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Rebecca is the author of three critically acclaimed novels, *The View on the Way Down* (2013), *The Followers* (2015) and *Our Fathers* (2020). She grew up in Oxfordshire and studied English at Oxford University, graduating with a First Class degree. She lives in London.

I'm Sorry You Feel That Way



TV/Film rights optioned by Two Cities

Sharply observed, funny, poignant family drama.

For Alice and Hanna, saint and sinner, growing up is a trial. There is their mother, who takes a divide and conquer approach to child-rearing, and their father, who takes an absent one. There is their older brother Michael, whose disapproval is a force to be reckoned with. There is the catastrophe that is never spoken of, but which has shaped everything.

As adults, Alice and Hanna must deal with disappointments in work and in love as well as increasingly complicated family tensions, and lives that look dismayingly dissimilar to what they'd intended.

They must look for a way to repair their own fractured relationship, and they must finally choose their own approach to their dominant mother: submit or burn the house down. And they must decide at last whether life is really anything more than (as Hanna would have it) a tragedy with a few hilarious moments.

UK Publisher: riverrun / Quercus
 Editor: Jon Riley & Jasmine Palmer
 Agent: Caroline Hardman
PB Publication: March 2023
 Material: Final PDF
 Hardcover: 388 pages

Rights Sold:
 German - Kein & Aber
 TV – Two Cities Television Ltd
 Russian - Under offer

Selected by *The Times* as a best fiction book of 2022
 Selected by *The Guardian* as a best fiction book of 2022
 Selected by *Good Housekeeping* as a best fiction book of 2022
 Selected by *Culture Whisper* as a favourite book of 2022
 Shortlisted for the *Nota Bene Prize 2023*
 Selected for the Dawn O'Porter Recommends bookclub

'Acutely and movingly written.'

Alice Snape, *Cosmopolitan*, 'The new books you need in your life'

'Brutally funny and whip smart.'

Hannah Beckerman, author of *The Impossible Truths of Love*

'Rebecca Wait's highly entertaining fourth novel is a masterclass in familial tensions, told with razor-sharp dialogue, wit and emotional insight.'

The Observer

'This sharp, wise comedy explores difficult family dynamics, from all-too-relatable emotional patterns to the inexplicable agonies of mental illness; yet it's also one of the funniest novels you'll read this year.'

***The Guardian*, 'Summer reading: the 50 hottest new books for a great escape', June 2022**

'You'll struggle to find a better opening sentence in fiction this year... Things happen, big dramatic things, and there's love and anguish and good people making terrible mistakes... It's a warm book and a touching one. And did I mention it's funny? Just read it. You'll see.'

Susie Goldsborough, *The Times*





ELIZABETH BROOKS

Elizabeth grew up in Chester. Ever since visiting Haworth Parsonage at the age of 13 she has wanted to be a novelist. Between 1998 and 2001 she read Classics at Newnham College, Cambridge. She lives on the Isle of Man with her husband and two children. Her hobbies include painting, playing the violin and most of all reading – preferably novels with a hint of the gothic.

The Woman in the Sable Coat



US Publisher: Tin House
 Editor: Masie Cochran
 Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: March 2024
 Material: Edited manuscript

A psychological mystery set during the Second World War. Two women from the same village stir up dark secrets from past and present.

At the height of the Second World War, a young woman joins the Air Force and rebels against her careful upbringing by embarking on an illicit affair with an officer. Nina risks losing everything for Guy Nicholson: her comfortable home, her childhood friends and especially the love of her father, the enigmatic widower, Henry Woodrow.

In the sleepy village of Cottenden, where divorce is taboo, Kate Nicholson struggles to cope with her new role as the 'wronged' wife. She finds a kindly listener in Henry and the two grow close, but it's not long before Kate finds herself embroiled in something much murkier, and more dangerous, than a straightforward friendship.

Set in England and Canada between 1934 and 1947, *The Woman in the Sable Coat* is the story of two families who become fatally entangled in one another's deepest, darkest secrets.



TRACY MATON

Tracy has had a varied career as a copy writer, a marketer, a quality improvement ambassador in the NHS and a children's entertainer. When she's not writing, she can be found swimming in her local lake. She lives in Bristol with her husband and three occasionally present children.

The Affable Anna Harris

Publisher: On submission
 Agent: Caroline Hardman
 Material: Unedited MS

The Affable Anna Harris is inspired by Patricia Highsmith's classic novel, *The Talented Mr Ripley*. Fans of Elizabeth Day and of the wit and darkness of Bella Mackie's *How to Kill Your Family* will relish Anna's acute mind and mordant humour.

Anna Harris is lying dormant in the depths of the English countryside when charismatic Sofia bowls into the village and pokes Anna awake.

Poor Sofia. She would have had a happier ending if she had left well alone.

The reawakened Anna, bored by her relationship with dependable Ben and suffocated by his close-knit family, encounters the very charming Mark and, on impulse, borrows Sofia's identity to start an affair. Increasingly Mark feels like the solution to her perpetual dissatisfaction. What a shame, he, too, has something to hide.

As Anna and Mark uncover each other's secrets, the stakes get higher and the fallout more deadly. But who will come out on top?



LORRAINE BROWN

Lorraine was one of 11 mentees chosen to be part of Penguin Random House's WriteNow programme which aims to launch the careers of writers from under-represented communities. As well as novels Lorraine writes screenplays and saw her first film, *The Love Issue*, released earlier this year. She previously trained as an actress and has recently completed a postgraduate diploma in psychodynamic counselling and now delivers counselling sessions to university students alongside her writing. She lives in London with her partner and their 10-year-old son. Lorraine tweets at @LorraineBrown23.

Couples Retreat

Publisher: Orion
Editor: Rhea Kurien
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: June 2024
Material: Edited manuscript

Scarlett Green and Theo Winters are two writers with only one bestselling book to their names: the one they wrote together all those years ago. None of the books they've written separately have ever been quite as successful.

Now at risk of being dropped by their respective publishers, Theo and Scarlett's agent suggests it's time for them to work together again. She doesn't know why they fell out and frankly she doesn't care! This is the only way they can save their careers. And surely an exclusive writers' retreat in the French Riviera isn't the worst way to spend a summer...

That is until Scarlett and Theo arrive at their Cote D'Azur resort and find out they're all booked... for a couples retreat!

Praise for *The Paris Connection*

'A magical modern love story, I've fallen head over heels for Paris again!'

- **Helly Acton**

'A wonderfully engaging tale of love and self-discovery that paints such an enchanting picture of Paris you'll be booking a seat on the Eurostar before you turn the final page!' - **Mike Gayle**

'A gorgeous, romantic book packed full of joy. I mean, who doesn't need to be whisked away to Paris.' - **Laura Pearson**

'A charming, romantic read, which gave me a real hankering for croissants!'

- **Sophie Cousens**

'Plotted to perfection and teeming with the rich sensory romance of Paris'

- **Kirsty Capes**

'With its sliding doors and picture postcard tour through Paris, *Uncoupling* is fresh, funny and just the tonic for dark winter nights' - **Zoe Folbigg**



Option publishers

Bulgaria - Soft Press
 Croatian - Fokus
 Czech - Euromedia
 Danish - Jentas
 Dutch - Xander
 Estonian - Ersen
 Finnish - Jentas

German - Luebbe
 Hungarian - Kossuth
 Polish - Kobiعة
 Portuguese - 2020
 Serbian - Vulkan
 Swedish - Jentas
 Turkish - İlkatsir



ISLA GORDON

Isla Gordon lives on the Jurassic Coast of England with her T. rex-sized Bernese Mountain Dog. Isla has five romantic comedies published under the name Lisa Dickenson, and two under Lucy Dickens. Isla can't go a day without finding dog hair in her mouth.

A New York Winter



Publisher: Sphere / L&B
Editor: Rebecca Roy
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: November 2023
Material: Final PDF
Paperback: 356 pages

Option publisher:
 Italian - Newton Compton

Can all your wishes come true in the snow-filled city of dreams?

When she was nineteen, on a magical long weekend in New York City, Ashling created a list of her five life goals. There, she'd felt inspired to dream big, but now, ten years later, with four out of five goals having crumbled before her, she realises she has only one option left to live the life she's always dreamed of: move to New York City, before it's too late.

Armed with a 90-day tourist visa, she's sure that a winter in the city that never sleeps will help her realise new dreams and finally get her life on track - after all, it's done it once before. However, after arriving in the Big Apple with nowhere to live, Ashling realises that she may be in over her head, until River arrives in her life . . . River is miserable - he's newly single, unemployed and feeling entirely lost - but sensing Ashling could do with the help, he offers her a room in his flatshare. Despite their clashing personalities, over the course of the winter, outgoing Ashling finds herself growing closer to quiet, geeky River - but is he just shy or is there another reason he's holding back?



VICTORIA WALTERS

Victoria Walters is the author of both cosy crime and romantic novels, including the bestselling Glendale Hall series. She has been chosen for WHSmith Fresh Talent, shortlisted for two RNA awards and was picked as an Amazon Rising Star. Victoria is a full time author. She lives in Surrey with her cat Harry and has an active and engaged social media following, which keeps her very busy. She can be found on Instagram @vickyjwalters and Twitter @vicky_walters.

The Love Interest

Publisher: Boldwood Books
Editor: Emily Yau
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: March 2024
Material: Unedited manuscript

Liv has moved to London and found a part-time job at a University library. She dreams about writing a romance novel but is always stuck when it comes to creating a love interest for it, lacking a real-life romantic hero to base him on.

When her brother's best friend Aiden Rivers accepts a job teaching at the same university and asks to move in with them while he finds his own flat, Liv can't believe her bad luck. Aiden is irritating and pushes all her buttons and now, suddenly, he's everywhere that she is. Worst of all, he's gorgeous, has a sexy accent and reminds her of her all-time favourite love interest Mr Darcy.

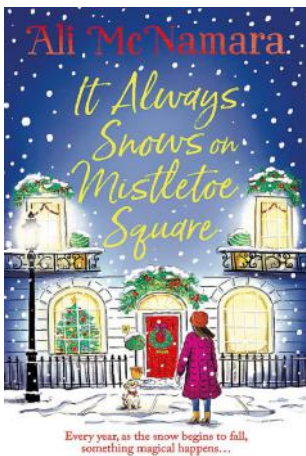
Liv finds herself unexpectedly inspired by her enemy and starts writing a hate-to-love romance novel. When she realises her love interest bears an uncanny resemblance to Aiden, she's forced to wonder if she really does hate him after all. But Liv knows that nothing will ever happen between them. Because Aiden will only ever be her love interest in the pages of the books she's writing and definitely not one in real life... right?!



ALI McNAMARA

Ali McNamara lives in Cambridgeshire with her family and her beloved Labrador dogs. In her spare time she likes to visit antique shops, listen to audio books and people watch, more often than not accompanied by a good cup of coffee! Ali suffers with two chronic illnesses: M.E./CFS and UCTD and is a disability and invisible disability advocate.

It Always Snows on Mistletoe Square



Publisher: Sphere / L, B
Editor: Darcy Nicholson
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: October 2023
Material: Final PDF
Paperback: 336 pages

Rights sold:
 Italy - Newton Compton

Wanted: experienced writer to record the history of one house and its family. Bed and board provided, the successful applicant must love Christmas.

Elle is rudderless, jobless and she's soon to be homeless. When she spies an advert that looks like it could answer all her problems she's devastated to see one huge catch. Elle definitely does not love Christmas.

On Mistletoe Square, an eccentric elderly woman and her unconventional housekeeper have an enormous Christmas tree and a box of delicate decorations collected over what must be centuries. With each decoration comes a story and with each story a breath-taking glimpse of a Christmas past.

One Christmas at a time, the house's history is brought vividly to life for Elle. But the more she sees of the family's past, the more she wonders where and how their story might end. And what of her own story? Is it possible that what felt like an ending might have been leading her here, to a new beginning?

Author overview

Total Titles: 14 Published

Total Sales: +450,000 copies

Highest-selling Title: *The Little Flower Shop by the Sea* +100,000 copies
Letters from Lighthouse Cottage nominated for the Romantic Novel of the Year

Rights Sold/Option Publishers

Italian - Newton Compton

Estonian - Eesti Raamat

Russian - Eksmo

Swedish - Lavender Lit

Praise for Ali McNamara

'An enchanting escape. Pure magic!' **Heidi Swain**

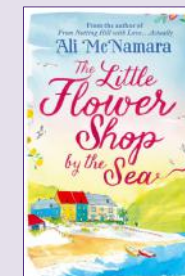
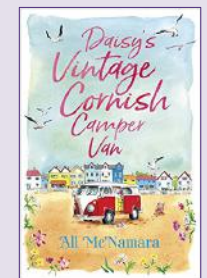
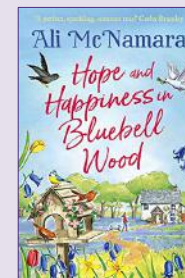
'A perfect, sparkling, summer read.' **Cathy Bramley**

'Fun and endearing' **Katie Fforde**

'Perfect easy reading' **Sun**

An irresistible, feel-good story infused with infectious humour' **Miranda Dickinson**

'Funny and light-hearted' **Heat**





TRACY BUCHANAN

Tracy lives in the UK with her husband, their daughter and a very spoilt Cavalier King Charles Spaniel called Bronte. Before becoming a full-time author, Tracy worked as a travel journalist, visiting and writing about countries around the world. She has also produced content for the BBC and the Open University, and worked at a London PR firm. Tracy now spends her days writing with her dog on her lap or taking walks in forests. Tracy tweets @TracyBuchanan.

Venom in the Blood

Publisher: Embla / Bonnier
Editor: Cara Chimirri
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: July 2024
Material: Unedited manuscript

The first book in a brand-new series by #1 bestselling author Tracy Buchanan, featuring forensic entomologist Dr Vanessa Marwood.

When insect forensics expert, Doctor Vanessa Marwood, receives a call from her old school friend, DCI Paul Truss, she presumes he's in London and fancies a quick, gossipy lunch. Turns out it's more serious than that: a killer is stalking men in the grasslands of Greensands, the tiny Buckinghamshire village where they spent their childhoods. The killer's calling card? Fine threads of spider silk intricately weaved into the victims' cavities.

So many terrible memories haunt the meadows there, including her mother walking out on the family when Vanessa was just seven, then the worst incident of all: the unexplained disappearance of her 12-year-old brother, Vincent, eight years later. Can Vanessa really return to the place she promised she never would? What if she's the only person who can solve this twisted case? Could it be the closure she needs before leaving the UK to head up an entomological forensics lab in New York?



EMMA CHRISTIE

Emma grew up in Cumnock, an Ayrshire coal-mining town. Emma studied English literature and medieval history at Aberdeen University. She then spent five years working as a crime, court and local government reporter with one of the UK's top-selling regional daily newspapers, *The Press and Journal*. When Emma's not writing she works as a tour director and lecturer in history, culture and politics across Spain, France and Portugal. *The Silent Daughter* was shortlisted for the McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Book of the Year 2021, and the Scottish Crime Debut of the Year 2021, and long listed for the Crime Writers Association John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award 2021. She tweets @theemmachristie.

In Her Shadow



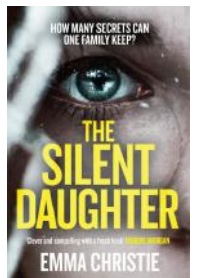
Publisher: Welbeck
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: February 2024
Material: Edited Manuscript

Rights sold:
 Polish rights for The Silent Daughter & Find Her First are under offer.
Option publishers:
 Romania - RAO

Dave Kellock is a pillar of the community in Portobello, Edinburgh. A tireless volunteer who never misses a chance to help others, he's just been recognised on the King's Honours List.

Dave Kellock is also a fraud. A moment of panic, violence and blood twenty years ago plagues his dreams. He's been hiding himself in Portobello, terrified that his past will catch up with him. Now that his photo has been in the paper, collecting his award, the truth won't stay buried for long. Someone is watching Dave, at every turn, even making calls from within his own house and bringing the police to his door. The clock is ticking – he needs to find who's behind this before the police find him.

When a local teenage girl goes missing, Dave is suddenly a suspect and not only is his freedom in jeopardy but her life is too. Will he find this girl? And just how is she linked to the secret he's been keeping all these years?

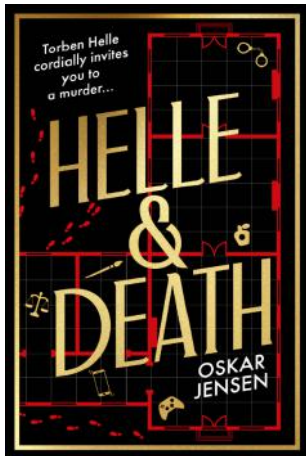




OSKAR JENSEN

Oskar is a historian and writer and the research for this book was part-funded by the Leverhulme Trust as part of his Leverhulme Fellowship at Queen Mary University, London. He has been widely published in UK and US journals and collections and presented his work at over sixty academic events internationally. He is the author of two historical novels for children with Hot Key Books, has contributed articles to the *New Statesman*, appeared on BBC1's *Who Do You Think You Are?*, on BBC Radios 3 and 4, and acted as historical advisor to the ITV/Amazon production of *Vanity Fair*.

Helle & Death



Publisher: Viper Books / Serpent's Tail
Editor: Miranda Jewess
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: January 2024
Material: Final PDF

Agatha Christie meets Knives Out in this brilliantly clever classic puzzle laced with knowing humour and wit.

February 2018. Danish art historian Torben Helle joins a set of old university friends for a reunion ten years on in a remote Northumbrian mansion. At the dinner table, one of their number - a reclusive tech entrepreneur - makes some shocking revelations. When these are followed by an apparent suicide, the group faces a test of their wits... and their trust.

But none of them are prepared for a storm that leaves them snowed in and cut off. Suspicion and sarcasm quickly turn to panic. Kept afloat by strong drink and stronger women, Torben must draw upon the skills of his training and all the tricks of detectives past. As the temperature drops and the tension mounts, it is up to him to work out what really happened - before someone else ends up dead.

Thick with enigmatic housekeepers, off-duty police inspectors, and the tempting details of a last will and testament, it asks an age-old question: how much money would it take to turn you into a killer?



SR MASTERS

S.R. Masters grew up around Birmingham in the UK. After receiving a Philosophy degree from Cambridge University, he moved to Oxford to study public health. He's worked across a variety of areas in the health service, including clinical trials. His debut novel *The Killer You Know* was released by Sphere in the UK, and Red Hook in the USA. It was the *Irish Independent's* Book of the Week, while Publishers Weekly called Masters "a writer to watch".

The Perfect Community

Publisher: One More Chapter/HarperCollins
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: June 2024
Material: Edited manuscript

Sometimes you've got to be cruel to be kind

Tessa and her partner Andy are out walking when they stumble across Nether Appleford, "England's Kindest Village". A hand-picked community on a private estate, the hip villagers live by the motto Just Be Kind! and report each other's kind acts on hearts which hang from an old Yew tree. After a long battle with infertility and wanting to embrace a less cynical way of life, the couple move to Nether Appleford after successfully navigating an interview with the village's youthful Kindness Committee.

But while Andy soon adapts to their surroundings, Tessa's failed attempts to get a heart on the tree only seems to isolate her from the community. When the previous tenant of their cottage turns up, warning Tessa that all is not what it seems before being found dead, Tessa must find out the village's secrets for the sake of her sanity, her relationship, and possibly, her life.





MARTINA MURPHY

Martina trained as a drama teacher and has written YA fiction, as well as adult novels under the name Martina Reilly, with Hachette Irelands and Little, Brown. *Something Borrowed*, was long-listed for an Impac award. Martina has also written features and comic pieces for the *Irish Independent*, *The Evening Herald* and the *Kildare Times*. Martina lives with her husband and two children in Kildare, Ireland.

The Reckoning

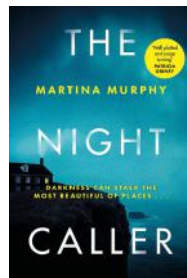


Third in the DS Lucy Golden series, set in rural west Ireland...

In an isolated house by Dugort pier a body is found. DS Lucy Golden is shocked to discover that the victim, Sandra Byrne, is a sister of one of her old school friends. To further complicate matters, Ben Lively, one of Lucy's colleagues, is the chief suspect. Lucy must put aside her bias in order to uncover the truth. But the deeper she digs into Sandra's life, the more the past starts to unravel and the less she seems to know. How do you solve a murder when all you have are lies?

As Lucy desperately tries to sort out what is true from what is not, Rob, her ex-husband and ex-con, makes a reappearance.

And when the reckoning for past mistakes finally arrives, nothing is what it seems.



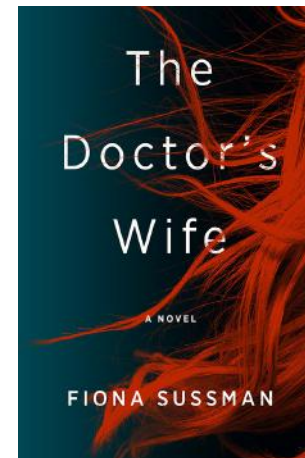
Publisher: Constable / L,B
Editor: Krystyna Green
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: August 2023
Material: Final PDF



FIONA SUSSMAN

Born in South Africa and living in New Zealand, former family doctor, Fiona Sussman, hung up her stethoscope in 2003 to pursue another long-held dream, to write. Now the author of four novels and multiple short stories, Fiona's writing has garnered a number of awards, including the NZ Booklovers Award for Best Adult Fiction, the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Crime Novel, and the Sunday Star Times Short Story Award. Her short story, A Breath, A Bunk, A Land, A Sky, was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize from over five thousand entries.

The Doctor's Wife

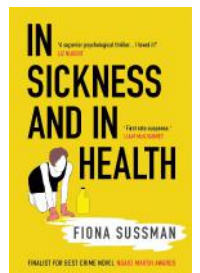


Finalist: Ngaio Marsh Awards Best Crime Novel
18 weeks on NZ Bestseller List

Nothing in pottery teacher Stan Andino's regular and uneventful existence has prepared him for the moment he discovers his wife naked, except for a black apron, bleaching the lounge carpet with a sponge. A CT scan one week later explains it: Carmen has a brain tumour.

As Stan and his teenage sons grapple with the diagnosis and frightening personality changes in their wife and mother, longstanding family friends Austin and Tibbie Lamb do everything possible to assist the Andinos during their time of crisis. Austin, their GP, oversees Carmen's medical care, while Tibbie picks up on the home front.

Then Tibbie's body is discovered at the bottom of Browns Bay cliffs. DS Ramesh Bandara and his partner—astute, socially awkward DC Hilary Stark—are assigned to the case. And they will discover that Tibbie's demise was no accident...



Publisher: Bateman Books
(NZ & Australia)
Legend Press: (UK)
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication:
NZ & Aus: February 2023
UK: February 2024 (under the title *In Sickness and in Health*)
Material: Final PDF

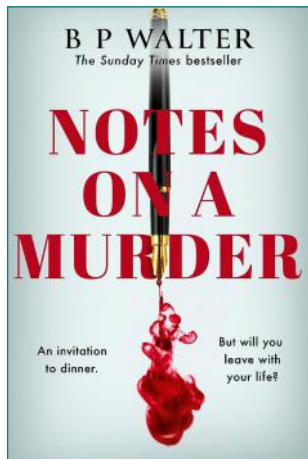
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Sweden - Landa Forlag



BP WALTER

B.P. Walter was born and raised in Essex. After spending his childhood and teenage years reading compulsively, he worked in bookshops then went to the University of Southampton to study Film and English followed by an MA in Film & Cultural Management. He is an alumni of the Faber Academy and currently works in social media coordination for Waterstones in London.

Notes on a Murder



Publisher: One More Chapter / HarperCollins
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: November 2023
Material: Edited manuscript

Rights sold:
 Czech - Dobrovsky
Option Publishers
 German - Digital Publishers
 Italian - Newton Compton
 Serbian - Vulkan
 Portuguese - Presença
 Russian - AST
 Swedish - Storytel

An up-all-night thriller from the Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Dinner Guest*.

21-year-old Oliver has just returned home after graduating from university. He's tired of his family and their constant disagreements and isn't looking forward to the annual holiday with them to Greece. But when they arrive, everything changes. He meets Alastair. Handsome, passionate and free-spirited, Alastair shows him a glimpse of life he's never tasted.

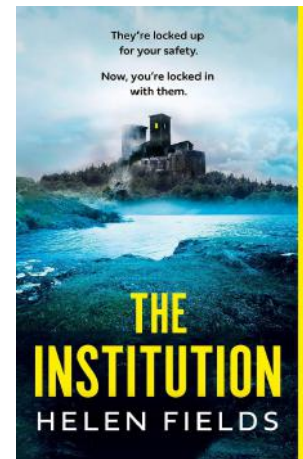
One night, the two young men accept an invitation to go to a beautiful villa on a private island just off the coast. The island is home to a mysterious man with sinister predilections and soon Oliver and Alastair are drawn into his dark and disturbing world. Just as it becomes too late to turn back, Oliver realises he's been caught in a trap far more twisted and terrifying than he could ever have imagined. And those closest to him are fast becoming chess pieces in a very deadly game.



HELEN FIELDS

Helen is a former criminal barrister, but now writes full time. With a background as both a prosecutor and defence counsel, Helen Fields has a depth of knowledge about crime that lends a fierceness to her writing. From Courts Martials to care proceedings, the Coroner Courts to the Crown Court, Fields draws on her professional years to make her writing jump off the page. After a spell in California, Helen and her husband now live in West Sussex with their three children and two dogs.

The Institution



Publisher: Avon / HarperCollins
Editor: Helen Huthwaite
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: March 2023
Material: Final PDF

Rights Sold:
 Czech - Albatros
 Dutch - Ambo Anthos
 German - dtv
Option publishers: see overleaf

They're locked up for your safety. Now, you're locked in with them.

Dr Connie Woolwine has five days to catch a killer.

On a locked ward in the world's highest-security prison hospital, a scream shatters the night. The next morning, a nurse's body is found and her daughter has been taken. A ransom must be paid, and the clock is ticking.

Forensic profiler Dr Connie Woolwine is renowned for her ability to get inside the mind of a murderer. Now, she must go deep undercover among the most deranged and dangerous men on earth and use her unique skills to find the girl – before it's too late.

But as the walls close in around her, can Connie get the killer before The Institution gets her?



The DI CALLANACH Series by Helen Fields

'Must read! With nail-biting twists at every turn, [Perfect Remains] will have readers gripped from start to finish.' **Closer**

'Read it in two sittings. I literally had no choice. A fast and enthralling thriller, pitting a new, very human hero against one of the scariest psychos I've yet encountered in crime fiction.' **Sunday Times bestseller, Paul Finch**

'Without doubt, this is one of the best first detective series I have read.' **Woman's Way Magazine**

One For Sorrow



Publisher: Avon / HarperCollins
Editor: Helen Huthwaite
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: September 2022
Material: Final PDF

Rights Sold:
 Czech - Albatros
 Dutch - Ambo Anthos
 Norwegian - Cappelen Damm

On an island with so many secrets, she won't be the last girl to die...

One for sorrow, two for joy

Edinburgh is gripped by the greatest terror it has ever known: a lone bomber is targeting victims across the city, and no one is safe.

Three for a girl, four for a boy

In their jobs, DCI Ava Turner and DI Luc Callanach deal with death every day. But when it becomes clear that every bomb is a trap designed to kill them too, the possibility of facing it themselves starts to feel all too real.

Five for silver, six for gold

With the body count rising daily and the bomber's methods becoming ever more horrifying, Ava and Luc must race to find out who is behind the attacks – or pay the ultimate price...

Seven for a secret never to be told...



The DI Callanach Series Statistics

UK Publisher: Avon

US Publisher: HarperCollins

Editor: Helen Huthwaite

Agent: Caroline Hardman

Titles in Series: 7

Total Sales: +680,000 copies

Highest-selling: *Perfect Remains* 239,000+

Global Sales: Over 1 million

Rankings / listings:

Top 10 Bookseller Heatseekers

Perfect Remains #1 on Audible

Perfect Prey #1 eBooks on publication day

Perfect Prey #1 Bookseller's Weekly e-rankings

Perfect Death #11 Kindle chart

Perfect Silence #1 Kindle chart

Twice long-listed for the McIllvanney

Scottish Crime Book of the Year

Long-listed for the CWA Steel Dagger

Option publishers

Bulgaria - Benitorial

Complex Chinese - Marco Polo/Spring

Czech - Albatros

Danish - Politikens

Dutch - Ambo Anthos

Finnish - Bookbeat

Hungarian - Muvelt Nep

Italian - Newton Compton

Lithuanian - Jotema

Macedonian - Knigholicari

Norwegian - Cappelen Damm

Polish - Bookbeat

Russian - Ripol

Slovakian - Albatros

Sri Lankan - Bookrack

Swedish - Storytel

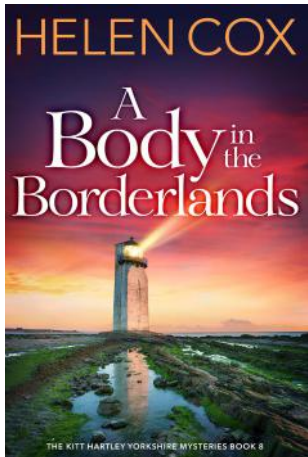
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HELEN COX

Helen is a book-devouring, photo-taking, film-obsessed novelist. If forced to choose one, Helen's *Mastermind* specialism would be Grease 2. After completing her MA in creative writing at the University of York St. John Helen found work writing for a range of magazines, websites and blogs as well as writing news and features for TV and radio. She tweets @helenography.

A Body in the Borderlands



Publisher: Quercus
Editor: Stefanie Bierwerth
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: September 2023
Material: Final PDF

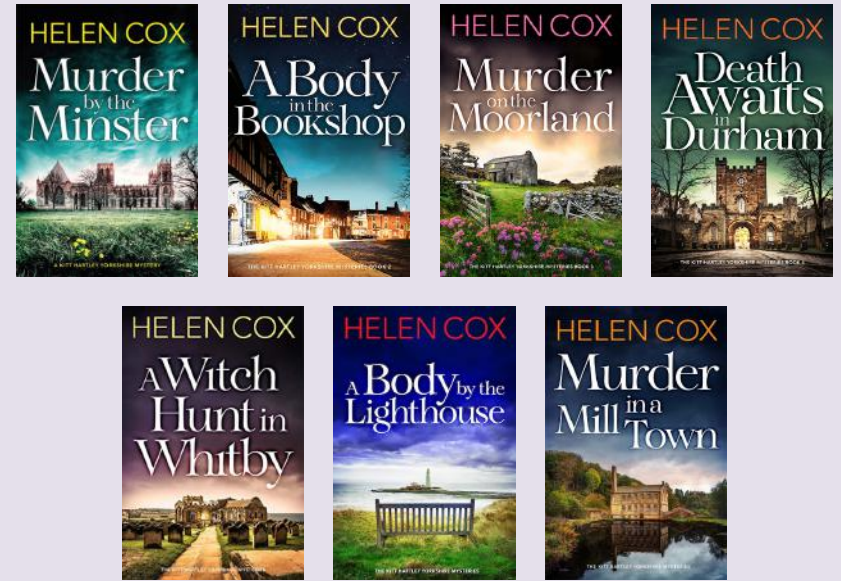
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 Dutch - De Fontein

Book 8 of the Kitt Hartley Mysteries

Former investment banker Johan Golding - Joe to his friends - is the newest member of the Hartley and Edwards Investigations team. And he's thrilled to be shadowing Kitt Hartley, librarian-turned-top sleuth, and her right-hand woman Grace Edwards; even if it means adjusting to the low-level madness that seems to reign in the Hartley and Edwards offices.

But Joe finds himself thrown in at the deep end when a man known as Ralph Holmes goes missing on the outskirts of Carlisle. Police are refusing to investigate, as his disappearance seems voluntary, but his niece, Carly Lewis, is determined to find out what really happened.

As Kitt, Grace and Joe begin to investigate, they deduce there might be more to this disappearance than meets the eye. Drawn into a web of international conspiracies and possible murder, they need to find out who Ralph Holmes really was - and who he was working for. In their most dangerous case yet, the team are in a race against the clock to uncover the truth, before anyone else gets hurt . . .



The Kitt Hartley Mysteries Overview

Kitt Hartley, a trilby-wearing librarian with a skill for detecting, investigates crimes of passion and misdeeds in the picturesque town of York and surrounding countryside.

The series is populated with a brilliant cast of characters from Kitt's best friend Evie, whose boyfriend is found stabbed with a fountain pen at the start of the series, to the magnetic Detective Halloran and 'psychic' Ruby, a library regular, who always pops up when chaos strikes.

Never without a smart quip and a feminist stance, Kitt Hartley is delighting readers with her no-nonsense wit, fierce friendships and her ability to solve murders by drawing on her extensive bookish knowledge.

Publisher: Quercus Books
Editor: Stefanie Bierwerth
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Books in Series: 8

Total sales: 180,000
Highest selling: *Murder by the Minster* 48,000 copies

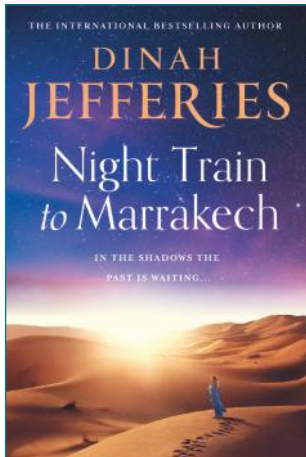
Option publishers
 Danish - Zara Forlaget
 Dutch - De Fontein
 Estonian - Eesti Raamat
 French - Presses de la Cité
 German - Bastei Luebbe
 Italian - Piemme
 Norwegian - Cappelen Damm
 Swedish - Polaris



DINAH JEFFERIES

Dinah was born in Malaysia and moved to England at the age of nine. She went to live in Tuscany where she worked as an au-pair for an Italian countess, and there was even a time when Dinah lived with a rock band in a 'hippie' commune in Suffolk. In 1985, the death of her fourteen year old son changed everything and she now draws on the experience of loss in her writing. After five years in Northern Andalusia, she now lives close to her family in Gloucestershire along with two crazy Maine Coon cats.

Night Train to Marrakech



Publisher: HarperCollins
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: September 2023
Material: Final PDF

Rights sold:
 Czech - Vikend
 Dutch - HarperCollins
 Italian - Newton Compton
 Norwegian - Vigmstad & B
 Spanish - HC Iberica
 Swedish - Polaris
 Russian - Azbooka Atticus

Sunday Times TOP 10 Bestseller

An Autumn 2023 Richard and Judy Bookclub pick, *Night Train to Marrakech* brings the ancient city of Marrakech, and the swirling secrets of the wild desert and mountains that encircle it, vividly to life.

In hedonistic 1960s Marrakech a young girl travels to meet her estranged grandmother.

Vicky Baudin steps on to the train through Morocco looking for the truth about the woman who gave her father up for adoption decades before. Clemence Petier lives in a kasbah on the edge of the Atlas Mountains, her past shrouded in mystery.

But the past holds secrets that threaten them both.

A face from Clemence's childhood threatens to expose everything she has built a life to hide.

And danger is all around...

When a brutal murder takes place, Clemence and Vicky are forced to band together. Yet Clemence's own dark secret must stay hidden at all costs...

Author Statistics

Sunday Times Bestseller Ranks:
 #1 *The Tea Planter's Wife*
 #6 *The Silk Merchant's Daughter*
 #5 *Daughters of War*
 #8 *The Missing Sister*
 3 Richard & Judy Bookclub Picks
 Total Copies Sold: +1,200,000
 Highest-selling: *The Tea Planter's Wife*



Option Publishers

Croatian - Mozaik
 Danish - People's Press
 French - Bragelonne
 Greek - Klidarithmos
 Hungarian - Tericum
 Hebrew - Yedioth
 Italian - Newton Compton

Latvian - Zvaigzne
 Lithuanian - Baltos Lankos
 Norwegian - Vigmstad & Bjerne
 Portuguese - 2020
 Romanian - Nemira
 Russian - Azbooka-Atticus
 Spanish - HarperCollins Iberica
 Sweden - Polaris



SOPHIE AUSTIN

Sophie was born in Kent and she earned her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from King's College London in 2013. After spending five years working in marketing, Sophie moved to Sweden in 2017 to focus on her novel writing and gain her Masters in Transnational Creative Writing at Stockholm University. Now, Sophie works as a Creative Writer for Minecraft, the best-selling video game of all time. When she's not writing YouTube scripts for millions of viewers, she retreats to the turn of the century and writes historical novels.

The Lamplighter's Bookshop

Publisher: HarperCollins
Editor: Kate Bradley
 Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: Spring 2025
 Material: Edited manuscript

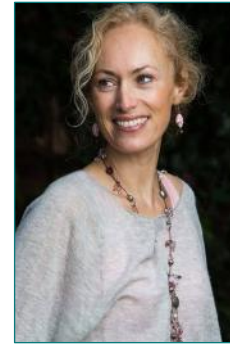
Rights Sold:
 Italy - Salani
 Sweden - Louise Bäckelin
 Förlag

Every book tells a story. Every heart hides a secret.

When Evelyn Seaton and her mother are ejected by the bailiffs from their Yorkshire manor house, the blame lies squarely with Evelyn's father, a gambler and chancer who has left them destitute. Seeking refuge with an elderly aunt in an unfashionable corner of York, their predicament is intensified by the spiteful Lady Violet who gloats in their disgrace.

Realising that only an income will save them, Evelyn secretly answers an advertisement for a bookshop assistant at the dusty and shambling Lamplighter's Bookshop. But she is not the only candidate ... competition comes in the person of William, a charming yet enigmatic writer hiding secrets of his own.

Evelyn and William are too scared to trust each other, but every heart is a doorway, and all stories are waiting to be told. Can Evelyn and William turn the page on theirs and find the courage to write the next chapter?



LOUISE FEIN

Louise is the author of *The Hidden Child*, and the international bestseller, *Daughter of the Reich*, which has been published in thirteen territories. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from St Mary's University. She lives in Surrey, UK, with her family.

The London Bookshop Affair



Publisher: William Morrow / HarperCollins
 Editor: Liz Stein
 Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: January 2024
 Material: Manuscript

Rights Sold:
 Dutch - Xander Uitgevers
 French - Bragelonne

It's 1962, and the world is teetering on the brink of nuclear war. South London girl Celia Duchesne longs for a career but with no means, connections, or qualifications, she spends her days at the till of a dusty antiquarian bookshop on the Strand, unable to see a way out. The day a handsome American walks into the shop, she thinks she might have found it. Just as the excitement of a budding relationship engulfs her, she learns a devastating secret that draws her into the murky world of espionage.

Twenty years prior, nineteen-year-old Anya Moreau was dropped behind enemy lines to aid the resistance in occupied France, sending messages back to London via wireless transmitter. When she was cruelly betrayed and handed over to the Nazis, evidence of her legacy and the truth of her actions were buried by wartime injustices.

As Celia learns more about Anya—and her unexpected connection to the undercover agent—she becomes increasingly aware of furious efforts, both past and present, to protect state secrets, at all costs.

Option Publishers:
 Czech - Alpress
 Greek - Minoas
 Hungarian - Kossuth
 Italian - Sonzogno

Portuguese – 2020
 Portuguese / Brazil – Ciranda
 Romanian – Nemira
 Russian – Azbooka
 Spanish – Planeta

Historical Fiction



LIZ TRENOW

Liz has been a journalist for most of her working life, in news and features for local and regional newspapers, as a news journalist for local radio and regional television, and at BBC Broadcasting House and Television Centre. She combines her new-found writing career with spending time with her family, singing in two chamber choirs (early music, especially) and, of course, reading widely.

The Secret Sister



A completely gripping and heart-breaking story of love, courage and a sister's sacrifice which shines a light on the forgotten heroes of World War Two. Perfect for fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and anything by Rhys Bowen.

England, 1944: After helping save the soldiers at Dunkirk, Lizzie's twin brother Ed is traumatized and runs away to avoid conscription, leaving behind his family and all he has ever known.

Lizzie knows that if Ed fails to accept his call-up he will be found and imprisoned. After putting on his overcoat and study herself in the mirror, Lizzie realizes there might just be a way to save him.

Arriving at the call up, Lizzie is told that she's to become a 'Bevin boy', one of the many men called to work in the mines and power the country through the war. She is unsure if she can really take on such difficult work whilst her friends become land girls and nurses. But her brother needs her, and she vows to do whatever it takes to protect him and serve her country.

As Lizzie adapts to her tough new life as a coal miner, she meets **Peter** and realizes that she is slowly losing her heart to him. But she knows the risks if the secret of who she really is is ever revealed. How much is she prepared to sacrifice for the ones she loves the most?

Publisher: Bookouture
Editor: Laura Deacon
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: March 2023
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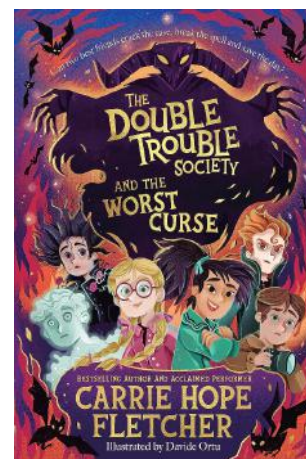
Children's Fiction



CARRIE HOPE FLETCHER

Carrie is a West End actress, singer and she also vlogs on social media. She has had six Sunday Times bestselling books and started writing for children when she was asked to write *Into The Spotlight*, the reimagining of Noel Streatfeild's much-loved classic *Ballet Shoes*. She is currently on a national tour starring in *The Crown Jewels*.

The Double Trouble Society Series



The Double Trouble Society and the Worst Curse is the second instalment in the Double Trouble Society series...

After defeating the Crowood Witch and saving the day, Ivy, Maggie and the rest of the Double Trouble Society are on the lookout for their next big adventure.

They won't have to wait long - there are three new kids in town and they're all behaving very mysteriously...

The Double Trouble Society know how to handle witches but can they manage vampires, werewolves and ghosts as well?

Publisher: Puffin / PRH
Editor: Lowri Ribbons
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: September 2023
Material: Final PDF

Rights Sold:
Italian - Garzanti (Book 1)
Russian - Eksmo (Books 1 & 2)



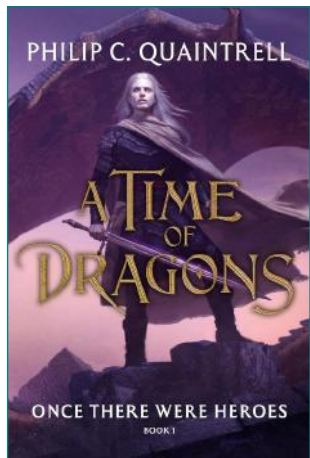
Epic Fantasy



PHIL QUAINIRELL

Philip C Quaintrell is a thirty year-old self-proclaimed king of the geeks. He grew up in Manchester and studied nursing in Leicester. After giving six years to the NHS, he finally decided to relieve some of the pressure in his imagination and make it work for him.

Once There Were Heroes



A Time of Dragons: A brand new series from 700,000 copy best selling author of The Echoes Saga.

The Gods are dead. In their absence there is only chaos. Only war.

Once there were heroes. Brave men and women who showed their quality to be above the rest. Those whose deeds earned them the *heart of a dragon*. These heroes rose up on young battlefields and defended the weak and oppressed across all of Erador. They did so because they were *inspired*. They had only to look up and see... Dragons Riders! The last noble warriors in the realm. Only heroes can embolden the ordinary. For centuries, *millennia*, the Dragon Riders galvanised generation after generation, adding Riders to their ranks, birthing dragons from their eggs.

But there are no more heroes. There are only soldiers now. This time of twilight is set to be the crowning hour of the dark, when the light is losing its grip. It falls on a few to keep back that darkness. A few who must rise without inspiration and prove themselves worthy.

Publisher: Independently published
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: September 2023
Material: Final PDF

Epic Fantasy

THE ECHOES SAGA, 9 BOOKS



The Echoes of Fate, a prophecy uttered unto the world a thousand years ago, cannot be denied...

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