets that lead them to a killer who will stop at nothing to get their deadly revenge on her. But can Amanda take the greatest risk of her career to lure the killer back into the light? And will she have to sacrifice someone close to her to ensure justice is finally served?

### Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"Wow! I'm lost for words... Had me glued to this eBook... I didn't stop until 4.30am... Had me hooked!... Gripping... Love!... Amazing!" cathysbooktok, ★★★★★

"I read in one sitting as I couldn't bring myself to put it down, even for a few minutes... Phenomenal!" bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

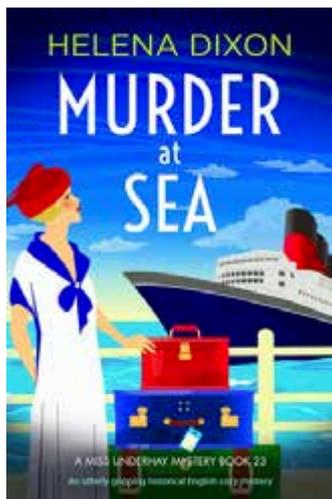
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

302 pages | Pub Date 25/2/2026 | 9781836180722 | Unagented  
Detective Amanda Steele 15



## Murder at Sea Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey or Verity Bright

**A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 470,000 copies and has more than 165M KU page reads.**

### Editor's Note

Title number 23 in the Miss Underhay series is every bit as brilliantly gripping and wonderfully cosy as the previous 22! Think luxurious ocean liners, a host of suspects all trapped on board, and a body in the lifeboat. But that's not all - there's more murder to come, and this time it seems it may be too late for Kitty and Matt to escape... Helena has had fabulous success both in the UK/US and internationally, and this title is guaranteed to please her readers every bit as much as her others have.

### Retail Description

A glorious ocean liner setting sail, sunset on the horizon, and champagne on deck. All seems shipshape... until Kitty discovers a body on board. Time for some sleuthing!

Devon, 1938. Kitty Underhay is enjoying a well-deserved rest when her very upset cousin Hattie suddenly bursts in. She sobs that the gentleman she had been seeing, Richard Westonholme, seems to have vanished, taking all of her jewellery with him. As Hattie describes Richard, he sounds eerily familiar, and Kitty and her husband Matt board a ship in hot pursuit – only to find him lying in a lifeboat... dead.

As they've set sail, the murderer has to be on board too, but there are suspects as far as the eye can see. Could Richard's wife have something to do with the murder? What about the rich heiress and her guardian? And is the steward hiding something fishy?

Kitty and Matt are all too aware that the clock is ticking while the suspects are trapped with no escape. Can they net the killer before the ship docks? Or will one of them be dead in the water before they reach dry land?

### Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I LOVED this book!... Just perfection. If I had to sum this book up in three words it would be WOW WOW WOW.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I absolutely loved... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive... Kept me turning the pages late at night!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 23/2/2026 | 9781835257821 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency  
A Miss Underhay Mystery 23



## I Want Your Family Daniel Hurst

For fans of John Marrs, T.M Logan and Freida McFadden.

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

### Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is the King of unputdownable, addictive psychological thrillers with more twists than you thought possible!

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 200 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles.

### Retail Description

Her perfect family will be mine...

Every day I walk up the driveway to this gorgeous house and through the window I see the picture-perfect family: a husband and wife playing with their two adorable children. They think I'm just the delivery driver – a woman who is only here to drop the expensive packages that Sadie Hunt orders. They have no idea who I really am...

Sadie pretends to be the perfect wife and mother, but the truth is that her life is spiralling out of control. I notice the cold stares she gives her husband and the way he always tries to make her smile. I know that Sadie doesn't deserve this dream house or her little son and daughter. And she certainly doesn't deserve smart, handsome Reid who provides everything for their family.

So when Reid opens the bright yellow door, I smile widely at him. Our exchanges are short, but I'm certain he must understand how I feel about him. And today I'm sure his gaze lingers on me a little longer than usual. I'm determined that it will only be a matter of time before I'm the new Mrs Hunt.

Because Sadie must know she always had it coming. And I will do whatever it takes for this family to be mine...

### Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading... Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HOLY COW... AMAZING. MY GOODNESS... Gave me chills... What a crazy wild ride... WOW, what a BANGER... OUTSTANDING... Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

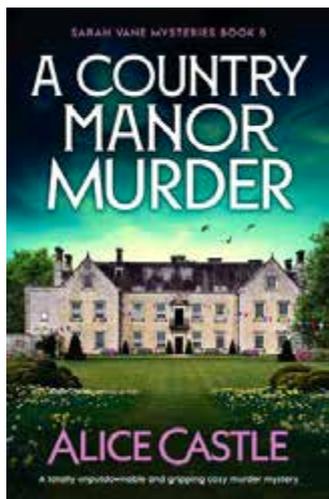
Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

286 pages | Pub Date 20/2/2026 | 9781807221331 | Unagented

The Hunt Family 1



## A Country Manor Murder Alice Castle

For fans of Agatha Christie, Betty Rowlands and Katie Gayle

Over 65k Alice Castle novels sold and over 39 million pages read in  
Kindle Unlimited

### Editor's Note

Sarah is visiting Coates House for the annual baking competition when the lady of the manor is found murdered. The whole household has a motive - money. With dark pasts, and greed running rife in the family, Sarah has her work cut out to uncover the killer in this addictive cozy crime.

### Retail Description

The sweeping lawns and old stone walls of Coates House make it the perfect backdrop for a baking competition. But Sarah Vane must put her scones aside to figure out who would kill for it...

Sarah Vane's making the most of her retirement, entering the annual baking competition at the stately Coates House. Normally it runs like clockwork under the eagle eye of Madeleine Brett-Coates. But when Sarah stumbles across the body of the lady of the manor, a string of bunting wrapped tightly around her neck, the event is plunged into chaos.

Mrs Brett-Coates's children appear heartbroken but soon Sarah learns that the kind old woman ruled her roost with an iron rod. And as well as whispers of a secret fling, Sarah discovers that someone's name was hastily crossed out of her will just days before her death...

Everybody at the manor, even the staff, had a motive and all of them have secrets they'd kill to keep. But when one of the Brett-Coates heirs vanishes, and a threatening note is sent to the others, Sarah suddenly sees a much bigger plot unfolding. Can Sarah track down the killer before another victim is claimed?

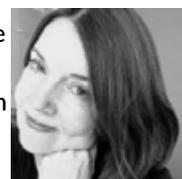
### Reviews for Alice Castle

'Wow!!!!... I absolutely LOVED this... had me hooked from the start to the end!!!... absolutely smashed it out of the ballpark again!!!!... completely sucked me in from beginning to end... a page-turner... I felt myself walking around with my kindle in my hand every chance I could get... addictive... absolutely perfect.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'LOVED!... Many laughing moments!... A real page-turner... once start, you won't be able to put down until finished.'  
Coffeandpages2021, ★★★★★

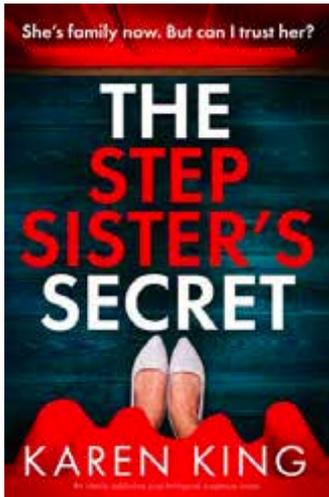
### Author Biography

Before turning to crime, Alice Castle was a UK newspaper journalist for The Daily Express, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. Alice is an avid reader of crime fiction, her favourite stories are cozy crimes with a strong sense of place. When she couldn't find a series about her beloved south London, she decided to write her own – and single mum amateur sleuth Beth Haldane was born. Alice also writes psychological thrillers for HQ Digital as A.M. Castle.



Crime Thriller

278 pages | Pub Date 18/2/2026 | 9781805504573 | Justin Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency  
Sarah Vane Mysteries 5



## The Stepsister's Secret

### Karen King

For fans of Shari Lapena, Freida McFadden, and Daniel Hurst

Karen King has sold over 145,000 copies and has more than 20M pages read in KU. She has reached the Amazon UK Kindle top 50.

#### Editor's Note

Karen King's latest psychological thriller grips from the very first page, as long-buried secrets threaten to destroy a happy family. Soon it's clear no one can be trusted and every relationship is put under the microscope. I LOVED this so much, it is twisty, fast-paced, and utterly unputdownable, and it will keep readers guessing right up to the shocking climax.

#### Retail Description

She's family now. But can I trust her?

When my stepsister Alison moves in to look after my mother, everyone in my family is grateful. Alison's a nurse, and she says she just wants to help. But I don't trust her.

Years ago, when Alison and I were the same age as my own son Isaac, I made a terrible mistake that tore Alison's world apart. I hoped she didn't realise, but the look in her icy blue eyes tells me: she knows exactly what I did.

I'm certain she's responsible for my mother getting weaker. I don't like the way she's pushing me out, isolating me ... and getting way too close to my husband, Nick.

I'm watching her. And I'll do anything to keep my family safe. But I have no idea just how much danger we're in...

#### Reviews for Karen King

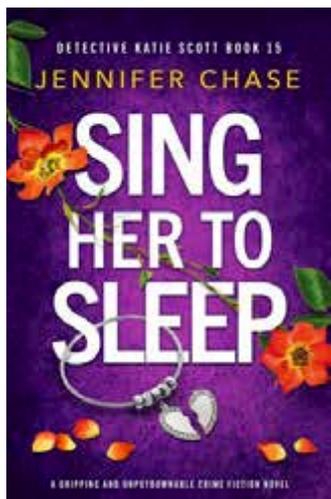
'Wow, I could not put this down... I devoured it in one sitting... Had me hooked from the first chapter.... Left me speechless... kept me guessing until the very last page!' Arcreviews\_by\_m, ★★★★★

'Omg I absolutely loved this book and couldn't put it down! Full of suspense, shouting out loud noooooo or wtf moments! Highly recommend.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Karen King was born in Birmingham and has always enjoyed reading and writing. She's been published for over forty years, in a variety of genres for both children and adults and currently writes about the 'light and dark of relationships'. Karen now lives in Spain where she loves to spend her non-writing time exploring the quaint local towns with her husband, Dave, when she isn't sunbathing or swimming in the pool, that is.





## Sing Her to Sleep

### Jennifer Chase

For fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh.

The Amazon and USA Today bestselling Detective Katie Scott series has sold over 400,000 copies and had over 85 million KU pages read

#### Editor's Note

Another gripping instalment of this smash-hit series! 4.5 review average across 15 books in the series, and each more addictive than the last. Readers cannot get enough of this bingeable series featuring Detective Katie Scott and her service dog Cisco.

#### Retail Description

She sings softly to calm her little girl as his heavy footsteps move away. She clutches her daughter's hand tightly and breathes. They are safe now. Then she feels a sharp blow to her torso and everything dims to black...

Detective Katie Scott is enjoying a rare morning of peace when she is disturbed by reports of two bodies found at the local Pine Valley building site. Rushing over with her service dog Cisco, her blood turns to ice when she finds the skeletons of a parent and child, their hands intertwined, desperately clinging to each other. What kind of monster would do this?

Katie wastes no time pulling together her team and quickly identifies the victims by the matching silver bracelets on their wrists, each with half hearts. They are Meredith and Misty Collins, a mother and daughter who were reported missing twenty years ago. They vanished into thin air, but rumors swirled for years about the screams in the forest the night they disappeared.

Soon the case takes a shocking turn when Meredith's husband is found dead the next day. Is the twisted serial killer hunting down possible witnesses one by one? And who is the shadowy figure who has been watching Katie's home at night? With time running out, and those close to her keeping secrets about what happened at the Collins' house all those years ago, can Katie stay one step ahead of the unhinged killer before another life is lost?

#### Reviews for Jennifer Chase

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

"Everything else had to go on hold until I've finished, and I mean EVERYTHING... Right from the very first chapter, I was hooked... before you know it you're 2 hours in and haven't moved a muscle!... Completely unputdownable, breathtaking and with an amazing ending!" Bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

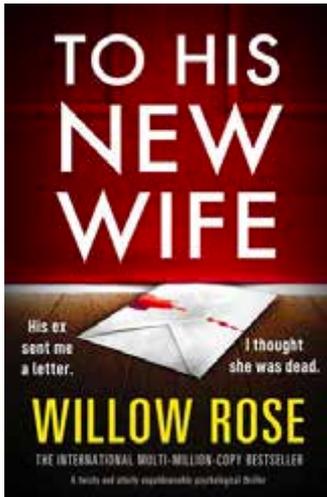
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

338 pages | Pub Date 16/2/2026 | 9781805504771 | Unagented  
Detective Katie Scott 15



## To His New Wife Willow Rose

For fans of Tess Gerritsen, Freida McFadden and Jeneva Rose.

Willow Rose is an international multi-million-copy bestseller

### Editor's Note

To his new wife, with love from, the wife he killed... This is bestselling author Willow Rose's most thrilling psychological novel to date. When Emma receives a letter from her husband's dead ex, accusing him of her murder, she's sent on mysterious trail of evidence to discover the truth. With heart-stopping, letter based chapters from HER, To His New Wife has electric pacing, and delicious points of view as tantalising as those in *Gone Girl* and *Love, Mom*.

### Retail Description

His ex sent me a letter. I thought she was dead.

Emma's life has been perfect ever since she met Benjamin. Behind his kind smile he's not just a successful surgeon, but a devoted father to his daughter Lily. As she wakes up beside him in their king-size bed every morning, Emma can't believe he only has eyes for her. She even feels like she's finally helped him grieve the tragic death of Lily's mother.

But then the first letter arrives at Emma's desk at work.

A pristine white envelope with flawless calligraphy inside.

To Benjamin's new wife,

With love from,

The wife he killed...

### Reviews for Willow Rose

"Had me hooked from beginning to end!... My jaw was on the floor with the last bombshell! I absolutely ate this up." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Absolutely unputdownable... WOW!... I literally stopped my day because I could not put this down!... Fantastic... Goes straight to my made-up 6-star rating—I absolutely loved it!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

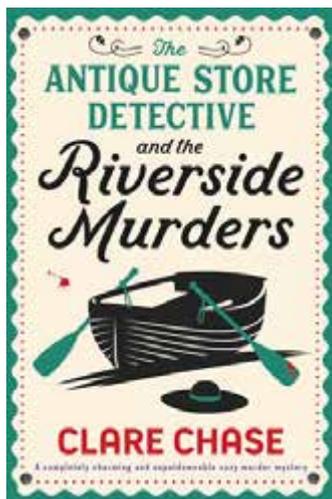
### Author Biography

Willow Rose is a multi-million-copy bestselling author of more than 90 novels. Several of her books have reached the top 10 of all books in the Amazon store in the US, UK, and Canada. She has sold more than seven million books, which have been translated into many languages. Willow's books are fast-paced, nail-biting page-turners with twists you won't see coming; that's why her fans call her "The Queen of Plot Twists".



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 12/2/2026 | 9781805505822 | Unagented



## The Antique Store Detective and the Clare Chase

For fans of MC Beaton, Agatha Christie and Faith Martin

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 490,000 copies and have more than 170 million KU page reads. Clare is a top 15 Amazon US and CA author

### Editor's Note

Fourth in the fantastic new series from our queen of contemporary cozy, Clare Chase! Clare is the bestselling author of the Eve Mallow series, which has now sold over 330,000 copies and 110 million pages read for £900k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. This new series is one of our strongest cozy launches in the last few years, and in little over a year the first three books have sold over 24,000 copies and 9 million pages read. This novel has one of the best cosy set ups I've read: two sisters are killed, purely so they don't get rid of a large marble statue... because under the statue is a bloodstain. But who died, and how has it been kept secret?

### Retail Description

A priceless statue, two mysterious deaths and a missing body... it can only be a case for the antique store detective!

Bella Winter is happily settled in Hope Eaton, with her business flourishing: antiques sold and problems solved. So when Margie Fleming approaches her to sell a family heirloom, a beautiful marble statue of a mother and child, Bella jumps at the chance.

But the day before the sale, Margie is found dead: drowned in the river Kite, a year after her older sister Bethan died the same way. Everyone is convinced it's a tragic accident, but Bella isn't so sure. One mysterious death might be a coincidence. Two feels a lot like murder...

Bella's spine tingles when she realises Bethan also had plans for the statue. Could someone have killed to make sure it wasn't moved? It feels far-fetched... but when they shift the statue, there's a bloodstain beneath it. Someone is trying to conceal a crime. But who was the victim, and where is the body?

As she investigates the Flemings' friends and family, Bella becomes convinced the strange graffiti appearing all over Hope Eaton holds answers... Can she paint a clear picture and solve the case, or will she find herself facing a watery end?

### Reviews for Clare Chase

'Absolutely brilliant... Addictive... Stunning... Absolutely fantastic... Clear your schedules as once you've picked this up you won't be able to put it down!!!!... Amazing... Addictive and page-turning... Fantastic!!!!' bookwormwhitlock86

'Fantastic... I loved it from cover to cover... Had me hooked from the start... Outstanding.' Goodreads reviewer,



### Author Biography

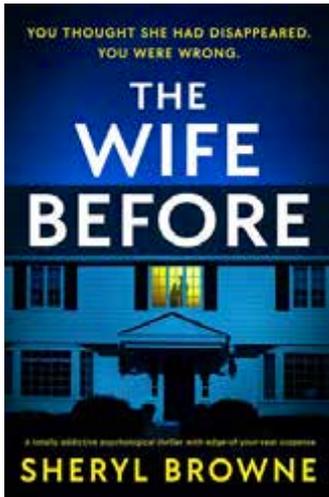
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As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



Crime Thriller

318 pages | Pub Date 11/2/2026 | 9781805502289 | Unagented

A Bella Winter Mystery 4



# The Wife Before

## Sheryl Browne

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *The Girl on the Train*

Sheryl Browne's psychological thrillers have sold over 700,000 copies and reached the top 10 in the UK and US Amazon charts

### Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, with consistently high reviews on Amazon. She has 22 top-100 chart rankings across her books, and *The Affair* reached 6 in the US charts. This is a UK-set psychological thriller with themes of marriage, mistrust and dark secrets. When Kara meets her dream man, Shane, she thinks life couldn't get any better... until Shane's ex-mother-in-law turns up and tells her that he killed his first wife. Fearing she could be in danger, she looks into Shane's history. Could she have let a dangerous man into her life? And what lengths will she go to to protect herself and her unborn child?

### Retail Description

She says your new boyfriend killed his ex. He says it's all lies. Who do you believe?

When I first met Jack, he broke down in tears as he told me about the tragic death of his wife, Natalia, on a family holiday. As our relationship blossomed and we started planning a future together, I would lie awake worrying about filling Natalia's perfect shoes. But everything changes when her mother turns up at my door...

'Your boyfriend killed my daughter,' she says.

Jack swears she's lying, and I want to believe him but something isn't right. Why doesn't he have a single picture of her? And why do I feel afraid when I confront him about the night Natalia died? What if it wasn't grief after all, but guilt?

As I stroke my baby bump, I wonder if I can really trust the man I love. If he killed Natalia, could I be next?

### Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'Just wow! Another amazing read by Sheryl Browne! This was a fast-paced rollercoaster ride leaving me with quite the case of whiplash. Starts with a bang and never lets up... Had me flipping pages as fast as I could... Huge 5 stars from me.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'This book!!!! Oh my god!!!!... With every page, I was on the edge of my seat.' Jessica's Book Biz, ★★★★★

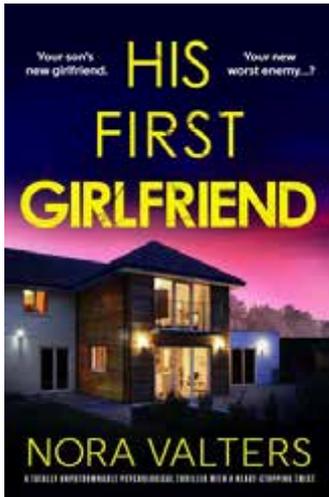
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

342 pages | Pub Date 6/2/2026 | 9781836187417 | Unagented



## His First Girlfriend Nora Valters

For fans of None Of This Is True, John Marrs, T.M Logan and Freida McFadden

Nora is a successful author who has self-published two psychological thrillers, and had three published with Inkubator.

### Editor's Note

Nora's Bookouture debut is heart-stopping, twisty, super pacy and will keep readers guessing until the very end. An aspirational domestic setting, a sense that all is not as it seems... and then death threats and a secret past revealed. Brilliantly plotted.

### Retail Description

Your son's new girlfriend.  
Your new worst enemy...?

My heart thuds as the front door swings open, and my precious son Seth walks in with his new girlfriend Lily on his arm. I'm so nervous. But she's everything I hoped she'd be. Before long, she's part of the family and staying every evening. We share spa days and have long conversations. It's a dream – Lily is like the daughter I never had.

But as our family dynamic shifts, the precious bond with my husband and son begins to change. I notice the glances they exchange when I walk into a room or when they think I'm not looking. Am I being paranoid, or is Lily turning my loved ones against me?

Then I receive a warning note. It hints at a past I've tried so hard to erase. My carefully controlled world starts to unravel.

Is the secret I've tried so hard to bury about to destroy perfect family?

And can I trust Lily? Or is my life and my son's life in danger?

### Reviews for Nora Valters

'Wow! This book was so crazy! You can't trust ANYONE!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'By the end of chapter 2, my jaw was on the floor and my heart was in my mouth and it pretty much stayed there the whole time. The twists were explosive' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Nora Valters grew up in the New Forest in the south of England and has lived in London, Manchester, Bournemouth, Oxford and Dubai. She currently resides in Weston-super-Mare. She studied English Literature and Language at Oxford Brookes University before embarking on a career in marketing and copywriting. Nora loves to travel and has journeyed around the world. She enjoys exploring new places, knitting/crochet, painting, hiking, and is an avid reader. She's also a bit obsessed with dogs!



Crime Thriller

268 pages | Pub Date 3/2/2026 | 9781805502401 | Unaged



## Tag, You're It Kerry Wilkinson

For fans of *The Traitors*, Agatha Christie or Alice Feeney

Kerry Wilkinson's titles have sold over 800,000 units and have 65M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

One of the MOST unique psychological thrillers I've ever read and certainly ever edited! Set in a sprawling mansion, a group of contestants gather for a television game show. Every day, someone is secretly "It", and must tag another player – because whoever is "It" at the end of the day is kicked out. This premise creates drama and tension aplenty, of course: but the way Kerry combines this super intriguing setup with a psychological thriller plotline and the HUGE secret reason the protagonist is really here, is where the magic comes from. Like every Kerry novel, this is twist-packed, wry and clever. The main narrative is split up with police interview extracts, offering a glimpse into the shocking aftermath of a death on the show.

### Retail Description

When Jessie enters *Tag, You're It*, she thinks she knows what she's getting into. A sprawling, isolated mansion in beautiful countryside. Twenty contestants, all supposedly strangers. The rules seem simple...

1. Each day, one of you is 'It'.
2. The person who is 'It' must complete a secret task to tag someone else.
3. Whoever ends the day as 'It' is out... and loses the chance to win millions.

But most importantly... Don't. Trust. Anybody.

Jessie is certain friendships are key to getting through, even fake ones. Some people would do anything to win that money. But nobody knows that Jessie has her own secret reasons for playing the game...

Then one of the players is found dead. When the police arrive to ask their questions, how far will Jessie go to hide the truth about her past – and the real reason she's there? And in the end, is this game really worth killing for?

### Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'I LOVED this book... I zoomed through it, carrying my phone around with me... I was so invested and could not stop reading... Loved... So, so good.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Immediately hooked me. Think *The Traitors*... but even more intense... I was completely glued to the pages and couldn't stop reading!... Impossible to put down... I seriously did NOT see those twists coming!... I LOVED it!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

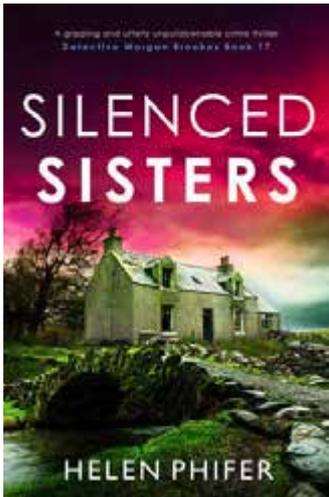
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

344 pages | Pub Date 30/1/2026 | 9781805505419 | Unagented



## Silenced Sisters

### Helen Phifer

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Rachel Abbott

Over 400,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 25 Amazon US and UK author.

#### Editor's Note

A desolate hotel. A raging storm. The body of a woman with bright blue eyes that Morgan instantly recognises. Book 17 in the bestselling Detective Morgan Brookes series follows the sensational cliffhanger ending of Book 16 - Morgan didn't actually catch the killer of one of the victims in that spine-chilling story, and he's on the hunt for three sisters. With the second found dead in an abandoned Lake District hotel at the beginning of *Silenced Sisters*, Morgan beings a desperate investigation to save the third, and must look within her own tight-knit team for the culprit. Atmospheric and endlessly pacy to the last word, this book turns this series on its head and ensures readers will be dying for more.

#### Retail Description

Following an emergency call in the middle of a fierce storm, Detective Morgan Brookes arrives at Keswick Manor, a crumbling, empty hotel in the Lake District, where she finds the dead body of a young woman. She recognises her bright blue eyes instantly. Lauren Williams' body is still warm to the touch, a knife protruding out of her chest, just like the one that killed her sister, Lydia, one month ago. But the killer in that case is dead...

Morgan can't imagine the horror Lauren went through as she combs the scene; a broken radio on the stairs suggest she was running from someone. Lauren knew her sister was murdered, did she know she was next? Grief-stricken, Morgan sets to work on Lydia's case files and refuses to sleep until she's uncovered any small clue she missed. But by the time she discovers they had another sister, the poor girl is reported missing, her pink car found abandoned in the local woods surrounded by overgrown brambles.

When Morgan spots a police identification number scribbled in the family's old police files, she realises that one of her colleagues has been lying to her. The idea that someone at HQ is in league with a serial killer would send terrifying shockwaves through Rydal Falls, but Morgan can think of no other explanation. Can she save the final sister and catch this killer as a terrifying countdown begins? Or with evil closer than she thinks, watching Morgan's every move, is she already in too much danger?

#### Reviews for Helen Phifer

'OH MY GOD!!!!!!... My jaw was on the floor... I was reading SO FAST... I actually couldn't believe the outcome! I even messaged Helen saying omg... please read this series!' readwithjessii, ★★★★★

'Oh my goodness... I devoured this in a matter of hours, literally couldn't put it down!... Gripping... Phenomenal... Like the fastest rollercoaster you could go on... don't pick it up unless you have a few hours to spare, because You will be cancelling your plans! Wow!... What a book! Amazing!' cypresscornerreads, ★★★★★

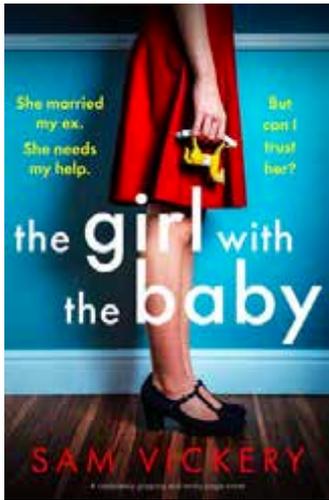
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

276 pages | Pub Date 29/1/2026 | 9781805504429 | Unagented  
Detective Morgan Brookes 17



## The Girl with the Baby

### Sam Vickery

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Jodi Picoult and Linda Green

Sam Vickery's titles have sold over 85,000 copies and have 29M KU page reads. *The Perfect Baby* and *The Child at My Door* both reached the top 50 on Amazon UK.

#### Editor's Note

When a woman arrives at Annie's cottage with a baby and asks for help, Annie immediately recognises her. She's the new wife of her ex - the man she ran away from years ago. And Annie feels obligated to help her. But a desperate cat and mouse game begins between the two women. Who is lying about their past? Who is truly dangerous? The link between them will utterly shock readers and Sam's emotional writing, which delves into the heart of what it's like to flee abuse, will have KU readers desperately turning the pages.

#### Retail Description

She married my ex. She needs my help. But can I trust her?

I came to live in my run-down little cottage in this peaceful village ten years ago. I don't let anyone into my home, I don't tell anyone about the man I ran away from, and so far, I've kept myself safe. But then Jade and her baby girl appear at my garden gate.

Jade married Ryan when I left. Now her hands tremble like mine did, and her face is tired and worn like mine was. I look at the sweet little child cradled in her arms, realising she must be his daughter. In a quiet voice, Jade asks to stay, and I find myself letting her in.

Jade is the one person I can finally confide in, and as time passes, I expect us to grow close. But instead she sits in silence rocking her daughter, and sneaks around my house as if she's looking for something...

I start to wonder if I've trusted the one woman I shouldn't have. But, then again, perhaps she has come looking for safety in the place where she is most in danger. Because as I look at her sweet baby girl, I know, I can never let them leave...

#### Reviews for Sam Vickery

'I raced through this book in one sitting... I may have whiplash from the never-ending twists and turns... Read this in one day I could not put it down. Highly recommend!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Hooked from start to finish!... Heart-pounding... Will keep you guessing until the very end... Gripping.' sapphirenst9ne, ★★★★★

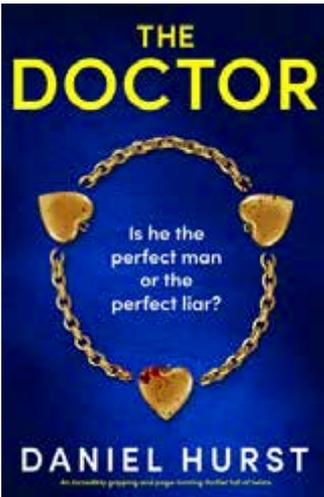
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

248 pages | Pub Date 27/1/2026 | 9781835258613 | Unagented



## The Doctor Daniel Hurst

For fans of John Marrs, T.M Logan and Freida McFadden.

**The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.**

### Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, *The Doctor's Wife*, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with *The Couple in the Cabin*. Daniel now has almost 200 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles. *The Doctor* is a new book that's connected to his bestselling *The Doctor's Wife* series. It's a cleverly written story that can either be read as a prequel or as book 5 in the series. It follows the lives of popular characters Fern and Doctor Drew Devlin. New readers and returning fans of the series will be left with their jaws on the floor!

### Retail Description

Is he the perfect man or the perfect liar?

From the moment I first see Doctor Drew Devlin, I want him to be mine. Drew is the perfect man – he's charming, handsome and wealthy. And I need the security that comes from being with someone like him. I'm at my lowest point and I have nothing to lose; this is my chance to escape my troubled past. So I'm going to stop at nothing to ensure that Drew marries me...

Whatever it takes, I will become the doctor's wife.

Except when I get closer to Drew, I realise the doctor isn't who he says he is. He's hiding a dangerous secret.

But so am I...

### Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading... Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HOLY COW... AMAZING. MY GOODNESS... Gave me chills... What a crazy wild ride... WOW, what a BANGER... OUTSTANDING... Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

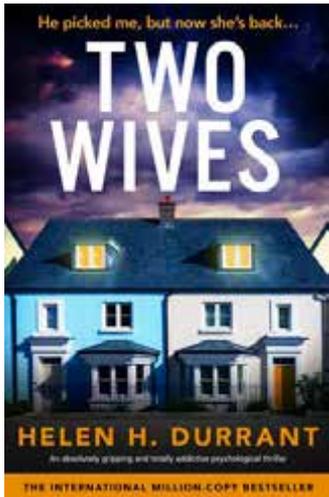
### Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

268 pages | Pub Date 23/1/2026 | 9781807220426 | Unagented  
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## Two Wives Helen H. Durrant

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *You, Me, Her*.

### Editor's Note

Imagine your husband's ex – the one he told you walked out on him and his daughter, the one he told you was dangerous – moves into the house next door? How would you protect your marriage? How would you protect your child? And what if she's not the most dangerous person in your life? This absolutely addictive psychological thriller from Amazon number one bestselling author, Helen H. Durrant, is her second psychological thriller, and it's an absolute page-turner. Exploring the themes of second marriage, step-parents, female friendship and betrayal, it hits all of the key tropes we know readers in this genre love.

### Retail Description

Two wives. One husband. A deadly secret...

Peeking through the blinds, my heart catches in my throat as I come face to face with my new neighbour: Oliver's ex-wife, Carla. The slight curl of her lip as she sees me is all the proof I need that this is no accident...

Oliver owns the house next door, so why on earth did he let her move so close? And why didn't he tell me?

When I try to talk to him, he quickly shuts me down, telling me I'm worrying over nothing. But I see the fear in his eyes as he glances towards Carla's house.

Oliver is up to something. And so is Carla. But they don't know I have secrets of my own, and I'll do whatever it takes to keep them...

### Reviews for Helen H. Durrant

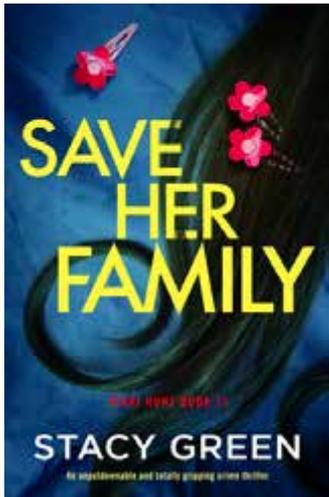
'A gripping thriller packed with so much tension, it set my teeth on edge... I flipped the pages at a frantic pace to see how this was going to end,' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gave me chill bumps.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Helen is married with two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. She lives in the North West of England amid the beautiful, rugged scenery of the Pennine foothills. When Helen was close to retirement, she made the decision to give writing a go. Ever since that first book it's become an obsession. Now, many years retired and although her family tell her to put her feet up, she can't give up writing.





## Save Her Family Stacy Green

For fans of Lisa Regan, Mary Burton and Kendra Elliot

Over 410,000 Stacy Green books sold and over 84 million KU pages read.

### Editor's Note

Special Agent Nikki Hunt's own daughter witnesses a terrifying murder in the eleventh book in this spine-tingling crime series. When Lacey sees local mother Elle Harper shot, whilst out riding her bike in their safe Stillwater neighbourhood, Nikki must track down Elle's killer to protect the mother's two little girls, and keep her daughter safe as she begins to spiral. This book plunges into Nikki's past, as she relives what it was like to witness her own parent's murders, worrying about what Lacey has had to endure. It touches on emotional topics alongside Stacy's signature twists and turns.

### Retail Description

The girl's heart races as she edges towards the bright yellow farmhouse where children's toys lie carelessly in the overgrown grass. The air is too still. On the front porch, a woman takes her last breath and crumples to the ground...

Special Agent Nikki Hunt feels her chest tighten as she looks down at the body sprawled beside the lilac bushes. This morning, her ten-year-old daughter Lacey witnessed the murder of local mother Elle Harper. Out riding her bike, Lacey saw the killer escape from the house and rushed inside to protect Elle's daughters Maisy and Maya.

Nikki promises Lacey she'll do whatever it takes to help the poor innocent girls who now sit in her house clutching their teddies. But before she has a chance to return them to the safety of their stepfather Tim, he's reported missing. Local gossip suggests that fights between Elle and Tim had been spilling out of the farmhouse, and Nikki soon wonders if Maisy and Maya were ever safe in their own home.

But just as Nikki zones in on her suspect, she realizes she's too late. A body is pulled from the river, and Nikki's heart shatters as Tim is pronounced dead. Nikki's gut tells her that someone is targeting the whole family. But with this killer stalking her in the shadows, what sacrifices will she have to make to save them, and keep her promise to her daughter?

### Reviews for Stacy Green

"OMG!!!! Wow!!!! Loved!!!! I was gripped from the very first chapter... So addicting... Had me flipping through the pages so fast so I could find out what happened next. It kept me on my toes the entire time... I was speechless and had to read it again." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

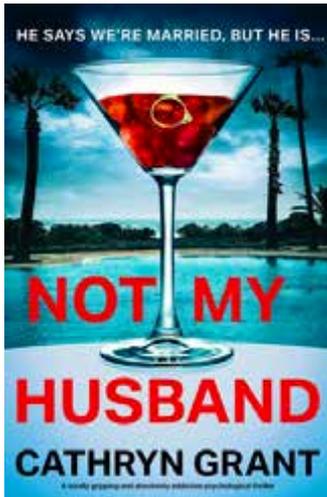
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 19/1/2026 | 9781805504467 | Unagented  
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## Not My Husband Cathryn Grant

For fans of the TV show *The White Lotus* and books *The Housemaid* and *The Perfect Marriage*.

### Editor's Note

Imagine waking up on your honeymoon to find the person next to you in bed isn't the person you married, but nobody believes you? From Amazon bestselling author, Cathryn Grant, this absolutely explosive thriller starts with a bang and never gives up. Cathryn Grant's first book, *Welcome to the Family* has reviewed really well with readers calling it dark, twist and 'outrageous in the best way'. This is the kind of book you pick up and the next thing you know, it's late at night and you're still reading. It's fast-paced, packed full of twists and has palpable danger on every page. What really happened to Chelsea's beloved husband Jay? Who is the man in her room? And what secrets is Chelsea keeping?

### Retail Description

Today is the first day of my honeymoon, and I feel like the luckiest girl in the world. But as I roll over to face my new husband, Jay, my scream breaks the silence... The man in bed with me is not the man I married.

I beg him to get out, but he laughs and says I've always had an overactive imagination. He tells me that I've been under a lot of stress lately, so my mind must be playing tricks on me. I don't believe him, but as he begins to describe me walking down the aisle, and other details from the wedding that only Jay could know, it has my head spinning. I'm certain this isn't my husband, so how does he know so much?

I rush out of the beautiful suite, ignoring the warm ocean breeze and scent of tropical flowers in the air. When I reach hotel reception, I beg for help, but instead of calling the police, the staff exchange worried looks. They think I've lost it.

Then the strange man who is not my husband, walks up behind me and drapes his arm around my shoulders. 'Don't make a fuss,' he whispers in my ear. My heart races. I'm in paradise, but I'm trapped in a nightmare.

Why won't anybody believe me that this isn't the man I married? Who is he, and what has he done with my husband?

### Reviews for Cathryn Grant

"Action-packed, THRILLING. There were so many twists and turns that blew me away and kept me gripped to my Kindle!... Had me on the edge of my seat! I flew through it and devoured it within hours!" [Arcreviews\\_by\\_m](#), ★★★★★

"Wow, this is a mad read... Not to be missed!" [Bookloversanonuk](#), ★★★★★

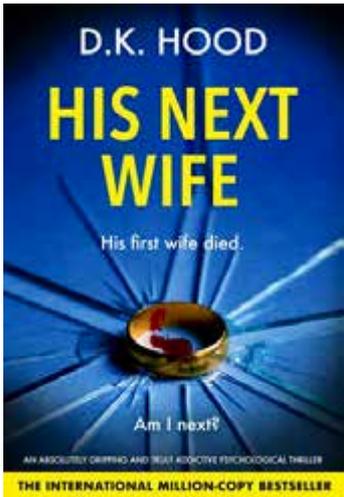
### Author Biography

Cathryn is the author of over thirty psychological suspense novels. The things that cause torment in real life—obsession and revenge, guilt and envy and longing—are endlessly fascinating in fiction, and she never grows tired of writing stories about characters struggling to overcome the worst. Cathryn also writes ghost stories because... who knows what lies beyond our senses.



Crime Thriller

330 pages | Pub Date 16/1/2026 | 9781805504177 | Unagented



## His Next Wife

### D.K. Hood

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and Valerie Keogh's *The Wives*

A USA Today bestselling author, D.K. Hood has sold over 1.5 million units of her two US-set police procedural series

#### Editor's Note

Can you ever truly know the person you marry? This is what D.K. Hood asks readers in her latest page-turning psychological thriller. When newlywed Willow moves into her husband's Jack's home, she gets a sense of unease from the isolated setting, sprawling grounds, and the staff who remain tight-lipped when she asks about the history of the house. As she uncovers more details about the fate of Jack's first wife, she fears she may be in danger, but this is only the beginning. Willow is about to discover even more secrets about her new husband and his imposing home. This is a heart-racing thriller from a bestselling crime author, perfect for readers who loved *The Housemaid* and *The Perfect Marriage*.

#### Retail Description

His first wife died in an accident, but I'm not so sure. Did he kill her? Am I next?

Handsome and charming, Jack swept me off my feet when we met, and now we're married and I'm moving into his imposing old house. I'm bursting with excitement until I see a face staring down at me from an upstairs window. Before I can wave, the face vanishes from view. Jack says nobody else was home, so who is hiding in the shadows?

Taking in my new home, I'm startled to discover a long ivory wedding gown in one of the bedrooms. My heart pounds as I realise this was the room where I saw someone watching me. Jack tells me the dress belonged to his ex-wife, who died in an accident. He says he forgot the dress was there, but I can't fail to notice the way he avoids eye contact as he quickly hurries me out of the room and locks the door behind us.

As the days go by, I see Jack less and less and I can't help but think he's avoiding me. Left in my new home alone, I begin to obsess about his ex-wife. Jack tells me to stop, that I'm imagining things, but I can't help myself. Instead, I go back to the room where I thought I saw someone and nothing could have prepared me for what I find. Or what happens next...

#### Reviews for D.K. Hood

"Just whoosh! To sum up this book in 3 words mind-blowing, a masterclass in suspense and gripping. I haven't been able to stop thinking about it since I sped through all of the chapters!... the ending had my jaw on the floor! I would highly recommend this book 10/10 and I will rave on about this book to anyone that will listen!" [arcreviews\\_by\\_m\\_](#), ★★★★★

"A TWISTED AND GRIPPING THRILL RIDE... heart-stopping... twists and turns that'll leave you gasping... gripping... a book that'll keep you on the edge of your seat!" [sapphireinst9ne](#), ★★★★★

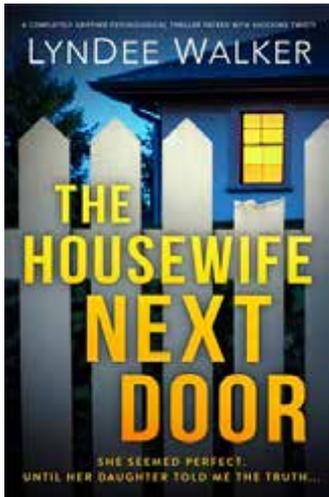
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 14/1/2026 | 9781805503941 | Unagented



# The Housewife Next Door

## LynDee Walker

For fans of Freida McFadden, Jeneva Rose and Gone Girl

### Editor's Note

Set in rural southern Kansas, THE HOUSEWIFE NEXT DOOR's opening has you instantly hooked. A young girl, Ainsley, lies dying. She whispers to her neighbour, Meg, that there's a little girl buried underneath their garden. Ainsley's mom, SarahBeth is a Trad Wife, mother of five, devoted wife to Burt, makes their own lemonade. None of the children go to school, they believe their way of living is the best way. But when Ainsley makes friends with new neighbour Meg, and tells her about the little girl buried under the garden, Meg knows that she needs to find out what the darkness behind this family is, and what secrets they hide in their remote home in Firefly valley...

### Retail Description

I thought she was perfect. Until her daughter told me about the little girl in the garden...

I was jealous of my perfect new neighbor SarahBeth. Six tow-headed children, blackberry pies bubbling in the oven, married to and still holding hands with her high-school sweetheart Burt. She was the perfect housewife, the best mom.

Until I found out the truth.

When tragedy strikes and SarahBeth's dying daughter tells me about the little girl buried in their garden my heart freezes. Now I understand why SarahBeth has been so unfriendly to me. Why her kids have been kept out of school. Why nobody has seen the family in town for two years.

I must learn the truth, to keep her children safe. But I've met people like SarahBeth in my own dark past. I've told lies, kept secrets, buried bodies. And I know SarahBeth will do whatever it takes to keep her secret hidden...

A completely addictive and unputdownable read that will have you turning pages late into the night. Perfect for fans of Freida McFadden, Jeneva Rose and Gone Girl.

### Reviews for LynDee Walker

"Deliciously dark and twisty... will keep you hooked! ... heart-pounding... gripping and addictive... will keep you on the edge of your seat!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"I absolutely loved! I never guessed any of the twists... kept me turning pages... I never would have guessed that ending in a million years!" KimberleyinRome, ★★★★★

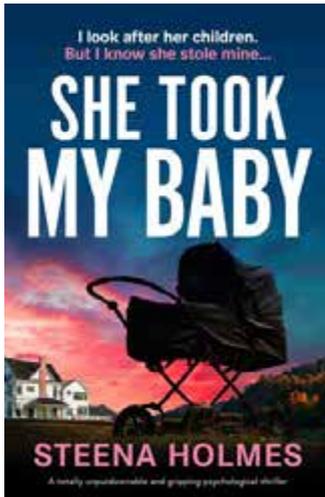
### Author Biography

LynDee Walker writes about strong women who can't seem to stay out of trouble. Her books have appeared on finalist lists for the Agatha and International Thriller awards—and once, on a major US national bestsellers list smack in between two of her writing heroes. She's the author of more than 20 novels, as well as several novellas and short stories, so she's usually writing when she's not juggling laundry and children's sports schedules. Find her online at [www.lyndeewalker.com](http://www.lyndeewalker.com), or on Facebook and Instagram at [lyndeewalkerbooks](https://www.facebook.com/lyndeewalkerbooks).



Crime Thriller

366 pages | Pub Date 7/1/2026 | 9781805501978 | John Talbot, The Talbot Fortune Agency



## She Took My Baby

### Steena Holmes

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and John Marrs

A New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Steena Holmes' books have sold over 2 million copies of her titles worldwide.

#### Editor's Note

I'm so excited to have Steena Holmes on the Bookouture list – she combines a sharp voice with excellent writing that is perfect for the genre. *She Took My Baby* sees a twist on the usual wealthy suburban setting – here the drama takes place on a Canadian cowboy ranch amidst an incredibly powerful and ruthless family akin to the Duttons of *Yellowstone*. Steena is a master at batting suspicion around and you really have no idea who you can trust here. Everyone has secrets and everyone is willing to go to extreme lengths to keep them – Trina is an unreliable narrator from the start, and readers will continuously wonder if Rosalind is a friend or the perpetrator. I raced through this read when I was editing!

#### Retail Description

I look after her children. But I know she stole mine...

I was so relieved when wealthy, beautiful Rosalind Eaton hired me as a nanny. I know she took a chance on me; with my troubled past, I was worried no-one ever would.

The little boy Rosalind cradles in her arms now has light, glossy auburn hair. Nothing like the Eaton family's dark curls. And the poor child can't seem to settle. Tears roll down his fat cheeks.

The Eatons run this town. But they don't know that I was watching long before they hired me, collecting their secrets.

Because the child Rosalind is cradling isn't hers.

That's my baby. They stole him from me.

And I'll do whatever it takes to get him back...

#### Reviews for Steena Holmes

"WOW! What a story. This is by far my very favorite book... Just left me breathless... I didn't want to put this book down. I could have kept reading but for lack of sleep and needing to eat. It's that good... 5/5 HUGE stars." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Oh my goodness... My god this book had me reading nearly all night. Fantastic!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

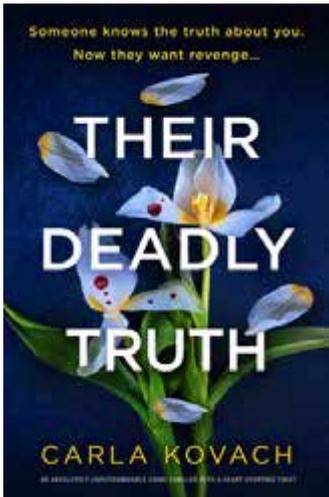
#### Author Biography

Steena Holmes is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author with over 2 million copies of her titles sold worldwide, including *The Patient*, *The Forgotten Ones*, *The Sister Under the Stairs* and *The Twin*. Named in the Top 20 Women Author to Read by *Good Housekeeping*, Steena has been featured in various newspapers and magazines, websites such as *RedBook*, *Glamour*, *Coastal Living*, and *Goodhousekeeping*.



Crime Thriller

322 pages | Pub Date 5/1/2026 | 9781805502432 | Gordon Warnock, Fuse Literary



## Their Deadly Truth

### Carla Kovach

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Carla Kovach has sold over 800,000 copies in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

#### Editor's Note

This is the 18th book in the Detective Gina Harte series – a dark and thrilling UK-set crime series. Carla reviews consistently well, with readers enjoying her fast-paced storytelling. In this book, Gina finds a man's body in a car miles from anywhere. In the car is the photo of a woman held captive. Who is the woman? And will Gina find her alive?

#### Retail Description

The silver car sits on a quiet suburban street, lit by the flicker of a nearby streetlamp. It hasn't moved for days. Nobody noticed it arriving, and nobody knows what's hidden inside...

When Lindy Pickering answers the door to police officers, she isn't prepared for what they tell her. Her brother, Kain, was discovered dead that morning, locked inside a car owned by her late mother.

As the police begin to ask questions, Lindy admits that she and Kain hadn't spoken in weeks, but she remains tight-lipped about the reason the siblings hated each other.

When neighbours begin to gossip, it seems that everyone had a reason for wanting Kain dead and Lindy realises that she can't trust anyone around her. And as another body is found, killed in the same way as Kain, it's clear that someone is keeping a close eye on the investigation, and they're prepared to kill to keep their deadly secret hidden...

#### Reviews for Carla Kovach

★★★★★ 'Breathtaking tension... Leaves you gasping... Utterly addictive.' Goodreads reviewer

★★★★★ 'A gripping and intense thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat... Will leave you gasping... Culminates in a heart-pounding climax.' Sapphirenst9ne

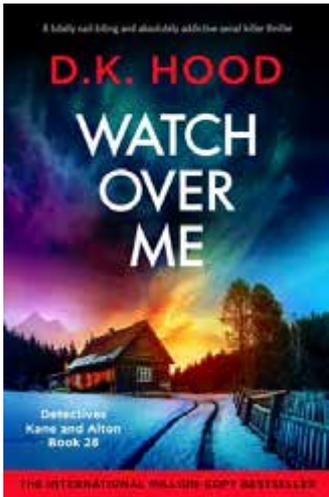
#### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 17/12/2025 | 9781805502760 | Unagented  
Detective Gina Harte 18



## Watch Over Me

### D.K. Hood

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

**D.K. Hood is a USA Today bestselling author. The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over 1 million units and been translated into French and German**

#### Editor's Note

This is the 28th book in the Detectives Kane and Alton series. This long-running, bestselling crime series is loved by police procedural fans because of the author's dark and fast-paced writing and her ability to hide the killer from view – she always writes jaw-dropping twists!

#### Retail Description

It's Christmas in Black Rock Falls, and Sheriff Jenna Alton and Deputy David Kane are called to a local bar where schoolteacher Ellie McBride has stumbled in covered in bruises, saying she just escaped a kidnapping. Jenna is determined to catch the man, but as she watches the CCTV footage, something doesn't add up. Why is Ellie missing from the recording? Did the kidnapper manipulate the footage to cover his tracks?

Days later, when a deadly message is written on the whiteboard in her classroom, it's clear Ellie isn't out of danger. This is personal. And Jenna must catch the man responsible. But, when social worker Laney Prescott is reported missing, the case is thrown on its head.

Jenna's heart breaks when she visits Laney's small cottage searching for clues only to find her lifeless body on the bedroom floor. But now Jenna is convinced there is a twisted monster in town, and she vows to hunt him down. But how are the two women connected? Jenna is running out of time to catch the killer.

And when heavy snow leaves the small town stranded, Jenna receives an emergency call from Ellie's school. Ellie's in trouble... can Jenna save the young woman before it's too late, or will she pay the ultimate price?

#### Reviews for D.K. Hood

"Gripping... I found myself holding my breath... Absolutely fantastic... I just can't get enough." B for Bookreview, ★★★★★

"Awesome." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

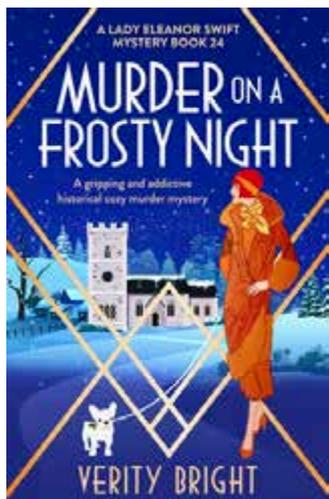
#### Author Biography

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Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 16/12/2025 | 9781805503927 | Unagented  
Detectives Kane and Alton 28



## Murder on a Frosty Night Verity Bright

For fans of T.E. Kinsey, Agatha Christie and Knives Out

The bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series has sold over 620,000 copies and has over 220 million KU pages read.

### Editor's Note

This is the first in the series where their new detective agency is in full swing! The set up here feels really fun and harks back to the classic cozy tropes of old – a mysterious note, a missing client, an impossible deadline to meet and a riddle hidden on a gravestone. The plotting here as ever is unexpected and we meet another delightfully quirky cast of village characters.

### Retail Description

Wrapping presents and singing at midnight mass on a frosty night... Lady Swift is determined to enjoy Christmas at home this year, until another body turns up!

Winter 1925. Eleanor and Hugh are decking the halls for their first married Christmas together when butler Clifford arrives with a mysterious telegram. A lucrative case awaits their new detective agency... but in the most remote county in England. The note insists they must be there by midnight to accept the job.

After a snowy journey, they arrive at the tiny hamlet of Yorelow to find their client, Osmund Unwin, dead in the churchyard as midnight mass ends. They realise they are now in the absurd situation of having to solve the murder of their client – who they never met – to solve a case they know nothing about and officially never accepted!

There is very little festive goodwill to go around, as it seems half the village had a grudge against the rich man. Was it one of the Frisham sisters, owners of the tavern and rumoured to be in a love triangle with Unwin? Or perhaps his maid, who never had a nice thing to say about him?

When another body is found in the ruins of the castle overlooking the town, Eleanor is baffled. Clearly there's more to this nightmare before Christmas than the gang first thought...

### Reviews for Verity Bright

'MY FAVOURITE BOOK... Had me hooked... I absolutely devoured this brilliant read in one sitting as I just could not put it down... I was gutted when I came to the end... Amazing!!!' bookwormwhitlock86, ★★★★★

'I absolutely LOVED this!... Had me hooked from the beginning and I kept flipping through the pages because I could not put it down!' @bookishbri\_, ★★★★★

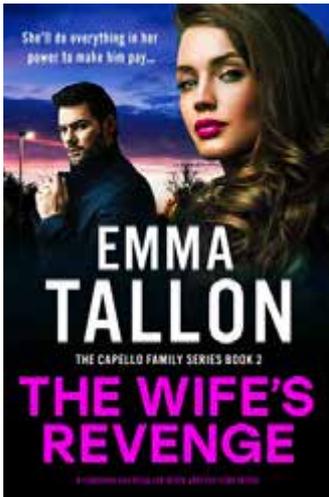
### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

322 pages | Pub Date 8/12/2025 | 9781805500186 | Unagented  
A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 24



## The Wife's Revenge Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole, Jacqui Rose and Kimberley Chambers

Emma's books have sold more than 260,000 copies and have 60M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

This is the second book in the Emma Tallon's dark, twisty and super addictive Capello family series. The first book, A Family Betrayal, introduced crime bosses, and Italian siblings, Maria, Alex and Antonio, and readers loved meeting them! Maria is battling with an anonymous blackmailer who is threatening to expose her gangland life to her colleagues at the prestigious law firm where she works. Alex is fighting to save his marriage, but there are questions over Bianca and whether what side she's on. Could she be working against the family? And finally, Antonio, the black sheep of the family, is still reeling from being ostracised by his siblings, and he's only got revenge on his mind.

### Retail Description

Bianca Capello is accustomed to the finer things in life. As the wife of notorious mob boss Alex Capello, she's used to champagne on tap and getting the best tables in the best Soho night spots. She's a long way from the grimy streets where she grew up, and she'll stop at nothing to protect her glamorous lifestyle.

Cat Holden is new to the Capello family. As an accountant, she's trusted to launder money through Alex's many businesses and to keep everything she does a secret. Since she became a single mother to three-year-old Orla, Cat has learned that she'll do anything to keep her daughter safe – even turn a blind eye to the Capellos' dodgy deals.

When Bianca sees Alex and Cat getting closer, she can't contain her rage, and she vows to get rid of Cat once and for all. And as Alex tries to salvage his own marriage, he fails to see his most dangerous enemy making moves to burn the entire family to the ground. Alex is left to make an impossible decision – save his marriage or save the family firm. But even he couldn't have foreseen just how low Bianca would stoop to get her revenge. After all, hell hath no fury like a woman scorned...

### Reviews for Emma Tallon

★★★★★ 'Had me hooked from the first page to the last while sitting on the edge-of-my-seat... Highly addictive with heart-stopping twists and turns.' NetGalley reviewer

★★★★★ 'I absolutely loved it... Action-packed crime drama from start to finish... Addictive.' Goodreads reviewer

### Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Capello Family Series 2

Historical



## Marty Wingate Book 6

### Marty Wingate

For fans of Orphan Train, Sold on a Monday and Diney Costeloe

Marty Wingate is a USA Today best-selling author

#### Editor's Note

#### Retail Description

England, 1941. Dear Mama and Papa, writes little Heiki. I heard on the radio about the terrible things Hitler is doing to Jews like us. It's been so long since your last letter and I'm scared the worst has happened. Please write soon...

Putting down her pen, twelve-year-old Heike brushes away a tear. She will never forget her mother's whisper as the train whistle blew. "Be brave, darling. Take care of your sister."

It's been nearly two years since Heiki and her eight-year-old sister Dagmar fled Nazi Germany, and they still need a place to call home. Then they meet kind Lady Louisa Brightford, who welcomes them into her countryside mansion where she cares for war orphans. At last the colour is coming back into Dagmar's cheeks, her bones less visible beneath her skin. And Heiki doesn't have to protect her from the cruelty of their former foster parents.

Then Heiki is faced with a heartbreaking choice. She and Dagmar have been writing letters, trying to help their parents escape Germany. The grown-ups who have been delivering the letters say they've found a way, but it comes with a price, and they mustn't tell Louisa. Heiki isn't sure she can trust them, but she'll do anything to save her parents. As the girls risk everything to save their parents, can Heiki keep her little sister safe?

#### Reviews for Marty Wingate

'Loved everything about this... Outstanding... Amazing!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'YES. I completely inhaled this in one day... So gripping.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Marty Wingate is a USA Today best-selling author of both mysteries and historical fiction. Marty enjoys weaving humor into her books and creating characters—from quirky and loveable to sinister and duplicitous—that leap off the page. Before embarking on her series about the London Ladies Murder Club with Bookouture, Marty published three contemporary cozy mystery series (the Potting Shed, Birds of a Feather, and First Edition Library books).



Historical

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## The Winemaker's Granddaughter

### Gosia Nealon

COVER ART  
PENDING

For fans of Fans of Fiona Valpy, Lorna Cook and The Letter

Gosia Nealon's Bookouture titles have sold more than 44,000 copies  
and have over 16M KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

Matylda's perfect life in the US is turned upsidedown when her great-grandmother passes away, leaving her a vineyard in Poland. And when she finds out she's not the only one to inherit the place, it's the start of a journey through the past, uncovering terrible betrayals, wartime sacrifices and a secret that will change the course of Matylda's life forever. Gosia has packed this dual timeline novel full of raw emotion, heart-aching history and an ending that will leave you crying with joy as wounds from the war are healed. You will not finish this book with dry eyes!

#### Retail Description

2025, Poland. When Matylda's grandmother passes away, at least she has the vineyard where her grandmother raised her to help heal her broken heart. Until she arrives among the quiet estate and learns she's not the sole heir. Half the estate belongs to a stranger: Tobias von Huber. But who is he, and how is he connected to her grandmother?

When Tobias shows up on her doorstep, Matylda is left with more questions than answers. Because he has no idea why he's been left part of the estate either.

So they both dive into her grandmother's history to see if it can solve the mystery in the present...

1942, Germany. Rozalia is torn from her life in Warsaw and forced into labour at a remote vineyard run by a loyal Nazi family. There, she's watched closely by Peter von Huber, a cruel Gestapo agent, who will pounce the moment she takes a step out of line. But when his wounded brother Andreas returns from the front, Rozalia begins to sense a glimmer of protection and, perhaps, something more. As the war comes close to the rural vineyard, she must decide who to trust—and if she is willing to pay what it might cost her.

As long-buried secrets from her great-grandmother's life during the war rise to the surface, Matylda must ask herself: how well did she know her great-grandmother—and is she ready for the truth waiting in the vines?

#### Reviews for Gosia Nealon

"Read this in one sitting... clear your schedule because you won't want to put it down once you begin... Powerful." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Amazing... Wonderful... Heartbreaking... I could not put the book down." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

While Gosia Nealon is a proud New Yorker, she was born and raised in Poland. Growing up in Poland, Gosia heard many firsthand accounts of the war, and she was compelled to breathe life into them through her writing. Gosia's award-winning short stories delve into the drama, sacrifice, and tragedy of WWII and her debut novel won a gold medal in the 2022 Independent Publisher Book Awards.



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 9/6/2026 | 9781805506379 | Unagented



## The Girl with Two Names Imogen Matthews

For fans of Heather Morris, Kristin Hannah and Fiona Valpy

**Imogen Matthews is a Kindle bestselling author with over 65K books sold across formats, and with over 25 million pages read in KU. Translations rights have been sold into three languages.**

### Editor's Note

Inspired by the remarkable true story of Trix Terwindt, a courageous young woman who sacrificed everything to fight for freedom as part of the Dutch Resistance, *The Girl with Two Names* is a totally heartbreaking and emotional World War Two novel of bravery, sacrifice and the power of hope in dark times.

### Retail Description

She smooths her light blue coat with trembling hands as a man approaches. 'Felix?' he says, and she nods. 'We weren't expecting a girl.' He smiles, but panic grips her throat at what he says next. 'Whoever you are, you've been betrayed...'

1943, Nazi-occupied Holland. Turning up her collar against the wind, Trix prepares for her rendezvous. Hidden in the bottom of her bag are coded instructions from the British Special Operations Executive and a silk handkerchief, secretly printed with a map of her next meeting point. She knows working for the Dutch resistance is dangerous, but she must put her past behind her and become someone new... someone brave.

Trix's friends think she's a secretary – they can never know the truth. Living a double life is desperately lonely, but the longer she goes under her alias, Felix, the more comfortable she becomes with this new version of herself: one who will stand up for what is right, and fight for those who can't. That is, until the warm brown eyes of a pilot from her past spark hope for a life after the war.

But when she's ambushed and imprisoned by German soldiers posing as men from the Dutch resistance, Trix must lean on everything she's learnt if she's going to survive and grasp her chance at love. These soldiers see her as just a woman. But is that her greatest weapon? In war, often it's those we underestimate the most who have the power to change everything...

### Reviews for Imogen Matthews

'Wrecked me... A gut punch... Hit me so hard I had to stop reading for a second and just feel it... Impossible to forget.'  
bookscoffeebrews, ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking and so inspiring, I couldn't put it down. I absolutely loved this... My heart was pounding... This phenomenal story is one you will never forget.' Page Turners, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with an interest in forgotten stories from WW2 Holland. Imogen was born in Rijswijk, Holland, to a Dutch mother and English father who moved the family to England when Imogen was very young. All her life, she listened to her mother's stories about her life in Holland, in particular the hardships she faced during the Hunger Winter in 1944-5, which has had a profound impact on her writing.





## A New Home for the Irish Daughter Kate Hewitt

For fans of Kristin Hannah, Kristin Harmel and Jean Grainger

Author has sold over 1.5 million copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

### Editor's Note

1892. Having fled New York City for their lives, Maggie O'Halloran, along with her close friend Brendan and younger brother Danny, must make a new home for themselves in the unfamiliar city of Chicago. As she walks the grand department stores, Maggie suddenly wonders if perhaps she can make a name for herself in this strange new place, after all. But when familiar faces from her past suddenly arrive in the city, Maggie's plans for her future are under threat. Can she learn to tell friend from foe fast enough to save her dreams, as well as the lives and livelihoods of those she loves the most?

### Retail Description

Chicago, 1892: Maggie O'Halloran knows she is lucky to have escaped New York City with her life, after a notorious gang threatened her and her brother. Now, twisting the wedding ring on her finger, she knows her friend Brendan O'Donoghue's plan to pretend to be married is sensible. But can she really pretend to be his wife when she doesn't love him with her whole heart?

Walking Chicago's cobbled streets, Maggie is more resolved than ever to rebuild her life and when she secures a job at the famous department store, Marshall Field & Company, she is delighted. But when ghosts of her past appear in the millinery department, she knows her true identity could be revealed at any moment, and her dreams once more reduced to ash.

When a chance encounter leads to Maggie making hats for Chicago's World's Fair, her desire to become fully independent feels closer than ever. But as gossip swirls about her relationship with her benefactor, can Maggie keep her head held high in this city she now calls home?

When Brendan finds himself in a perilous situation, Maggie's courage is tested more than ever before. With danger looming, can she and Brendan survive it together? Or will they once more need to flee their home to find safety, and a chance to begin again?

### Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"Beautiful... Phenomenal... I was heartbroken... Keep the tissue box close by because you will surely need it... Unputdownable. I loved everything about this... I was hooked." Page Turners ★★★★★

"WOW! This book completely hooked me from the first page to the last... I literally couldn't put it down... Amazing." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

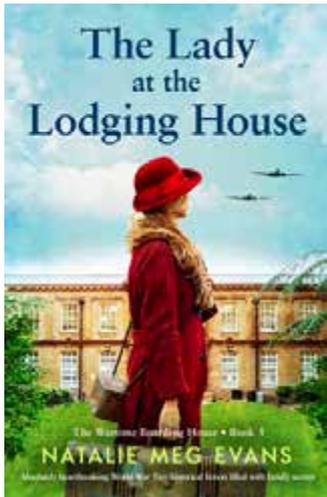
### Author Biography

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



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## The Lady at the Lodging House

### Natalie Meg Evans

For fans of Jean Grainger, Lisa Wingate and Diney Costeloe

Previous titles have sold over 152k copies to date

#### Editor's Note

In Book 3 in The Wartime Lodging House series, we follow Betony. She's left a life of luxury behind, defying her father's wishes. But when she decides to train as a nurse, he threatens her with a forced marriage if she doesn't pick a suitable husband to settled down with and uphold the family name. With her heart set on doing her duty, belonging to someone "unworthy", and bombs raining down, she only has her friends at 34 Hill Street to turn to for support. Natalie Meg Evans' storytelling absolutely shines in this story of friendship, love and forging a future entirely your own. I dare you not to smile, cry and be inspired by this beautiful WW2 novel.

#### Retail Description

A world away from the wealth and comfort of her family home, lord's daughter Betony Styles has come to love her new life at a London lodging house with Grace and Jess. Selling her beautiful gowns to pay for her rent and rations for the other girls, Betony is determined to do her bit.

By day she works in the factory sewing much-needed uniforms for the Women's Air Force. At night, air raid sirens blaze – but Betony and the other girls do all they can to help in the hardest hit neighbourhoods, rescuing a precious newborn from the rubble. And she's head over heels with her beau, brave Canadian pilot Winter Macpherson.

But her father believes duty to her family should come before her duty for her country. He demands she give up playing games and come home once and for all.

To stand up to her father and follow her own path, Betony needs Grace and Jess more than ever. But when Winter disappears, her heart shatters. Together, can the lodging house girls give each other hope even in the darkest times?

#### Reviews for Natalie Meg Evans

'Wow, this book packs a punch!... Brilliant... Heartbreaking... Oh, my goodness... Had me gasping and picking my jaw up off the floor... I was speechless.' The Plain Spoken Pen, ★★★★★

'What a gripping story!... Amazing... Heart-stopping... Gripping, captivating, addictive... I couldn't set it down!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

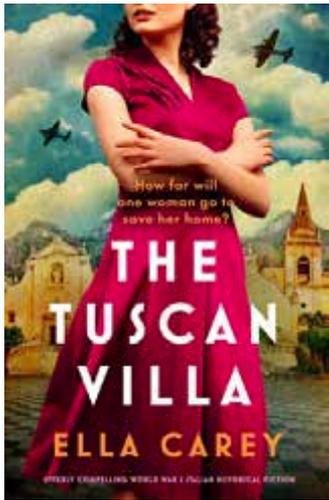
#### Author Biography

Natalie Meg Evans has been an art student, actor, PR copywriter, book-keeper and bar tender but always wanted to write. A USA Today best-seller and RITA nominee, she is author of four published novels which follow the fortunes of strong-minded women during the 1930s and 40s.



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The Wartime Lodging House 3



## The Tuscan Villa Ella Carey

For fans of Kathryn Hughes, Fiona Valpy and Victoria Hislop.

**Ella Carey is the bestselling author of the #1 kindle bestselling Paris Time Capsule historical mystery series, which has sold over 600,000 copies**

### Editor's Note

The Tuscan Villa is the third and final installment in the Daughters of Italy series. It follows three timelines before, during and after the second world war. This emotional and gripping read sees young Francesca return home to Italy for the first time since the war began. She begins an investigation to find her surrogate mother, Vivi, who disappeared without a trace seven years previously. The characters become entangled in a complicated web of family loyalties, politics and post-war social dynamics. It's a testament to the memory of war and how different people process their experiences.

### Retail Description

Italy, 1945. As war rages through Europe, a crumbling family villa becomes a shelter for orphans high up in the Tuscan hills. But that sanctuary is lost the day its owner, Vivi, mysteriously vanishes...

Manhattan, 1953. Francesca tries on wedding dresses in an uptown boutique. Can she really start a new life without answering the questions she has about her childhood in Italy? With the news that the bougainvillea-covered villa she grew up in is for sale, and the gardens her father cultivated destined to be razed, she buys a plane ticket and doesn't look back.

Fran sobs as she finds the gardens wild and overgrown. But the lingering scent of the Italian basil from the kitchen garden brings Fran closer to the father she lost. To save this sacred space she must uncover why Vivi disappeared, leaving behind a house full of war orphans. But while the locals treat Fran like an outsider, she knows she is closing in on a secret at the very heart of the gardens; a tragic love triangle that plagued the villa, defied the authorities, and might change everything Fran knows about who she is. One thing is certain: what happened to Vivi was no accident.

And just when Fran thinks she's uncovered a truth that will shake the village to its foundations, she discovers a lost letter. Can Fran save the gardens before they are destroyed? Or must she return to a future in New York that no longer fits?

### Reviews for Ella Carey

"Oh my goodness!... What a fantastic story... I had tears coming down my face... Emotional... Heartbreaking... Beautiful." Dee100309 ★★★★★

"Wonderful... Unputdownable... My heart broke... Amazing... I highly recommend this!" Page Turners ★★★★★

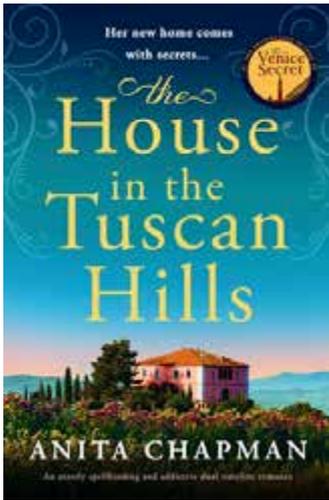
### Author Biography

Ella Carey is the international bestselling author of *The Things We Don't Say*, *Secret Shores*, *From a Paris Balcony*, *The House by the Lake*, and *Paris Time Capsule*. Her books have been published in over fourteen languages, in twelve countries, and have been shortlisted for ARRA awards. A Francophile who has long been fascinated by secret histories set in Europe's entrancing past, Ella has degrees in music, nineteenth-century women's fiction, and modern European history.



Historical

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Daughters of Italy 3



## The House in the Tuscan Hills

### Anita Chapman

For fans of Lucinda Riley and Fiona Valpy

The Venice Secret was published in March 2023 and spent six weeks in the overall Amazon UK Kindle Top 100, reaching number thirty-eight. It has received 5M+ KU pages read so far

#### Editor's Note

Set against the lush green hills of Tuscany, bestselling author Anita Chapman tells a beautiful tale of tragic romance, heartbreaking sacrifice and long-buried family secrets that will change the lives of generations to come. When Jen inherits an opal ring and a house in the Tuscan hills from a great aunt she didn't know existed, the journey she embarks on draws her to the little pink house in the hills to unravel the history of her family, learn what's been hidden all these years, and perhaps find purpose and love for herself along the way... This is a timeless, sweeping, romantic page-turner which tells the story of great love and great tragedy, and the importance of family through it all.

#### Retail Description

Italy, 1944. Despite the war raging across Europe, Liliana is overjoyed to be engaged to her childhood love Salvatore – happy enough to ignore the superstition that her opal ring is supposedly bad luck. But then Salvatore is injured fighting for the Italian resistance. Liliana clasps his bandaged face in her hands and looks deep into his eyes – and feels her heart fracture when he doesn't recognise her. Distraught, she blames the ring. And unable to bear him moving on without her, she decides to flee to England – hiding a secret she vows to protect until her dying day...

England, present day. Heartbroken after her fiancé left her for her best friend, Jen is desperate for home comfort and normality. But when a handsome Italian stranger called Matteo tells her that her grandmother Liliana's sister has left Jen an opal ring and a house in the Tuscan hills, she can't resist the chance to see where Liliana grew up – and perhaps find out why her secretive grandmother turned so pale at the sight of the glittering ring. Matteo's warm brown eyes sparkle invitingly, and as they arrive at the charmingly rustic house with its pink walls and green shutters, Jen feels a rush of hope. She dreams of the life she could build here – and the answers the little opal ring might give her...

But just as Jen starts to believe in a fresh start, a mysterious woman arrives, laying claim to her inheritance. Will the story she tells heal Jen's broken heart – or tear her family apart forever?

#### Reviews for Anita Chapman

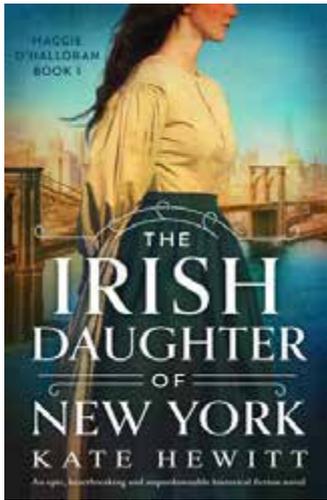
'Oh my... Took me on a full-blown tour of every emotion and left me reeling... An absolute triumph... All your emotions will be at the fore. I cannot recommend this book enough!' Book Escapes, ★★★★★

'I loved everything about it... Phenomenal.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Anita likes to read journals and diaries from the past, and one of her favourite pastimes is visiting art galleries and country houses. Her first published novel, *The Venice Secret*, is inspired by her mother taking her to see the Canalettos at The National Gallery in London as a child. *The Venice Secret* was published in March 2023 and spent six weeks in the overall Amazon UK Kindle Top 100, reaching number thirty-eight.





## The Irish Daughter of New York

### Kate Hewitt

For fans of moving historical fiction, Kristin Harmel and Jean Grainger

Author has sold over 1.5 million copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

#### Editor's Note

1891. In this new sweeping historical fiction series, we meet Maggie O'Halloran, a feisty Irish immigrant determined to make a name for herself in New York City. But when her father fails to meet her and her brother at the docks, Maggie's dreams of a new future crumble to dust. Penniless, and without a friend in the world, Maggie must find her way in the streets of Manhattan. Will Maggie have the strength to ward off love, and stay focused on making her dreams come true?

#### Retail Description

Maggie O'Halloran gazes at the Statue of Liberty, her eyes wide with wonder. "At last," she breathes softly. "This is where my future begins..."

New York City, 1891: Stepping off the boat she boarded in Ireland, Maggie O'Halloran's heart is filled with hope for this brave new world. But when her father isn't waiting at the docks as planned, her excitement vanishes with the terrible realization she and her brother Danny are utterly alone—homeless, penniless and without a friend in the world.

Life on the Lower East Side is hard and grindingly poor, but Maggie is determined to survive. As she gazes longingly into the windows of Manhattan's famous department stores, she dreams of owning her own millinery shop and becoming independent at last. And when fellow Irishman Brendan O'Donoghue offers her and Danny refuge, Maggie finally feels hope for their future.

Finding work with a wealthy family on the Upper East Side, Maggie's dreams begin to feel closer than ever before. But just as her fortunes finally change, her brother's involvement with a notorious New York gang brings terrible danger to both her and Brendan's doors. Facing a heartbreaking decision, can Maggie save her brother and protect the new life she's built? Or will the American dream she has held so close to her heart be lost forever?

#### Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"WOW! This book completely hooked me from the first page to the last... I literally couldn't put it down... Amazing." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Gripped me, made my heart race and my breathing stop... Heartbreaking... 5 stars and more!" Inspiredbypmdd ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

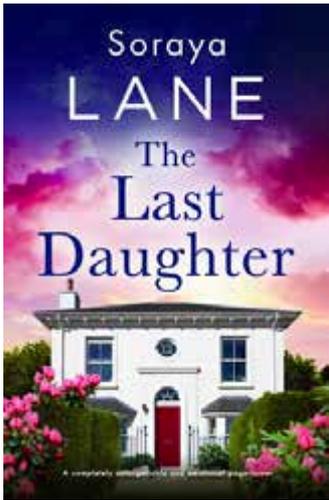
Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle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



Historical

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## The Last Daughter

### Soraya Lane

For fans of Santa Montefiore, Lucinda Riley and Victoria Hislop.

The Lost Daughters series has over 20 million KU pages read and has been translated into 20 languages

#### Editor's Note

From the number 1 international bestselling author Soraya Lane comes the final story in The Lost Daughters series and a completely spellbinding novel which takes us right back to where Hope's House all started. In the present day we meet Mia, Hope's great-niece who is piecing together the history of the house. Having reunited all of the women with their boxes and the true family history only one box remains. Within it lies a little drawing of a fairy and a small bottle of absinthe which leads her to the streets of Paris, where's Hope's own passionate love story begins. This final novel is filled with lost loves, second chances and an ending which will leave you with tears in your eyes and joy in your heart.

#### Retail Description

Hope looked up at Gus, his fingers linked with hers as he smiled down at her. The wind whipped at her hair, cool against her skin, but all she cared about was the man standing in front of her. 'I choose you, Hope,' he whispered. 'A thousand times over, I choose you.'

London, Present day: Mia clutches the last remaining box found at Hope's House in her hands. For months she has been determined to reunite every box with its rightful owner. But now it's time for her to discover Hope's own heartbreaking story.

France 1938: When Hope meets Gus in the lively streets of Paris, she finally feels that she has met her kindred spirit. But as they plan their dream future together, it is clear that Gus's father will never allow their romance to develop. Defying his wishes, Gus promises Hope that they will be together after his army training.

But with France on the brink of war, Hope travels back to London for safety, cradling a life-changing secret. Then devastating news arrives which threatens Hope's future and shatters her heart. In the darkest days of war, will Hope find the courage to give others the chance of a brighter future? And will her own story of strength inspire Mia to follow her heart? The utterly gorgeous and heartbreaking final novel in the Lost Daughters series will leave you spellbound.

#### Reviews for Soraya Lane

'AN ABSOLUTELY STUNNING MUST READ!!... I loved every page... A true page-turning, perfect romance that will sweep you off your feet.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Absolutely love... Pull[s] on the heartstrings!... A real page-turner... Beautiful... Incredibly moving and my heart really broke... I loved this novel so much... Wonderful... Gorgeous... Heartbreaking... Will make you cry (both sad and happy tears)... Mesmerising.' Cindy L Spear, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Soraya Lane graduated with a law degree before realising that law wasn't the career for her and that her future was in writing. She is the author of historical and contemporary women's fiction, including the #1 Kindle bestselling novels The Last Correspondent and The Secrets We Left Behind.



Historical



## The War Orphan's Courage Jenna Ness

For fans of Roberta Kagan, Kristin Hannah and Kelly Rimmer

Third in a new historical fiction series from new-to-Bookouture author Jenna Ness

### Editor's Note

The third instalment in Jenna Ness' page-turning Orphans of St Agnes series picks up where the previous book left off, and follows Jewish orphan Josette as she fights to save the people she loves the most as the Nazi occupation of Paris comes to a head. Both heart-warming and tear-jerking, this is an utterly heartbreaking novel about incredible courage and finding hope in the darkest of places.

### Retail Description

Paris, 1944. Stepping under the dim glow of the streetlamp, Jewish orphan Josette tightens her coat and adjusts her leather satchel. The German soldiers who patrol the streets see neat plaits and shined shoes, but she is no schoolgirl. For months she has been slipping unnoticed past the enemy carrying important messages for the Resistance inside hollowed-out textbooks.

Shouts echo down the twisty cobbled streets, but she takes a deep breath and checks her disguise. The man she loves is waiting for her, desperate for the secret documents she's carrying – she cannot let him down. Her heart skips as she thinks of Paul. The passion and devotion with which he leads their resistance group. The warmth in his voice when he talks about his beloved little sister Suzanne. The look in his brown eyes when he holds Josette close under starry skies each night and tells her he loves her...

But everything changes when Josette hears the terrible news. Suzanne has been captured by the Nazis, accused of treason. Fear gripping her, Josette knows that if she and Paul can find a way into the prison by morning, they might be able to save her, but it may cost them everything.

Can Josette and Paul rescue Suzanne before it's too late? Or will they have to sacrifice everything to force their enemies to set her free?

### Reviews for Jenna Ness

'Breathtaking, heart-wrenching historical novel that I couldn't put down... Completely stole my heart... A must-read. Absolutely stunning... Unforgettable.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Completely nail-biting... I lost count of how many times I was brought to tears.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

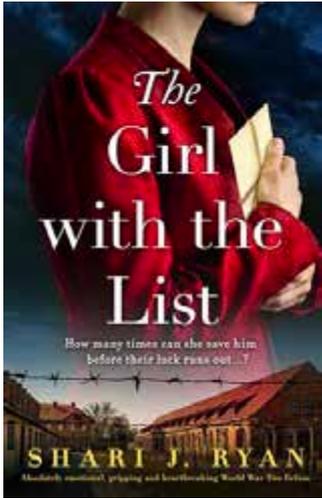
### Author Biography

Jenna has sold four million romance novels in twenty different languages and is a USA Today-bestselling author. She lives in Idaho with her family and two dogs who follow her like ducklings from her desk to the fridge – Cosmo, a badly behaved Black Lab, and Scootie, a twenty-pound Chihuahua.



Historical

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## The Girl with the List

### Shari J. Ryan

For fans of *The Midwife of Auschwitz*, *The Choice* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*.

From the author of *The Bookseller of Dachau* (22,000). Previous titles have sold over 130,000 copies, with 59M KU pages read

#### Editor's Note

Forced to aid in the medical selections in Auschwitz, Rosalie tries to save as many men as she can by marking them as 'fit' rather than 'unfit' - but her rebellion becomes even more personal when the man she's loved since childhood appears in front of her for judgement... Until one day, he's no longer in her line. This beautiful and heartbreaking novel is deeply packed with raw emotion, dealing with harrowing topics tenderly, and providing a glimmer of hope in the darkest of places. It is a dual POV from two brave, loyal, dedicated characters determined to do whatever it takes to survive. Beautifully written, this page-turning story will stay with you long after you turn the last page.

#### Retail Description

Day in, day out, servant Rosalie is forced to aid in the harrowing medical selections at Auschwitz, marking prisoners as “fit” or “unfit” with trembling hands. She once thought “unfit” meant they’d get the help they needed. Now she knows the devastating truth: “Fit” means they live another day, “unfit” means they don’t...

Every day, her heart breaks further as she hopelessly scans the crowds for the face of the man she loves, torn from her a year ago simply for being Jewish. Praying that he’s still alive, Rosalie desperately tries to save as many other men as she can—risking everything by marking them as fit and hoping her act of rebellion isn’t noticed.

Then one icy morning, she looks up from her list into the stunning green eyes of the man in her line—the man her heart beats for. And now the real fight begins, as Rosalie risks her life to save Stefan’s again and again. But then one morning, Stefan isn’t there. Rosalie frantically searches for him, blood turning to ice. He’s gone. But how far will she go to find him? And can he stay alive without her until she does...?

#### Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

“Wow, wow, wow, wow!!!!... I LOVED this... One of the most emotional and gut-wrenching books I have read... I shed so many tears... I've not cried like that whilst reading for a long time!!!!... A MUST-READ!” Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

“Heartbreaking and emotional... A tearjerker... Utterly amazing... I didn’t want this heartbreaking story to end... Will stay with me for a very long time.” leona.omahony, ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Shari J. Ryan is a USA Today Bestselling Historical Fiction writer. Her desire to write stories revolving Jewish livelihood during World War II stems from being a descendant of two Holocaust survivors. In 2016, Shari began writing her first Historical Fiction novel, *Last Words*, a story about a lifelong journey through the eyes of a Holocaust survivor. With two character related books to follow, Shari quickly found a new passion to share untold World War II stories within a fictional setting.





## The Orphan at the Irish Adoption House Michelle Vernal

For fans of Jean Grainger, Lisa Wingate and Rachael English

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 42M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

### Editor's Note

In the third book in The Irish Adoption House series, we follow Mary-Kate. Growing up an orphan, Mary-Kate has no choice but to go to St Patrick's to give birth to her baby. But she is determined that her child will not grow up alone, like she did. With help from previous resident of the home, Maudie O'Connor, can she reunite with her baby, after she is taken from her mother's arms? Michelle's beautiful writing will enchant you and take you on a heartbreaking journey, one that ends with joyful tears and wonderful friendships. You won't be able to put it down!

### Retail Description

Ireland, 1925. When Mary-Kate's baby is taken away from her, nothing can reassure her that, now an orphan lost in the world, her little boy will have a better life. She knows what it's like to be without a family: St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home is not the first orphanage she's lived in, and even though she can't give her son a father, or a perfect life, she will do anything she can to get him back.

But heartbroken and desperate, Mary-Kate doesn't know how to find her baby, until she receives a letter from an old friend, a letter that changes everything...

Help is coming for Mary-Kate. But as much as the secret plan to reunite her with her little boy raises her spirits, the letter is also gut-wrenching. Why was she left to grow up all alone... when her father is actually alive?

Could Mary-Kate really have a family out there to rely on? Or will the devastating family secrets she's about to uncover put her and her baby in more danger than ever before?

### Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Heart-wrenching... an unputdownable read. I couldn't resist flipping through the pages, my eyes brimming with tears... A heart-warming tale that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on my heart.' Page Turners, ★★★★★

'I came to tears... A heartbreaking read.... Gripping... Held my attention and my heart from beginning to end.' Robin Loves Reading, ★★★★★

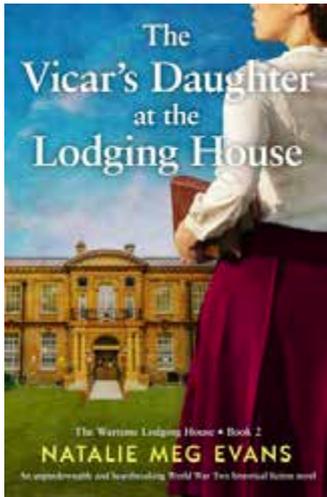
### Author Biography

Michelle Vernal is a New Zealand author who writes stories that will take you onto the page with her characters and make you feel part of their lives. She writes with humour and warmth, and her readers describe her books as unputdownable, feel good and funny. In 2015 she was shortlisted for the Love Stories Award. In 2020 she won the Reader's Favorite Gold Medal Award for Chick lit, and in 2021 was shortlisted for the Page Turner Book Awards.



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The Irish Adoption House 3



## The Vicar's Daughter at the Lodging House Natalie Meg Evans

For fans of Jean Grainger, Lisa Wingate and Diney Costeloe

Previous titles have sold over 152k copies to date

### Editor's Note

In Book 2 in The Wartime Lodging House series, we follow Jess Gresham. She came to London chasing the truth about what happened to her sister, but is not ready for a city at war. Out of her depth, she looks to her new roommates for friendship and aide - but when one shares a last name with a dangerous man in her own sister's story, she's not sure if she can trust them. Set against a backdrop of London during the Blitz, this story of friendship, love and devastating family secrets is beautiful example of Natalie Meg Evan's skill at writing heart-wrenching and spirit-lifting fiction.

### Retail Description

London, 1940. When Jess Gresham arrives in the capital, she's completely out of her depth. With bombs falling and a heartbreaking family lie about her beloved sister to get to the bottom of, can she find the help she needs at a Mayfair lodging house?

When Jess discovers the letter from her older sister Charlotte tucked into an old typewriter, her world is shaken. It's dated two days after their father, the vicar, said she died. How could he lie about that? Desperate to uncover the truth, Jess must find her sister. The London location in her sister's letter is her only clue...

Leaving her quiet life in the country as a vicar's daughter behind, now Jess is in the city in wartime, her gasmask slung around her shoulder. Her one refuge is her room at a Mayfair lodging house with two other girls. Wealthy Betty is all style and charm, but she's trying to shake her aristocratic airs and graces. Irish nurse Grace with her easy smile is much more down to earth, but Jess is certain she's keeping a secret...

With war throwing the three girls together, can Jess's new friends help find her missing sister, despite the secrets between them? Or will they be torn apart for good?

### Reviews for Natalie Meg Evans

'Wow, this book packs a punch!... Brilliant... Heartbreaking... Oh, my goodness, the secrets... Had me gasping and picking my jaw up off the floor... I was speechless.' The Plain Spoken Pen, ★★★★★

'What a gripping story!... Amazing... Heart-stopping... Gripping, captivating, addictive, full of intrigue, suspense, and twists... I couldn't set it down!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

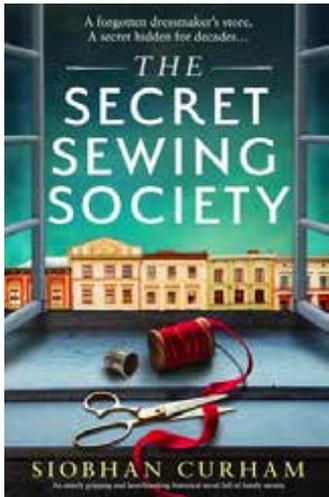
### Author Biography

Natalie Meg Evans has been an art student, actor, PR copywriter, book-keeper and bar tender but always wanted to write. A USA Today best-seller and RITA nominee, she is author of four published novels which follow the fortunes of strong-minded women during the 1930s and 40s.



Historical

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The Wartime Lodging House 2



## The Secret Sewing Society

### Siobhan Curham

For fans of Evie Woods, Fiona Valpy and The Keeper of Happy Endings.

Siobhan's novels have sold 149,000+ copies and have 53M KU pages read. The Secret Sewing Society hit the top 100 in the Kindle charts.

#### Editor's Note

A historical novel set between 2021 and 1939 in Lviv, Ukraine, this story unites generations of women in one family as they bravely fight against the war that has come to their doorstep. Ana has been left a property in Lviv in her estranged mother's will, alongside an embroidered emblem. She has no idea how her mother came to own the property or why. Siobhan visited Ukraine during the war, living through air raids and power outages and the book is full of this real-life experience. This is a big, sweeping family story with a compelling mystery and romance at its heart. Siobhan is particularly talented at writing characters you instantly adore and root for, and we have that here in spades.

#### Retail Description

Every stitch contains a spark of rebellion...

Occupied Ukraine, 1940. Zirka and her cousin Perla embroider quietly by candlelight in their old dressmaker's shop. War is raging: and hidden in the intricate traditional embroidery are secret messages for the resistance. If the two women are caught, or betrayed, it would mean certain death...

Lviv, 2022. As Ana gazes around at the peeling wallpaper, she hopes the little shop she was shocked to inherit will bring her closer to the memory of her grandmother Zirka. After Ana's mother suddenly refused to see or speak to Zirka decades ago, Ana has been desperate to find out what tore them apart.

But Ana finds a diary stashed in a long-forgotten kitchen drawer. The pages inside tell of a secret sewing society vital to the war effort, a doomed love affair, and a woman on the run with a newborn. Will Ana ever discover the truth about her family? And now war has come again to this beautiful city, will Ana learn that some wartime secrets are too dangerous to uncover?

#### Reviews for Siobhan Curham

'WOW!... this novel completely pulled me in... gripping... unforgettable... heart-breaking in the best way... powerful.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HEARTBREAKING... powerful and emotional...will stay with you long after you finish it... Gripping.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

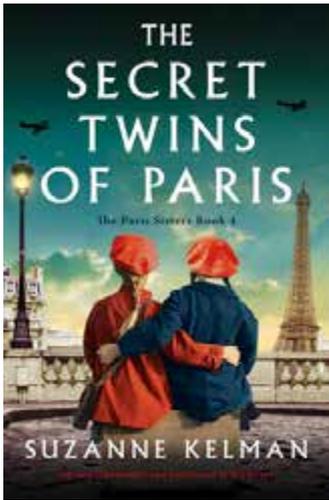
#### Author Biography

Siobhan Curham is an award-winning author, ghost writer, editor and writing coach. She has also written for many newspapers, magazines and websites, including The Guardian, Cosmopolitan, and Writers' Forum. Siobhan has been a guest on various radio and TV shows, including Woman's Hour, BBC News, GMTV and BBC Breakfast. And she has spoken at businesses, schools, universities and literary festivals around the world.



Historical

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## The Secret Twins of Paris

### Suzanne Kelman

For fans of Roberta Kagan, Kristin Hannah, and Fiona Valpy

Author has sold over 450,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon charts

#### Editor's Note

The fourth novel in the Paris Sisters series follows dancer Gigi Valette in WW2 France. As the Germans invade Paris, Gigi must decide how much she will risk to stop the Nazis from taking everything she has ever loved. And she uses her performance skills to spy on the Nazis, she risks her life each night in the hopes that a crucial piece of information may save the twins she has come to love.

#### Retail Description

'You must find her, my darling girl.' Lily's mother whispers, pressing a small brass key into her palm. 'You must find my twin sister, before it is too late...'

Paris, 2011: Lily Tremaine's hands shake as she opens the envelope addressed in her mother's hand. The faded letter inside reveals the long-buried family secret that her mother had a twin she was separated from during The Second World War. A tear slides down Lily's cheek, knowing the loss of a sister caused her mother so much heartbreak. And now, after all these years, her mother needs Lily to find her...

As Lily begins to piece together the fragments of her mother's story, she meets Julien, a photographer whose research contains the clues she needs to unlock the past. As they pore over faded black and white photographs together, a warm feeling begins to stir in Lily's chest. But she knows she can't bury her own recent heartbreak just yet, not until she has fulfilled her mother's wish.

When the truth of what happened to the young twins is revealed, it is more shocking than Lily could have ever anticipated. And with her mother's health failing, she is running out of time to find her mother's missing sister. Can Lily piece together long-buried family secrets from the war in time to reunite the lost twins of Paris before it is too late?

#### Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

'Beautiful... Devastatingly powerful... I found myself holding my breath... An unforgettable, heart-shattering read that will leave you in tears and stay with you long after you've turned the final page.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Wow this story was a rollercoaster of emotions from start to finish. I loved it, I was totally captivated and couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

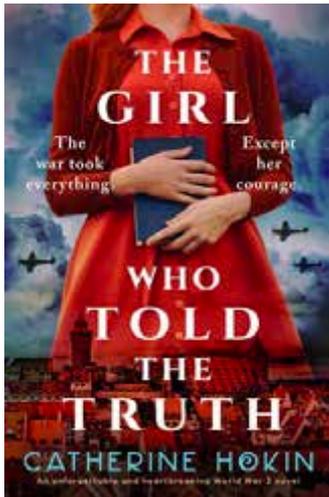
Suzanne Kelman is a 2015 Academy of Motion Pictures Nicholl Finalist, Multi-Award-Winning Screenwriter and a Film Producer. As well as working in film she is also an International Amazon Bestselling Fiction Author of the Southlea Bay Series – The Rejected Writers' Book Club, Rejected Writers Take the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



Historical

400 pages | Pub Date 20/1/2026 | 9781837905331 | Unagented

The Paris Sisters 4



## The Girl Who Told the Truth Catherine Hokin

For fans of Kristin Hannah, Roberta Kagan and Ellie Midwood.

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 350,000 copies

### Editor's Note

This is a breathtakingly beautiful, moving novel about one woman's incredible bravery in the face of rising fascism. Annie is a young British girl, who becomes determined to thwart German woman Grete's plans to re-launch a new Third Reich following the war. Grete was in the bunker with Hitler and is close friends with Oswald Mosley. Annie is the heart of this novel, desperate for answers as to what happened to her mother, but also determined to stop Grete. It is a powerful and moving story about resistance and hope. The story follows her secret acts of resistance, culminating in a final, unimaginable choice - potentially sacrificing her marriage for the sake of her country.

### Retail Description

Blood surges through Annie's veins as she stares into the cold eyes of the Nazi who destroyed her family. This is her last chance to make it right...

London, 1941. The war has already taken everything from Annie. Her sweetheart Harry returned from the front with broken limbs and grief-stricken eyes, and her father betrayed his family by joining the Nazis. But with each new day at her desk in the War Office, a flame burns inside her to right her father's wrongs and do everything she can to stop the war...

Nuremberg Trials, 1946. The war is over, but the search for justice is just beginning. Annie's stomach churns when she sees Margarete outside the courtroom. This woman stole her father away and was one of the last people inside Hitler's bunker. Since the war ended Margarete has continued to support the Nazis. Annie knows this is her only chance to expose her.

But if she tells the truth, Annie must also reveal her father's dark past, putting her own family's safety at risk. With an impossible choice to make, will Annie have the courage to tell the world the truth about who Margarete really is, no matter the cost?

### Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'Gripped me from the first page... The tension builds relentlessly... Twists kept me on edge...Impossible to put down... Amazing.' rubie\_reads, ★★★★★

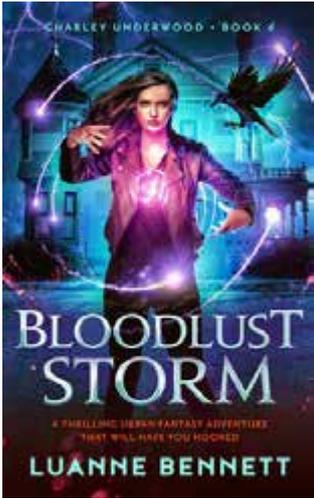
'I couldn't put [it] down! What an incredible story... A must-read.' Christian Novel Review, ★★★★★

### Author Biography

Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition.



# Science Fiction & Fantasy



## Bloodlust Storm Luanne Bennett

For fans of Kim Richardson, Charlaine Harris, and Patricia Briggs

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### Editor's Note

Luanne Bennett is a master storyteller with over 10,000 five-star ratings on Amazon. Exciting and warming, the Charley Underwood series is like a night of whisky shots in a hometown bar. If your hometown is full of dangerous vampires. This is thrilling urban fantasy from one of the best in the game, with warring wolf shifters, witches and vampires. The town of Crimson also has an array of very real issues, from addiction to racism, that bring it fully to life. The action is hard hitting, with bar fights and back-alley brawls. But it's the vibrant characters that will keep the reader coming back for more. From a sarcastic dominatrix witch to squabbling bartenders to a mysterious vampire with an equally mysterious cat.

### Retail Description

Welcome to Crimson, Georgia. I'm Charley Underwood—the witch trying to save this town from a magical apocalypse...

When my mother died, I inherited her dive bar and her magic. As well as a duty to protect my hometown from supernatural monsters.

An ancient, bloodthirsty vampire is buried below Crimson. After more than a century, the enchantment that imprisons him is failing. If I can't fix it, Lazerus Blackmore will rise again... And force us all to kneel before him.

A deadly cult is working to set Lazerus free. Its members have been hiding in the town for years, waiting to strike. Could my neighbors—or even my friends—be taking part in the cult's dark rituals?

Dark magic is spreading through the streets. As it does, the vampires in town are slowly consumed by bloodlust, turning them to ruthless predators who hunt humans as prey.

I won't stand by while this ancient evil takes over my home. But as Lazerus finally breaks free, I realize it isn't Crimson he wants... It's me.

### Reviews for Luanne Bennett

"Oh, I am hooked. Vampires, werewolves, demons, witches—check check check... Addictive... Has everything I want in a paranormal thriller. I loved the characters... Sucked me into the story, casting a spell on me as I read... I can't wait for the next one!!!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"I absolutely loved it!... I was hooked from the very first moment that I started reading. I finished with a day... I just loved everything!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

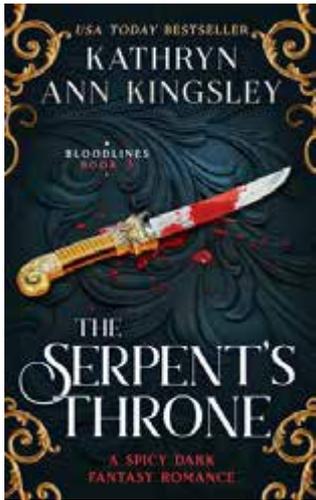
### Author Biography

Luanne Bennett spent years working in the technology field before taking the plunge into full-time writing. Starting as a successful indie author, she writes contemporary and urban fantasy with diverse, eclectic characters. Her books are all about found families, and she makes her readers feel like they're part of them, which always brings them back for more.



Fantasy

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Charley Underwood 6



## The Serpent's Throne Kathryn Ann Kingsley

For fans of Carissa Broadbent, Keri Lake, and Kaylie Smith.

The Bloodlines series has sold over 10,000 units and has 5.7M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

A deadly marriage of vampires and mafia romance that will leave you breathless. In the finale of the series, Nadi and Raziel must survive the dangerous underworld inhabited by the fae, before launching a final attack on the city above, to destroy Raziel's family once and for all. And discover the secret origin of the vampires. This is an intensely spicy romantasy about giving in to forbidden desire. Raziel is the perfect dark fantasy love interest—irresistible and utterly ruthless—but Nadi is more than a match for him. The sexual tension between them will give you shivers. Vampires are on the rise again, and this is a unique twist on their power and appeal. Dark, indulgent, and thrilling, this is a romantasy reader's dream.

### Retail Description

I swore I'd kill Raziel Nostrom. Now he owns my heart...

After a shattering betrayal, Nadi and Raziel flee into the Wild—the endless labyrinth of caves that is home to the fae.

Nadi trained for years to infiltrate and kill a ruthless family of vampires. Now she faces an even deadlier challenge—returning to her own family with their most hated enemy by her side.

In a realm of flickering lights and terrifying monsters, the desire that binds her to Raziel only grows stronger. Enemies and allies wish to tear them apart, but she still craves his razor-sharp smile, his touch, his bite...

In the city above, Raziel's siblings are building a new world, where vampires rule with no restraint and no mercy. Soon their power will be untouchable.

Nadi and Raziel only have each other. Two shattered and broken things, in a world that wants them dead. Two perfect assassins, sharpened to a killing edge and hungry for revenge.

Their love was forged in blood. And it will end in blood...

### Reviews for Kathryn Ann Kingsley

"I am obsessed. This was FIRE... Phenomenal... A dark and dangerous read that had me in a chokehold... Seriously delicious... 100/10 stars... Incredible!!!!!" Always.reading\_lisa, ★★★★★

"I ATE. IT. UP. The spice was spicing. The FMC was a baddie and the MMC was a daddy (metaphorically) and I simply need more. The way this book just ended has me begging for more. I NEED ITTTTTT NOWWWWWW." Thespicereader, ★★★★★

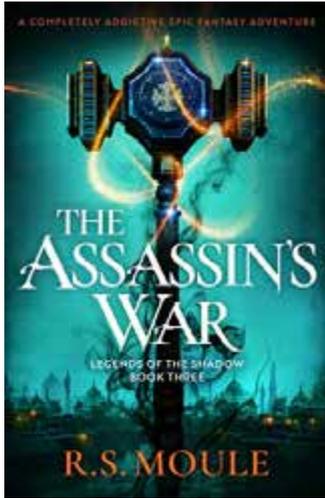
### Author Biography

As a USA Today bestselling author and award-winning designer, Kat has always been a storyteller. She delights in spinning stories of the sweetest nightmares to delight her readers with her unique twist of fantasy, horror, and romance. With ten years in script-writing for performances on both the stage and for tourism, she has always been writing in one form or another.



Fantasy

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Bloodlines 3



## The Assassin's War

### R.S. Moule

For fans of Joe Abercrombie, John Gwynne, and Scott Lynch.

The Erland saga has garnered over 3.4M KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

They say never meet your heroes...Cetrik was raised on stories of the legendary assassin Locan A'Shadow. But when he travels to the untamed wilds of Narlond and seeks out his idol, he is shocked. Because Locan is no hero – yes, he's deadly, but he's cynical, sarcastic and rude, with no interest in helping others.

Still, when bandits and a monstrous wrorc attack the community where Locan was hiding, he steps up to save the day. And when he discovers that a terrifying enemy from his past – the vampyre Solis Deadhand – was behind the attack, Locan sets out with Cetrik on a thrilling mission. One that looks a lot like the epic tales told of his past...

#### Retail Description

The world's greatest assassin. An enchanted prison. And a deadly mission—to set him free.

Legendary assassin Locan A'Shadow has been ambushed and captured by raiders. His companion Cetrik pursues the kidnappers across land and sea to Rameon—capital of the Dominion empire.

Rameon is more beautiful and deadly than Cetrik could ever have imagined—a twisting maze of blood and gold, where senators and courtesans play vicious games of power. But the city is on the brink of disaster...

A vast army of nomads has invaded, sweeping all before them. Now they are almost at Rameon's walls. There is only one way to save the city—killing the warlord who binds them together. The Dominion doesn't need a hero. It needs an assassin...

But Locan is locked deep in Rameon's most notorious prison as warring factions bid on his life. Can Cetrik find a way to break him out, before the greatest city in the world is burned to ashes?

#### Reviews for R.S. Moule

"What a book. Wow. If I could rate this more than 5 stars I would... I absolutely devoured it. You seriously need to make this your next fantasy read." Chezza's Life ★★★★★

"Had me hook, line, and sinker... The pace is so fast and the action is back to back... Absolutely loved this book! Phenomenal... I was totally immersed." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

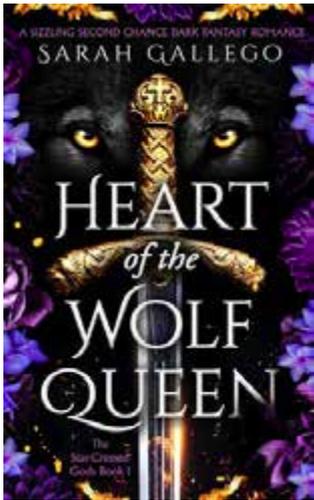
Roger Stephen Moule lives in South London with his wife Eloise and their cat Tinks. He has a passion for writing epic fantasy grounded by human flaws and desires, set in worlds inspired by a childhood divided between his home in the soft, rolling hills of the Cotswolds and summers spent exploring the rugged coastline and deep glens of the Isle of Man. When not reading or writing, he can often be found playing guitar or watching football.



Fantasy

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Legends of the Shadow 3



## Heart of the Wolf Queen

### Sarah Gallego

For fans of Hannah Whitten, Leigh Bardugo and Sabel Sorensen

#### Editor's Note

The first book in the steamy The Star-Crossed Gods epic romantasy series, steeped in a rich, deliciously gothic atmosphere, includes a marriage of convenience and a heartbreakingly tense second-chance romance. Heart of the Wolf Queen is perfect for fans of Hannah Whitten, Leigh Bardugo and Sabel Sorensen who love feisty heroines. This is an own voices epic romantasy about a visually impaired princess with dark magic who must choose between marrying the man who betrayed her or be sacrificed to a vengeful god. This is a seriously sweeping and romantic epic fantasy that hits all the best tropes: marriage of convenience, forced proximity, second chance romance, a grumpy wolf companion, dark magic and necromancy.

#### Retail Description

Love could be her greatest weakness... or her deadliest weapon.

Sorrow Villente is no princess waiting to be saved. When a devastating accident blinded her, Sorrow was locked away at the top of a tower in the wilderness, offered up as a sacrifice to the gods. But Sorrow refuses to die quietly. Only she knows a dark magic burns inside her. With her fiercely protective wolf, Pablo, she spends every moment plotting her escape.

But when she finally breaks free, Sorrow is captured immediately... by the one man she never expected to see again.

Long ago, Sorrow and Matthias were inseparable. Tall and devastatingly handsome, with sparkling green eyes, the sight of him still sends her heart racing. Then she remembers the truth. When she needed him most, Matthias walked away. He didn't just abandon her. He betrayed her.

And he hasn't come to rescue her. Matthias is the ruler of a distant land, where monsters lurk in mist-shrouded forests. To save his kingdom, he needs an alliance with Sorrow's family – one that can be sealed only by marriage. Sorrow must choose: marry the man who broke her heart... or die.

#### Reviews for Sarah Gallego

'Fun fast-paced romantasy that was hard to put down. I love how [Sorrow] doesn't take sh\*t and the banter between her and Matthias was so enjoyable... my favorite... an incredible journey!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Exactly what I want in a romantasy novel! Fast-paced... yearning off the charts... I devoured it in less than 24 hours. I loved the dynamic between Sorrow and Matthias... I just love how [Sorrow] still has a spine and stands up for herself. I absolutely loved her... amazing animal sidekick... This one should be on everyone's radar.' Bookishbookwormreads, ★★★★★

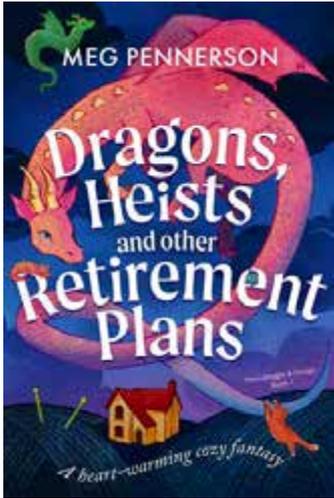
#### Author Biography

Sarah Gallego is a teacher from North Wales, where she lives with her husband and four children. She's the author of a sweeping romantasy releasing with Second Sky Books in Spring 2026. When she's not eagerly plotting more heartache for her characters, she can be found reading or drawing, always with an eclectic soundtrack in the background and a constant supply of tea.



Fantasy

412 pages | Pub Date 2/4/2026 | 9781805505051 | Unagented  
The Star-Crossed Gods 1



## Dragons, Heists and Other Retirement Plans by Meg Pennerison

For fans of TJ Klune and Travis Baldree.

### Editor's Note

Cosy rompy heist fantasy about two retired thieves who must go on one last heist to save some dragons and nuns. THURSDAY MURDER CLUB meets LEGENDS AND LATTES.

### Retail Description

A spellbinding cozy fantasy adventure that will make you believe in second chances. Complete with dragons. And cats. And dragon-cats.

Katherine and Imogene are done with their criminal past—honestly. They've traded in their outlaw lifestyle for seaside views, knitting projects (strictly non-magical), and only the occasional pub brawl (entirely accidental). But when an old friend begs them for help, they're back in the game.

Their last heist—the one they botched all those years ago—needs finishing. And fast.

Saint Percival's is in danger. The convent is sinking into the ground, and the dragons and nuns have been swindled out of their land by a ruthless real estate mogul. It's up to Katherine and Imogene to set things right, armed with enchanted needles and the power to knit a magical map straight to the villain's lair.

The mission? To go back to where it all ended, outwit their enemy and save Saint Percival's.

Except this time, they have the help of their beloved otherworldly cats and dragons. And the same charming rival who blew up their plans the first time round with just a wink...

### Reviews for Meg Pennerison

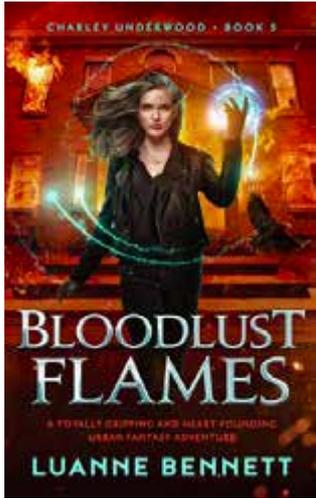
### Author Biography

Meg Pennerison is an ornithologist-turned-writer who loves learning about the natural world as much as she loves exploring fantastical ones. A believer in the adage that truth is stranger than fiction, she enjoys sprinkling elements of the -ologies into her cosy fantasy. She also has a soft spot for cats and is never without a cross-stitch project in progress. Her favourite stories feature comedy and kindness or teach her something new.



Fantasy

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Hornsboggle & Dodge 1



## Bloodlust Flames

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#### Retail Description

Fire leaps from shops and homes all over town. Crimson is at war. And I'm the only one who can put out the flames.

When my friend Dog claimed a female from the brutal northern pack as his mate, he started a war.

I was furious with Dog at first. Then the northern wolves tried to destroy my bar in retaliation. This is my fight now, whether I like it or not.

To defeat them, we'll need everyone in Crimson to stand side by side—vampires, wolves, and witches.

But the witches are distracted—struggling to contain an ancient evil hidden in their Victorian mansion. And the most powerful vampire in town won't help me without a very good reason.

It will take more than magic to bring us all together. Can I protect my friends and unite the town, before Crimson is torn apart?

#### Reviews for Luanne Bennett

"GIVE ME THE NEXT BOOK! I have so many questions! This was addictive and so action-packed. I couldn't put it down. I love Charley!" Zooloo's Book Diary, ★★★★★

"Another masterpiece from Luanne, I blew through this book from start to finish and could not put it down!... Book 6 can't come soon enough!... get your paws on this series NOW and start this amazing journey today!" molls\_bookshelf, ★★★★★

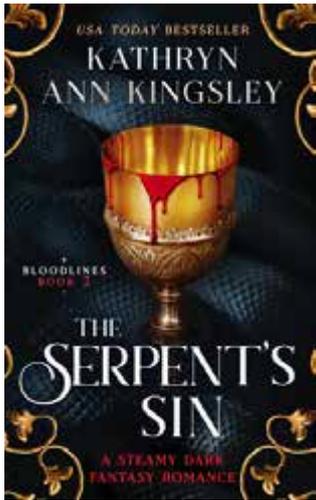
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Fantasy

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Charley Underwood 5



## The Serpent's Sin Kathryn Ann Kingsley

For fans of Carissa Broadbent, Keri Lake, and Kaylie Smith

The Bloodlines series has sold over 10,000 units and has 5.7M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

A deadly marriage of vampires and mafia romance that will leave you breathless. Nadi is now working with Raziel, after agreeing to take down his family together. But Raziel's alluring and vicious siblings have offers of their own for her that might change her loyalties... This is an intensely spicy romantasy about giving in to forbidden desire. Raziel is the perfect dark fantasy love interest—irresistible and utterly ruthless—but Nadi is more than a match for him. The sexual tension between them will give you shivers. Vampires are on the rise again, and this is a unique twist on their power and appeal. Dark, indulgent, and thrilling, this is a romantasy reader's dream.

### Retail Description

To destroy the vampires who killed her family... She must become one of them.

Nadi is trapped in a deadly alliance with Raziel Nostrom. After a honeymoon soaked in blood and desire, they make a pact—to take down his criminal family together.

Now Nadi is at the heart of the Nostrom empire, pretending to be a vampire. If her act slips even for a moment, they will tear her apart.

Raziel holds Nadi's life in his hands. And her heart... His wicked smile sets her body aflame, drawing her closer and closer. Still, he is a born killer—alluring and utterly ruthless. He could turn on her in an instant.

But Raziel is not the only one in his family with a taste for betrayal...

When his brother and sister approach her with proposals of their own, Nadi faces a desperate choice. Will she stand by Raziel, as the world turns against him? Or seize the perfect chance to destroy his family forever?

### Reviews for Kathryn Ann Kingsley

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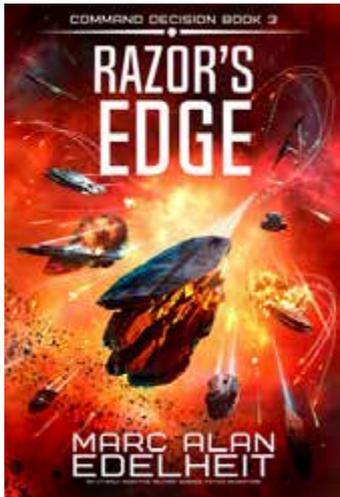
### Author Biography

As a USA Today bestselling author and award-winning designer, Kat has always been a storyteller. She delights in spinning stories of the sweetest nightmares to delight her readers with her unique twist of fantasy, horror, and romance. With ten years in script-writing for performances on both the stage and for tourism, she has always been writing in one form or another.



Fantasy

316 pages | Pub Date 23/1/2026 | 9781805501930 | Unagented  
Bloodlines 2



## Razor's Edge

### Marc Alan Edelheit

For fans of David Weber's Honor Harrington series and James S.A. Corey's The Expanse.

The third in the Command Decision series, that has sold 6,000 units and accumulated 4M KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

A military SF adventure packed with tactical combat, nail-biting tension, and rich character development. The Command Decision series off like a laser-guided rocket and never slows down. The combat scenes are thrilling, hard-hitting and utterly believable. The main character is dealing for the first time with the deadly responsibilities of command and it's hugely satisfying to see him transformed by the crucible of battle. Marc is an expert in military adventure, already beloved for his Roman-inspired epic fantasy and now one of the biggest new writers in science fiction. The series follows Steele as he commands ever larger starships and fleets, making life-or-death choices in ever larger battles.

#### Retail Description

Fighting deep behind enemy lines.  
Hunted by the enemy's most lethal commander.  
A single mistake could doom them all.

Planets burn and entire fleets are torn apart as the Hegemony advances into Union space. Unable to hold back the tide, the Union navy is gathering every available vessel for a desperate counterattack. Captain Jaxon Steele is ready to join the fight. But Fleet Command has an even more dangerous mission in mind...

Steele returns to the Santana system with a squadron of nine aging warships. His mission—to strike where the enemy least expects it, make himself a target, and lure their forces away from the main assault.

Santana is defended by a fleet of advanced Hegemony vessels, from agile destroyers to vast dreadnoughts. If Steele's ships are discovered, they will be annihilated. Even worse, the Hegemony have sent their most feared admiral to hunt him down—a brutal master strategist they call the Butcher.

Enemy sensors scan the darkness. Their ships are closing in. Can Steele thread his squadron through Santana's defences and land a decisive blow, to keep the Union in the war?

#### Reviews for Marc Alan Edelheit

"I realized that I wasn't going to get any sleep. (Just one more page... Just one more page)... I'm not just reading words on a page, I'm there... A hell of a ride." NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

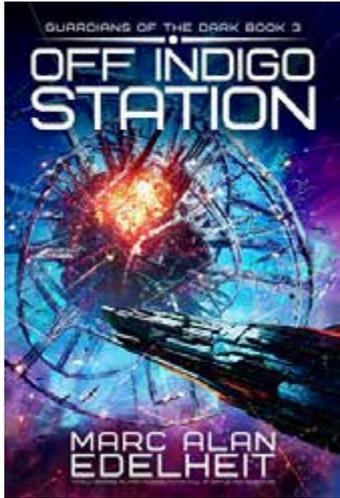
"Cutting edge... A wild ride that ended in truly epic fashion... I absolutely enjoyed it from start to finish... AMAZING." FanFiAddict ★★★★★

#### Author Biography

Marc is an avid reader and accomplished author that spends his days – and nights – dreaming and writing about all things fantasy and sci-fi. In 2015 he decided to make his dream a reality and published his first fantasy novel... the rest is history!



Science Fiction



## Off Indigo Station Marc Alan Edelheit

For fans of Jack Campbell, David Weber, and Marko Kloos.

The third in the Guardians of the Dark series, that has sold 14,000 units and accumulated 13M KU page reads.

### Editor's Note

A disgraced captain, a skeleton crew, and an experimental warship are humanity's last hope in this epic new space opera from bestseller Marc Alan Edelheit. With huge space battles, marine boarding raids, and fighter duels, this is military science fiction at its very best. It's perfect for fans of the biggest names in the genre, like David Weber, Marko Kloos and Craig Alanson. Facing an overwhelming alien enemy, Captain Jim Garrett must seize command of a half-built ship and embark on a journey of courage, innovation, and survival. Marc Alan Edelheit is a master of SFF storytelling, and one of the most successful self-published fantasy authors of all time.

### Retail Description

A single battle will decide the fate of humanity...

Before the enemy struck at Midway Station, Jim Garrett had never captained an active warship. Unexpectedly thrust into command, he now leads the most powerful task force in the Confederation. As a deadly new mission approaches, Garrett knows every decision he makes could save billions of lives. Or end them in an instant.

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Garrett knows he must execute his attack perfectly or watch as his fleet is torn apart, along with humanity's hopes of survival. But as his warships, fighters and marine dropships close in on the target, it becomes clear the enemy has been preparing a secret weapon... In the storm of battle, with his forces stretched to breaking point, Garrett must find a way to capture it, no matter the cost.

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Marc is an avid reader and accomplished author that spends his days – and nights – dreaming and writing about all things fantasy and sci-fi. In 2015 he decided to make his dream a reality and published his first fantasy novel... the rest is history!



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## Shadow War

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For fans of David Weber's Honor Harrington series and James S.A. Corey's The Expanse.

The second in the Command Decision series, that has sold 6,000 units and accumulated 4M KU page reads.

#### Editor's Note

A military SF adventure packed with tactical combat, nail-biting tension, and rich character development. The Command Decision series off like a laser-guided rocket and never slows down. The combat scenes are thrilling, hard-hitting and utterly believable. The main character is dealing for the first time with the deadly responsibilities of command and it's hugely satisfying to see him transformed by the crucible of battle. Marc is an expert in military adventure, already beloved for his Roman-inspired epic fantasy and now one of the biggest new writers in science fiction. The series follows Steele as he commands ever larger starships and fleets, making life-or-death choices in ever larger battles.

#### Retail Description

A lone destroyer. An enemy lurking in darkness. A deadly mission that could turn the tide of war.

Caught behind enemy lines, Captain Jaxon Steele fought his way out and saved the Union fleet from a devastating ambush. Now, as the Hegemony attacks on all fronts, Steele prepares to fight back.

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