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Sarah Butler is a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at Manchester Metropolitan University and has published three novels previously with Picador. She lives in Manchester with her family. Sarah's work explores the ideas of home, belonging, identity, family, and urban landscapes. She also explores the relationship between writing and place through participatory projects. Writing residences include writer-in-residence on the Central Line; at Great Ormond Street Hospital; and Stories From The Road- a project exploring personal stories of Oxford Road, Manchester. In 2018, she published a novella, *Not Home*, written in conversation with people living in unsupported temporary accommodation in Manchester.

Shall I Be Mother?

On Submission

Agent: Caroline Hardman

Material: Unedited manuscript

What would you do to have your own child? And what might be the cost?

Rachel and Damien can't have children. All they can do now is come to terms with being childfree. When Damien suggests surrogacy, Rachel's first instinct is to laugh, but the conversation taps into her deep desire to be a mother and despite the cost and ethical concerns, the couple decide to employ a Russian surrogate.

Rachel's relationship with her mother is problematic, and so when Damien's mother reacts badly, Rachel decides to keep her own parents in the dark. However, it's 2020 and when the pandemic closes in and her parents fall ill, Rachel finds herself living in her family home, wearing a prosthetic bump to fake her pregnancy. As travel is restricted, it becomes clear that Rachel and Damien will not be able to reach Russia for the baby's birth. But enforced distance isn't the biggest price they will pay for the decisions they made.

Shall I Be Mother? is a moving exploration of the relationship between mothers and daughters. In a world where we're told we can have everything we want, it asks whether that's true, or even desirable.



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

UK Publisher: Viper

Editor: Miranda Jewess

Agent: Caroline Hardman

Material: Edited manuscript

September 2024

Publication: Spring 2026

***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.

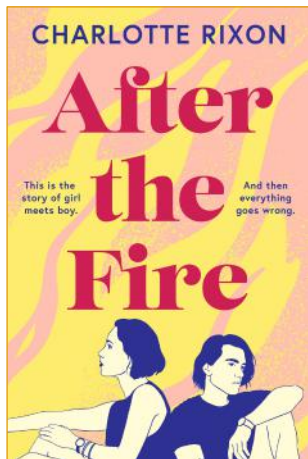
As Anna and Mark uncover each other's secrets, the stakes get higher and the fallout more deadly. But who will come out on top?



CHARLOTTE RIXON

Charlotte studied Classics at Leeds University and went on to gain an MA in Screenwriting. She has worked as a journalist, and more recently as a content marketing specialist working on luxury brands

After The Fire



This is the story of girl meets boy. And then everything goes wrong. For fans of David Nicholls and Lucy Score.

Ever since they first met at university, Beth and Nick have circled in and out of one another's lives: supporting each other through grief, marriage, divorce, career crises and family dramas.

14 years ago, when they were on the cusp of adulthood, they both survived a devastating fire that sent their lives in different direction. And they've been running ever since: from the pain, from the memories, and most devastatingly of all, from the guilt.

UK Publisher: House of Zeus
Editor: Aubrie Artiano
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Material: Edited manuscript
Publication: 2025

Option Publishers:
 Brazilian/ Portuguese - Faro
 Hebrew - Tchelet
 Hungarian - Libri
 Romanian - Rao
 Russian - Eksmo
 Serbian - LaGuna
 Ukranian - Family Leisure Club



SARAH TURNER

Sarah lives in Devon with her husband and three sons. After university, she dabbled in careers in finance, then higher education before a 'warts and all' parenting blog, *The Unmumsy Mum*, gathered unexpected momentum and writing became her full-time job. She has since written three *Sunday Times* bestselling non-fiction titles. Her debut novel, *Stepping Up*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and was a 2023 Richard and Judy Bookclub pick. Sarah likes bookshops, walks on Dartmoor and pretends to like running. She doesn't like coffee, films with sharks in or writing about herself in the third person.

On The Edge



Sometimes in order to move forwards, you need to go back.

Joni's always felt like an outsider in her blended family and, as an adult, she's done all she can to avoid them. The only person she's remained close to is her beloved Nana.

When Nana dies, she leaves behind something unexpected: an itinerary of activities she's pre-arranged for the whole family to complete over the course of a week. After years of trying but failing to bring Joni back into the fold, this appears to be Nana's parting shot. After all nothing says 'family bonding' quite like abseiling and ballroom dancing.

With marriage and kids on the horizon, the life Joni's always dreamed of is finally within touching distance. The last thing she wants to do is revisit the past.

But Joni's about to discover that a lot can happen in seven days. Nana's week of Fun is about to change everything.

UK Publisher: Transworld
Editor: Frankie Gray
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: July 2024
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 320 pages

Option Publishers:
 Brazilian/ Portuguese - Verus
 Chinese - CCTP
 Croatia - Znanje
 Czech Republic - Dobrovsky
 Dutch - Bruna
 German - Bastei Luebbe



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 in 2023. 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 11-year-old son. Lorraine tweets at @LorraineBrown23.

Couples Retreat



Two writers. One pressing deadline. No time for romance...

Scarlett and Theo have one bestselling novel to their names: the psychological thriller they wrote together years ago. None of the books they've written separately have sold anywhere near as well...

Now at risk of being dropped by their respective publishers, their agent tells them that working together is the only way to save their careers and sends them off on a writers' retreat in the south of France. She doesn't know why they fell out and frankly she doesn't care! This is the only way they can save their careers.

It wouldn't be the worst way to spend a summer... except that they've accidentally been booked onto a *couples* retreat instead, and spending so much time together stirs up some very inconvenient feelings!

With their careers on the line and a pressing deadline, romance is the last things on their minds...

UK Publisher: Orion
Editor: Rhea Kurien
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: April 2024
Material: Final manuscript
Page count: 352 pages

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:

Bulgarian - Soft Press
Croatian - Fokus
Czech - Euromedia
Danish - Jentas
Estonian - Ersen

Finnish - Jentas
German - Luebbe
Hungarian - Kossuth
Polish - Kobiece
Serbian - Vulkan

Swedish - Jentas
Turkish - Ilkatsir



MIRANDA DICKINSON

Miranda has always had a head full of stories. Following a Performance Art degree, she began to write in earnest. She is also a singer-songwriter. Her novels, *Fairytale of New York*, *Welcome To My World*, *It Started With A Kiss*, *When I Fall In Love* and *Take A Look At Me Now*, have all been *Sunday Times* bestselling titles. Miranda tweets @wurdsmyth.

It Had To Be You

UK Publisher: HQ (WEL)
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: August 2024
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 384 pages

Option Publishers:
 Italian- Newton Compton
 Norwegian- Cappelen Damm

Could love be waiting in the wings?

Lucie Hart is a fledgling actress, her confidence having been shattered by her manipulative ex. Making ends meet by performing Shakespearean sonnets full of romance she doesn't believe in, she can see her dreams getting further out of reach.

Theo Martin has already taken Hollywood by storm and his next conquests are Shakespeare's greatest works- and his incensed leading lady. Always short of money, Lucie can't afford to waste the opportunity to bring crowds to her shows. And when a well-publicised bust-up leaves Theo's reputation hanging by a thread, he is desperate to prove his worth by taking on the most challenging performance of his life.

As they put aside their differences to save their careers, can our star-crossed lovers take their relationship to the next stage, and find themselves along the way?



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 Dickinson, and two under Lucy Dickens. Isla can't go a day without finding dog hair in her mouth.

A New York Winter



UK Publisher: Sphere / L,B
Editor: Rebecca Roy
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: November 2023
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 356 pages

Option Publisher:
 Italian - Newton Compton

Will her dreams come true in the city that never sleeps?

When she was nineteen, on a magical trip to 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.

However, after arriving in the Big Apple with nowhere to live, Ashling realises that she may be in over her head, until she meets River... River is miserable, but seeing Ashling could do with the help, he offers her his sofa bed. 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?

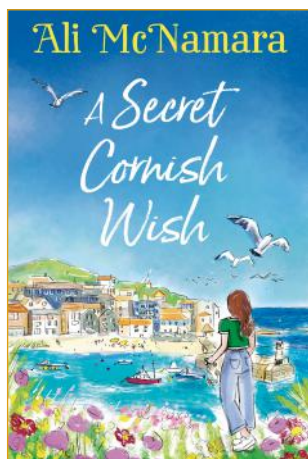
With snow falling on 5th Avenue, and a fun-filled Christmas in the most romantic city in the world, can Ashling once again learn to follow her dreams- and maybe even her heart?



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.

A Secret Cornish Wish



UK Publisher: Sphere / L, B (WEL)
Editor: Rebecca Roy
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: July 2024
Material: Edited manuscript

The brand-new escapist summer romance from bestselling author Ali McNamara. Return to the Cornish shores of St Felix and fall in love...

What if one summer could change your life?

For Frankie and her five best friends growing up on the glorious beaches of Cornwall's St Felix, life couldn't get any better. Late one night, the friends discover an old box washed up on the shores and they learn the tale of the St Felix mermaid who grants wishes to those who find her treasure. Even though they know it's just Cornish folklore, the friends decide to make a wish for what they each want out of life—most importantly, they want to always be together...

Over the course of the next few decades, as weddings, funerals, birthdays and more bring the friends back together, lost loves, broken promises and buried secrets just as quickly tear them apart. But when they reunite one last time in Felix, will it be for good? And will their wishes finally be revealed?

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

Estonian - Eesti Raamat

Italian - Newton Compton

Russian - Eksmo

Swedish - Lavender Lit

Spanish - Newton Compton

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*





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



No man can be as good as the one in your imagination...

Librarian Liv Thomas has always dreamed of writing a romance novel. But she's stuck when it comes to creating a romantic hero- sadly- lacking anyone in real life to base him on.

When her brother suggests his best friend stay in their shared flat for a few weeks, she can't believe her bad luck. Aiden Rivers is irritating and pushes all her buttons. Worst of all, he's gorgeous, has a sexy accent and reminds her of her all-time favourite character Mr Darcy.

Liv finds herself unexpectedly inspired and the leading man in her novel begins to bear an uncanny resemblance to Aiden. He can never find out though: she'd never live it down. Because Aiden can only ever be her love interest in the pages of her book- and definitely not in real life... right?!

UK Publisher: Boldwood Books (WEL)
Editor: Emily Yau
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: February 2024
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 328 pages

The Glendale Hall series by Victoria Walters

Total Sales: 83,000 copies sold

Highest-selling: Coming Home to Glendale Hall 35,000 copies sold



'A gorgeous feel-good story...I'm already looking forward to the next one!' - **Jessica Redland**, author of *Finding Love at Hedgehog Hollow*

'Emotional, moving, funny, heartwarming - this novel has got it all. Highly recommended!' - **Samantha Tonge**, author of *The Winter We Met*

The Dedley End Mysteries by Victoria Walters





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

UK Publisher: HarperCollins (WEL)

Editor: Kate Bradley

Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: Spring 2025

Material: Edited manuscript

Rights Sold:

Italian - Salani

Russian - MIF

Swedish - 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.

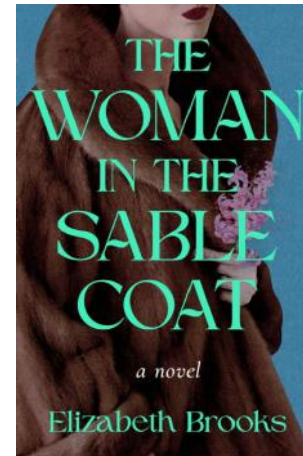
Evelyn and William are too scared to trust each other, but every heart is a doorway, and all stories are waiting to be told. Can Evelyn and William turn the page on theirs and find the courage to write the next chapter?



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



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.

US Publisher: Tin House

Editor: Masie Cochran

Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: March 2024

Material: Edited manuscript

Page count: 352 pages

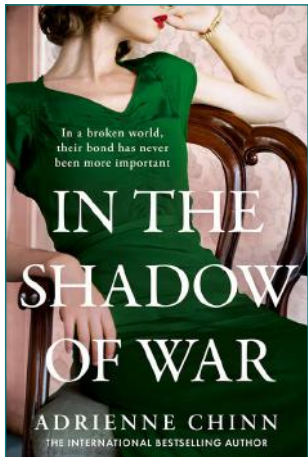
"Brooks's moody tale defies standard-issue WWII narratives of resilience, focusing instead on characters reexamining their relationships in the face of difficult truths. Readers will be rapt." *Publishers Weekly*



ADRIENNE CHINN

Adrienne grew up in rural Quebec, spent her teenage years in Montreal, and, after taking a MA in English Literature in Windsor, Ontario and a brief tenure as an editor on a textile machinery trade magazine, retraced her English father's footsteps back to England. She found work as a freelance film and TV researcher, before retraining as an interior designer, and has run an interior design business in London for the past 20 years.

In the Shadow of War



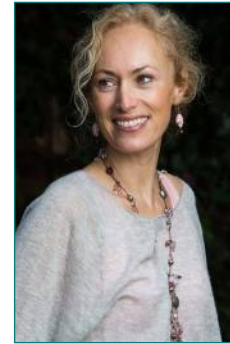
One war may be over, but their fight for survival continues...

For sisters Etta, Jessie and Celie Fry, the Great War and the hardships of the years that followed have taken a heavy toll.

Determined to leave her painful past behind her, Etta heads to the bright lights of Hollywood whilst Jessie, determined to train as a doctor and use her skills to help others, is hampered by the men who dominate her profession. On the vast, empty plains of the Canadian prairies, Celie and her small family stand on the brink of losing everything.

As whispers of a new war make their way to each sister, each must face the possibility of the unthinkable happening again...

UK Publisher: One More Chapter (WEL)
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: March 2024
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 435 pages



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



Two courageous women. One astonishing secret. A world on the brink of war.

London, 1962: The world is teetering on the brink of nuclear war but life must go on. Celia Duchesne longs for a career, but with no means or qualifications, passes her time working at a dusty bookshop. The day a handsome American enters the shop, she thinks she might have found her way out of the monotony. Just as the excitement of a budding relationship engulfs her, a devastating secret draws her into the murky world of espionage.

France, 1942: Nineteen-year-old Anya Moreau was dropped behind enemy line to aid the resistance, sending messages back home to London via wireless transmitter. When she was cruelly betrayed, evidence of her legacy and the truth of her actions were buried by wartime injustices. With her newly formed romance taking a surprising turn and the world on the verge of nuclear annihilation, Celia must risk everything she holds dear, in the name of justice.

US Publisher: William Morrow / HarperCollins (WEL)
Editor: Liz Stein
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: January 2024
Material: Final manuscript
Page count: 400 pages

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 French - Bragelonne

Option Publishers:
 Greek - Minoas
 Hungarian - Kossuth

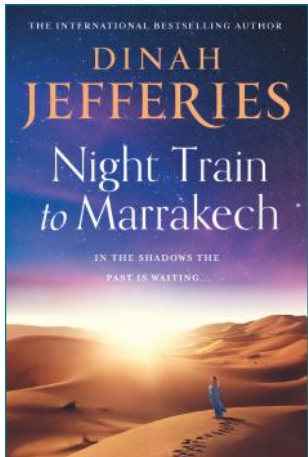
Portuguese / Brazil - Ciranda
 Romanian - Nemira



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



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...

UK Publisher: HarperCollins (WEL)
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: September 2023
Material: Final PDF
Page count: 455 pages

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*



Rights Sold:

Arabic- Raff Publishing
Czech - Vikend
Dutch - HarperCollins
Italian - Newton Compton

Norwegian - Vigmostad & B
Spanish - HC Iberica
Swedish - Polaris
Russian - Azbooka Atticus

Option Publishers:

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

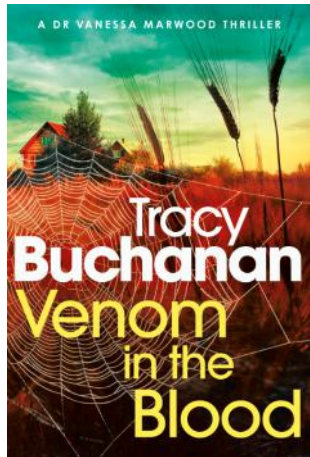
Lithuanian - Baltos Lankos
Norwegian - Vigmostad & Bjorke
Portuguese - 2020
Romanian - Nemira
Russian - Azbooka-Atticus
Spanish - HarperCollins Iberica
Sweden - Polaris



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



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.

UK Publisher: Embla / Bonnier (WEL)
Editor: Cara Chimirri
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: July 2024
Material: Edited manuscript

Rights sold:
 Russian- Eksmo

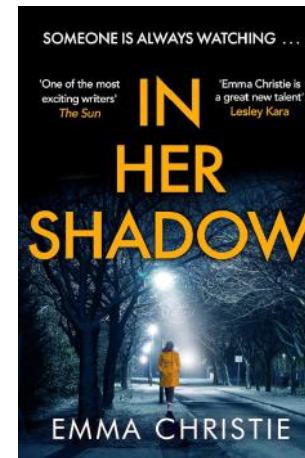
So many terrible memories haunt the meadows there, including her mother walking out on the family when Vanessa was just seven, then the worst incident of all: the unexplained disappearance of her 12-year-old brother, Vincent, eight years later. Can Vanessa really return to the place she promised she 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 longlisted for the Crime Writers Association John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award 2021. She tweets @theemmachristie.

In Her Shadow



Wherever he goes, someone is watching.

Bus driver Dave Kellock is a pillar of the community in Portobello, Edinburgh.

But he's got a terrible secret.

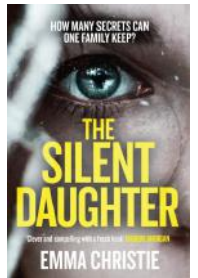
His past is dragged into the present when an unexpected passenger steps onto his bus: the woman he killed almost twenty years earlier.

Dave's still reeling from the shock of it when police turn up at his door, accusing him of an entirely different crime.

As he battles to track down a dead woman and maintain his hard-won reputation, Dave makes a terrifying realisation.

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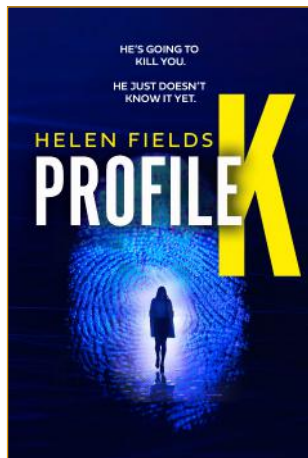




HELEN FIELDS

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.

Profile K



He's going to kill you. He just doesn't know it yet. What would you do if you found a killer? Would you run? Would you hide? Or would you face your greatest fear?

Midnight Jones is an analyst trained to understand the human mind. But everything changes when, in the course of her work, she discovers Profile K's file – because K stands for killer, and she knows that someone more dangerous than she could have ever imagined walks among them.

Midnight knows what Profile K is capable of before he even commits his first crime. But as the news rolls with the brutal murder of a local woman, no one believes what she tells them: that he's capable of so much more. Profile K will kill again – and slowly, terrifyingly, Midnight realises that the moment she found his file was the moment she became his next target. Because Profile K is coming for Midnight – and the only way to escape with her life is to find him before he finds her...

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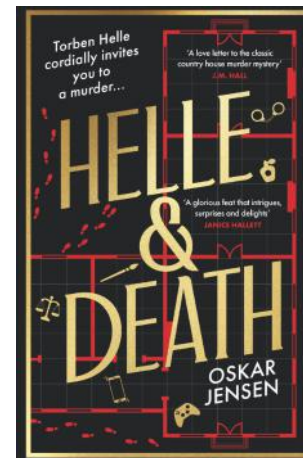
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OSKAR JENSEN

Oskar is a historian and writer of fiction and non-fiction. 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



A snowstorm. A country house. Old friends reunited. It's going to be murder...

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?

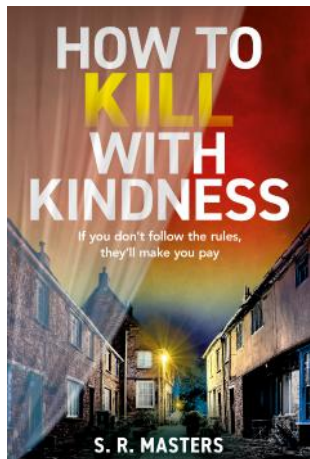
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Editor: Miranda Jewess
Agent: Joanna Swainson
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S.R. MASTERS

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".

How To Kill With Kindness



Welcome to the kindest village in the country. If you follow their rules, you'll be okay. If you don't, they'll make you pay...

The village of Nether Appleford calls itself 'England's Kindest Village'. Overseen by the Kindness Committee, this close-knit community strives to live their lives with kindness at the heart of everything they do.

Just Be Kind. It's as simple as that.

But what is kindness? Is it doing something to help someone else? Is it giving up your time to help your community? Or, perhaps it's something a lot less obvious...

What if the kindest thing you could do meant hurting someone? Then what would you do?



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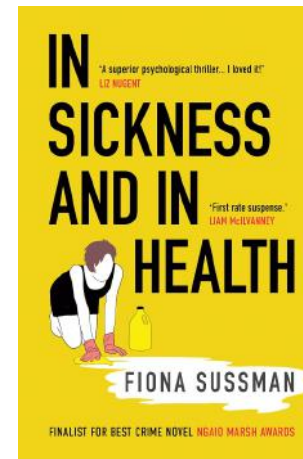
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FIONA SUSSMAN

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.

In Sickness and In Health

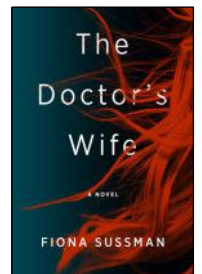


Finalist: Ngaio Marsh Awards Best Crime Novel
18 weeks on NZ Bestseller List

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...



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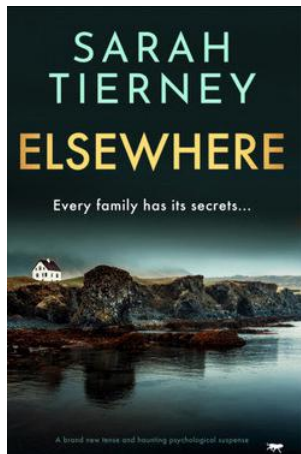


SARAH TIERNEY

Sarah Tierney completed the Novel Writing MA at Manchester University in 2001. Her first novel, *Making Space*, was published in 2017. She can't really account for the 16 years in-between except to say she did a bit of journalism, a lot of copywriting, and somewhere in there, wrote a short story, *Five Miles Out*, which was made into a short film by acclaimed director Andrew Haigh.

She spent her twenties in Manchester before moving back to her home town of Glossop, where she lives with her husband and daughter.

Elsewhere



UK Publisher: Bloodhound Books (WEL)
Editor: Betsy Reavley
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: June 2024
Material: Final PDF

It is the height of summer. Two sisters travel to a remote cottage for a holiday in an attempt to reconnect after years spent living in different countries. They're not close: Anna is a free-spirited wanderer, while Catherine is career-focused and settled. There's a barely hidden tension between them from the start, but it turns up a notch when unusual events start happening during the all-night twilight on the wild peninsula.

Who's the watchful girl with a baby? Who bangs on their windows in the early hours? What does the sad-eyed Scottish man who Anna is falling for know about it all? And how does it link back to that thing that happened twenty years ago that the sisters never talk about? The thing that created all this confusion and dislocation and longing in the first place.

Elsewhere is a timely, pacey novel about how psychosis creeps in on the back of isolation and suspicion. It's about the shadow that motherhood casts over women's lives, even when there is no child and how buried trauma always winds its way up to the surface, sometimes in the most strange and frightening ways.



B P 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 previously worked in social media coordination for Waterstones in London.

The Garden Party

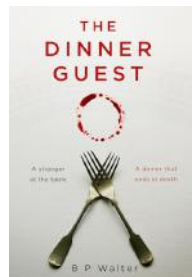
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Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: July 2024
Material: Edited manuscript

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

The perfect family. The perfect celebration. The perfect day for revenge.

The day of the garden party should've been a celebration of love for Raphael and his fiancée, as they toast their engagement with their families. But for someone, it's an opportunity to unveil the lies that have bound the family together over the years.

With their nearest and dearest gathered at the family manor, as the first glass is raised, the secrets that bind them begin to crack. And what should have been the happiest day of their lives, might just end as a day they'd rather forget...

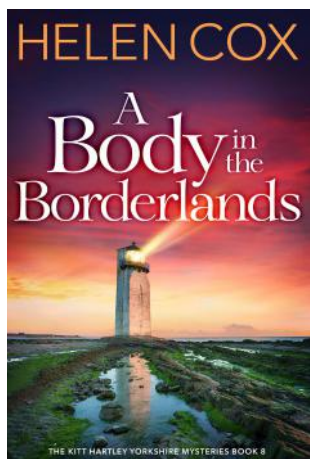




HELEN COX

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



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 . . .

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Editor: Stefanie Bierwerth
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: September 2023
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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.

UK 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
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 Estonian - Eesti Raamat
 French - Presses de la Cité
 German - Bastei Luebbe
 Italian - Piemme
 Norwegian - Cappelen Damm
 Swedish - Polaris

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



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Agent: Caroline Hardman
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Page count: 370 pages

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

Book 7 of The DI Callanach Series

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 iBooks 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 McIlvanney

Scottish Crime Book of the Year

Long-listed for the CWA Steel Dagger

Option publishers

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Complex Chinese - Marco Polo/Spring

Czech - Albatros

Danish - Politikens

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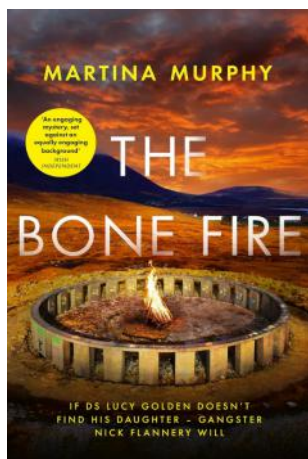
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MARTINA MURPHY

Martina trained as a drama teacher and has written YA fiction, as well as adult novels under the name Martina Reilly, with Hachette Ireland 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 Bone Fire



UK Publisher: Constable / L,B
Editor: Krystyna Green
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: August 2024
Material: Final PDF

A locked laptop - if DS Lucy Golden uses it to save herself, she may just destroy everything else.

A fatal fire in a holiday let on Slievemore, Achill Island, leaves one person dead and another missing. Deemed arson, DS Lucy Golden and her team are tasked with solving the murder and locating the missing woman, Moira Delaney. As the case develops, the pressure builds when it transpires that Moira's father is a gangland figure, a suspect in three unsolved murders. If Lucy doesn't uncover what happened that morning in Slievemore, he will deploy his own men to deal out his sort of justice.

Things get even more complicated when a laptop is uncovered that could ruin all that Lucy holds dear. And as the net on the suspect tightens, Lucy faces a hard choice - will she use it to save herself and bring a murderer to justice- or bury it and save her family and her career?

The DS Lucy Golden series



Praise for the DS Lucy Golden Series

‘She writes with confidence and efficiency as she tells a gripping and well-written story with believable and rounded characters’

Irish Examiner

‘A twisty mystery, a moody setting and a troubled cop on a tricky case.

What more could you want?’

Peterborough Evening Telegraph

‘A tense, fast-paced, and deftly plotted thriller, which kept me guessing right to the end.

I’m already looking forward to the next outing for Detective Sergeant Lucy Golden and her crew!’

Andrea Carter

‘An engaging mystery, set against an equally engaging background, packed with engrossing subplots’

Myles McWeeney, Irish Independent

‘Well plotted and page turning’ **Patricia Gibney**

‘A novel that raises the bar for crime procedurals.... Artful, measured and gripping’

Shots Magazine

‘A breathless crime novel, imbued with a sense of place’ *Westmeath Examiner*

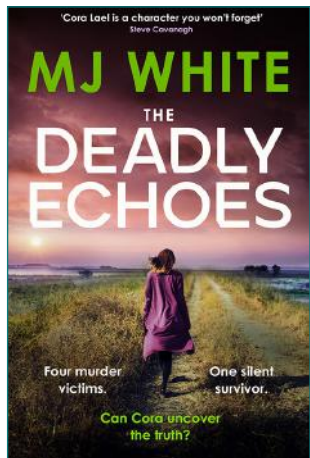
‘Such a good, interesting read’ *Belfast Telegraph*



M.J. WHITE

M.J. White is the pen name of million-copy selling *Sunday Times* bestselling author, Miranda Dickinson. Her debut crime series featuring Dr Cora Lael begins with *The Secret Voices*. A huge fan of crime fiction and particularly police procedurals, Miranda wrote *The Secret Voices* largely in secret and is chuffed now to finally share Cora, Acting DS Rob Minshull and the detectives of South Suffolk CID with the world! Miranda is also the host of weekly Facebook live show Fab Night In Chatty Thing- and it was reading extracts of *The Secret Voices* for her viewers that convinced her and her agent to send out the book to publishers.

The Deadly Echoes



UK Publisher: Hera (WEL)
Editor: Keshini Naidoo
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: June 2024
Material: Final manuscript

Four murder victims. One silent survivor. Can Cora hear the secrets he's hiding?

When a terrified, bloodied man staggers from a boarded-up shop in broad daylight in the small Suffolk village of Evernam, police are called to the scene.

What they find inside the derelict building sends the community into shock: four bodies, their throats savagely cut, arranged in a bizarre formation with objects surrounding them.

The survivor, Mark Lingham, insists that the deaths are his fault and is immediately arrested for murder. But police specialist Dr Cora Lael- a woman with the ability to sense emotional echoes from objects- hears a different story from the belongings placed around the bodies...

With a rural community in disarray, a horrific murder scene that shocks even the hardened detectives of South Suffolk CID and a suspect suddenly changing his story, can Cora unravel the secrets and lies to track down a brutal killer?

Cora Lael Mystery series by M.J. White

'Cora is a character you won't forget'

Steve Cavanagh, author of *The Devil's Advocate*

'An unusual premise and an engaging cast of characters. I flew through it'

Mari Hannah, author of *Her Last Request* and *Without a Trace*

'A corker of a debut with a brilliantly drawn main character'

Simon Toyne, author of *Solomon Creed*

'Touchingly compassionate, desperately exciting and aching well-written... a superlative crime novel'

Rob Parker, author of *Far From The Tree*

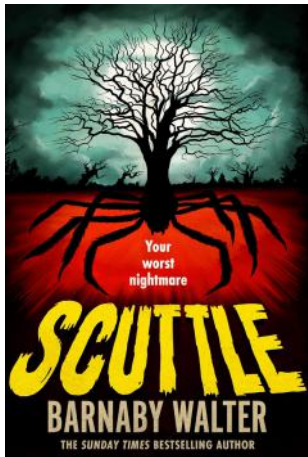




BARNABY WALTER

Barnaby Walter is the horror pen name of thriller writer B P Walter. Barnaby 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 previously worked in social media coordination for Waterstones in London.

Scuttle



A brand new horror novel from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author, for fans of Stephen King, Catriona Ward and Chuck Wendig.

When an overnight camping trip in the woods on Halloween night goes wrong, and a girl ends up dead with what looks like animal wounds, the whole neighbourhood is shocked.

How did it happen?

And more importantly *what* was it that killed her?

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Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: October 2024
 Material: Final PDF
Page count: 384 pages



PHIL QUAINTRELL

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. Philip is the author of the epic fantasy series *The Echoes Saga*, *A Time of Dragons* and *The Ranger Archives*, as well as the *Terran Cycle* sci-fi series. Amazon now puts Philip's sales figures in the top 1.8% of self-published authors worldwide.

Once There Were Heroes



A Time of Dragons: A brand new series from million 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.

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THE ECHOES SAGA, 9 BOOKS



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



*1 million
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Classic
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THE RANGER ARCHIVES, 3 BOOKS

