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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

COVER COMING
SOON

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.

US Publisher: Tin House
Editor: Masie Cochran
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: March 2024
Material: Unedited manuscript

Praise for *The House in the Orchard*

'With the heart-rending pleasures of McEwan's *Atonement*, Elizabeth Brooks' latest delivers a twisty, old fashioned tale which proves deadly when innocence collides with an antiquated world of manners and class.' - **Michelle Hoover**

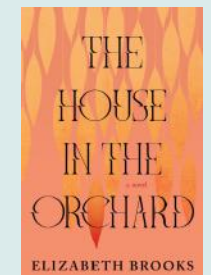
'At turns lush and tangled, with moments of clarity that burst forth from the darkness like shafts of moonlight penetrating a forest canopy, *The House in the Orchard* represents the finest in gothic fiction. Brooks is a master, enticing the reader forward, one step at a time, but only revealing the path by the light of a candle. Bewitching.' - **Erika Robuck**

'Historically inclined readers will delight in Brooks' attention to detail as Maude reaches for the cookbooks and thesaurus that would have been present in a Victorian household. But it is Brooks' exceptional ability to create a wealth of characters who are at once innocent and manipulative, trustworthy and unwholesome, that is most notable.' - **Kirkus Reviews**

'Love, self-discovery and even tragedy all intermingle in this gorgeous historical novel.' - **Good Housekeeping**

'In Elizabeth Brooks' novel, issues of class, grief, and longing rise up through the floorboards of every page.' - **Sloane Crosley**

'Brooks has written a diverting, highly readable novel with just enough plot twists to hold the reader's interest to its surprise ending.' - **Booklist**





REBECCA WAIT

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

Rights Sold:
German - Kein & Aber
Option:
Russian - Polyandria

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

'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*

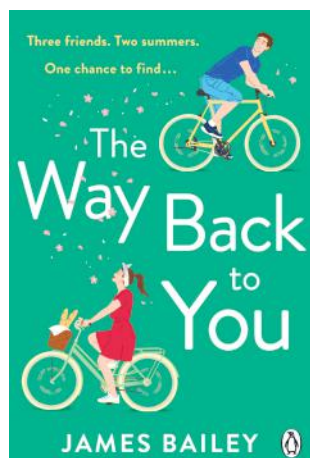




JAMES BAILEY

James is a 30-something-year-old author, who read Hispanic Studies at King's College, London. When not writing, he runs a walking tour in Bristol. He has previously worked as a showbiz journalist, and completed the Curtis Brown Creative Six Month Novel Writing Course.

The Way Back To You



Three friends. Two summers. One chance to find the way back to you . . .

When Simon Brown reconnects on Facebook with his first love Sylvie - the French pen pal he never actually met - he is determined that this time things will be different.

However, life isn't so straight-forward at sixty as it was at sixteen. His daughter's getting married, he's got difficult guests staying at his B&B, and his larger-than-life school friend, Ian, has abruptly waltzed back into his life.

Adamant that he can't let this second chance pass by, Simon sets off on a bike ride from Bristol to Bordeaux with Ian in tow, on the very same route they covered as teenagers in pursuit of love.

But although they now have better bikes, more acceptable haircuts, and Google Maps, some things never change, and it soon becomes clear that this trip will have even more bumps in the road than the first.

Is it ever too late to make up for past mistakes? How far can one friendship be pushed? And will Simon finally meet Sylvie?

Publisher: Michael Joseph
Editor: Rebecca Hilsdon
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: June 2022
 Material: Final PDF
 Paperback: 368 pages

Rights sold:
 Finnish - Werner Soderstrom
 German - Droemer Knauer

Praise for *The Flip Side*

TV Rights sold to Silverprint with author as Executive Producer

‘Utterly adorable and romantic. I feel uplifted!’ - **Giovanna Fletcher**

‘Utterly charming, funny and very relatable!’ - **Josie Silver**

‘A wonderful, feel-good gem of a book’ - **The Sun**

‘A funny, sparky read that feels fresh and modern . . . this book is fab’
 - **Sophie Cousens**

‘Really sweet, warm hearted story with some very funny moments . . .
 Thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a lovely way to start the new year’
 - **Carrie Hope Fletcher**

‘The ultimate rom-com’ - **The Independent**



Options Publishers

Czech - Dobrovsky
 Dutch - HarperCollins
 Estonian - Eesti Raamat
 French - L'Archipel
 Hungarian - Alexandra

Korean - Cheongmirae
 Italian - Garzanti
 Russian - Phoenix
 Serbian - Laguna
 Turkish - Yakamoz
 USA - William Morrow



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. She previously trained as an actress and has completed her a postgraduate diploma in psychodynamic counselling. She lives in north London with her partner and 8-year-old son. Lorraine tweets @LorraineBrown23.

Five Days in Florence



An irresistibly romantic story of love and empowerment, of the beauty of not fitting in, and of the age old question of how do you know they're 'the one'.

Maddie is over the moon when her boyfriend Nick proposes in Paris. And spending five days in Florence with his family sounds like the perfect way to get to know her future in-laws.

But Maddie is in for a rude awakening. Nick's parents are too posh for words, his daughter doesn't want to know her - and just why has his ex-wife come along?! And if that wasn't complicated enough, who should be at the same boutique hotel but Aidan, the one that got away two years ago...

Who knew so much could happen in just five days in Florence?

Publisher: Orion
Editor: Rhea Kurien
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: June 2023
Material: Edited manuscript

Rights sold:
German - Bastei Luebbe

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

Croatian - Fokus
Czech - Euromedia
Danish - Jentas
Dutch - Xander
Estonian - Ersen

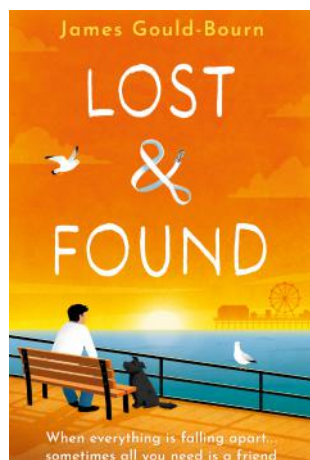
Hungarian - Kossuth
Portuguese - 2020
Serbian - Vulkan
Swedish - Jentas
Turkish - Ilkatsir



JAMES GOULD-BOURN

James was born and raised in Stockport, Manchester. After several years working for land mine removal organisations in Africa and the Middle East, he decided to enrol on the Faber Academy's six month Write a Novel course. He now lives in Bristol.

Lost & Found



A poignant and uplifting story for anybody who didn't realise how lost they were until they were found.

Ronnie Porter doesn't have many friends. He doesn't have any friends, in fact – not since his dad died three years ago. He never thought he could feel more alone than he did that day, but then his shadow disappears and Ronnie finds himself feeling lonelier than ever.

That is, until he meets Cate, the devious but well-meaning Kate Bush fanatic who works at the local dog shelter. Cate tricks Ronnie into fostering Hamlet, a dog as ugly as he is strange. When he's not trying to eat things that shouldn't be eaten or scaring people and other dogs with his face, he's busy trying and failing to grasp how the game of fetch is supposed to work.

Despite the fact that Hamlet refuses to come anywhere near Ronnie and despite the fact that Ronnie finds Hamlet objectively hideous, the two of them form an uneasy sort of alliance. But where is Ronnie's shadow? Will it ever return? And will Hamlet ever learn how to play fetch like a normal dog?

Publisher: Orion
Editor: Sam Eades
Agent: Joanna Swainson
Publication: January 2023
Material: Final PDF

Rights sold:
 Italy: Mondadori

Praise for *Keeping Mum*

Film/TV rights under offer

'Touching, funny and bursting with heart, Gould-Bourn's luminous debut features a hapless yet endearing father desperate to reconnect with his son following his mother's death. Told with immense charm and compassion, *Keeping Mum* is the perfect feelgood read'

- **Waterstones**

'a joyous, uplifting story of a father and son finding their way back to each other' - **Daily Mail**

'hits that sweet spot between being properly funny and gut-punchingly emotional' - **Fabulous Mag, The Sun**

'An uplifting and moving tale of a father reconnecting with his son' - **Woman's Own**

'I couldn't resist this heart-warming story... If you want feel-good with a distinctive, funny, supporting cast, then this is the book for you' - **Daily Mail**



Option publishers

Bulgaria: Prozorets
 China: Ruyi Xinxin
 Czech Republic: Host

Korea: Daewon
 Norway: Vigmostad & Bjørke
 Poland: Marginsey
 Russia: MIF



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.

The One That Got Away



Film rights to Village Roadshow Entertainment

For fans of Carly Fortune: this book will break your heart... then put it back together.

Two years together. Twenty years apart. One day to change their story.

2000. Benjamin's world is turned upside down the night he meets Clara. Instinctively, he knows that they are meant for each other, but a devastating mistake on their last night at university will take their lives in very different directions. 20 years later, Clara has a high-profile job and a handsome husband. But despite the trappings of success, she isn't happy, and she knows that a piece of her heart still belongs to Benjamin, the boy she fell in love with years earlier. The boy whose life she fears she ruined.

When a bombing is reported in the city where they first met, Clara is pulled back to a place she tries not to remember and the first love she could never forget. Searching for Benjamin, Clara is forced to confront the events that tore them apart. But is it too late to put right what went wrong?

UK Publisher: Head of Zeus
Editor: Rachel Faulkner-W
US Publisher: St Martin's
Editor: Sarah Cantin
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: February 2023
Material: Final PDF

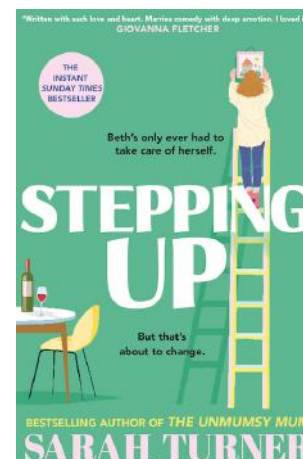
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Hebrew - Tchelet
Hungarian - Libri Kiado
Romanian - RAO
Portuguese (Brazil) - Faro
Russian - Eksmo
Ukraine - Family Leisure Club



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. 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. *Stepping Up* is Sarah's first novel.

Stepping Up



The Instant Sunday Times Bestseller
Richard & Judy Bookclub Pick

A glorious novel about family, grief, changing expectations and, ultimately, love.

Beth has never stuck at anything. She's quit more jobs and relationships than she can remember and she still sleeps in her childhood bedroom. It's not that she hasn't *tried* to grow up, it's just that so far, the only commitment she's held down is Friday drinks at the village pub.

Then, in the space of a morning, her world changes. Beth is now guardian to her teenage niece and toddler nephew. Having never been responsible for anyone - or anything - it's not long before she feels seriously out of her depth.

What if she's simply not up to the job? With a little help from her best friend Jory (purely platonic, of course ...) and her lovely, lonely next-door neighbour, Albert, Beth is determined that this time she's not giving up. It's time to step up.

Publisher: Transworld
Editor: Frankie Gray
Agent: Hannah Ferguson
Publication: March 2022
Material: Final PDF
Hardback: 325 pages

Rights Sold:
Brazilian Portuguese - Verus
Croatian - Znanje
China - CCTP
Czech - Dobrovsky
Dutch - AW Bruna
German - Bastei Luebbe
Hungarian - Next21
Russian - Storytel



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

COVER COMING SOON

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?

Publisher: Viper Books
Editor: Miranda Jewess
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: January 2024
Material: Edited manuscript



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".

How to Kill with Kindness

COVER COMING SOON

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.

Publisher: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: 2023
Material: Edited manuscript

Option publisher:
Italian - Garzanti

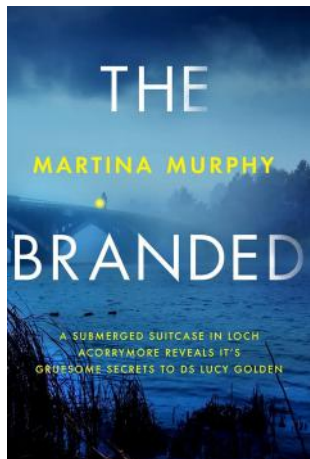




MARTINA MURPHY

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 Branded



Second in the gripping DS Lucy Golden series, set in atmospheric rural West Ireland

During an unprecedented heatwave, the body of a young girl is found in a submerged suitcase in Loch Acorrymore on Achill Island. DS Lucy Golden is tasked with identifying her and returning her to her family. With the help of her team, she discovers that the girl was a runaway, who had spent time in a homeless shelter. She has been murdered.

Publisher: Little, Brown
Editor: Krystyna Green
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: August 2022
Material: Final PDF

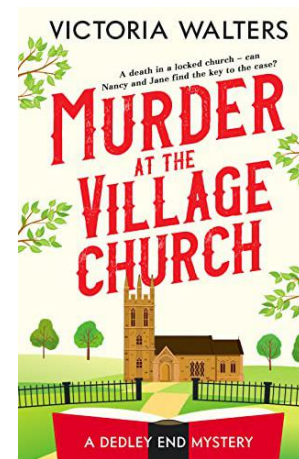
Despite some promising leads, Lucy's enquiries seem to be going nowhere until another the body with connections to the homeless shelter is discovered in what initially appears to be a suicide. Lucy knows that there is no such thing as coincidence, but the race is on to find the link between the two victims before the trail goes cold. As Lucy is drawn deeper into the case, she realises that these murders may be a whole lot more sinister than first thought. Can Lucy keep a clear emotional head and get to the truth before more girls end up dead?



VICTORIA WALTERS

Victoria writes uplifting and inspiring stories. Her moving debut novel *The Second Love of My Life* was chosen for WHSmith Fresh Talent and shortlisted for an RNA award. Victoria was also picked as an Amazon Rising Star. Victoria works as a Waterstones bookseller and buys far too many books there. She lives in Surrey with her cat Harry (named after Harry Potter).

Murder at the Village Church



Book 3 in the Dedley End cosy crime mysteries, featuring a grandmother and granddaughter detective duo.

Nancy Hunter is on a mission to find her mother. Samantha Hunter walked out on her family and left the village of Dedley End over twenty years ago. For two decades, Nancy has thought her mother was dead...until she discovers she was spotted at a party at a country estate five months ago.

Publisher: Hera Books
Editor: Keshini Naidoo
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: March 2022
Material: Final PDF

Option publishers:
 German - Goldmann
 Russian - Storytel

As Nancy delves into the mystery in her own family, the village of Dedley End is rocked by the appearance of Sebastian Holmes, recently released from a long stretch in prison for his part in a jewellery robbery in London. And when someone is found murdered in the local church, it seems that there may be more danger hiding in their sleepy Cotswold village...





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. She tweets @theemmachristie.

Find Her First



A missing wife. A guilty husband. But it's not what you think . . .

Paramedic Andy Campbell has a secret he can't tell anyone, not least the police. But when his wife Stef's image is found at the home of a suspected killer, detectives start knocking on his door, and they're not the only ones asking questions.

As Andy battles to keep them off his trail, those close to Stef make a series of bloody discoveries that demand explanations even her husband can't give.

The race for the truth leads them far from their Edinburgh home – but who will find her first, and will they save her life or take it?

Shortlisted for The McIlvanney Prize for best Scottish Crime Book of the Year

Shortlisted for the Bloody Scotland Debut of the Year

Longlisted for the Crime Writers' Association New Blood Dagger Award



Publisher: Welbeck
Editor: Jon Elek
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: June 2022
Material: Unedited Manuscript

Rights Sold:
Romanian - RAO



MJ WHITE

M.J. White is the crime pen name of the internationally bestselling author Miranda Dickinson. To date she has sold over one million books worldwide and has been translated into sixteen languages. Miranda has always been a huge fan of crime fiction and *The Secret Voices* marks the start of a new and exciting departure for her writing.

The Silent Child



Book 3 in the Cora Lael Mysteries

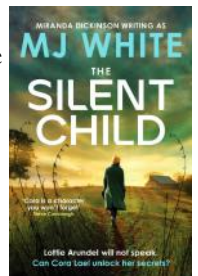
Ewan Stokes disappeared after a football match in Ipswich 15 years ago. No one knows where he went – or why – but every year on the anniversary of his disappearance, random mysterious sightings are reported across Europe. Since Ewan vanished, a fanatical online following has grown up around the mystery. The cult believes Stokesy is coming back. And he wants payback.

When police are alerted to CCTV images of a man holding a sign that reads 'Help Me' and Ewan's ex-girlfriend is targeted by a series of sinister attacks, they fear that the online hysteria has ramped up at the prospect of Stokesy's return.

As tension grows, psychologist Dr Cora Lael, working with DS Rob Minshull and the South Suffolk CID, is called upon to use her special intuition to help the police protect Maisie.

Publisher: Hera Books
Editor: Keshini Naidoo
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: April 2023
Material: Final PDF





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.

Summer Heat Rising

COVER COMING
SOON

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.



Publisher: One More Chapter
Editor: Jennie Rothwell
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: November 2023
Material: Edited manuscript

Option Publishers
Italian - Newton Compton
Czech - Dobrovsky
Serbia - Vulkan
Portuguese - Presença
Russian - AST
Sweden - Storytel

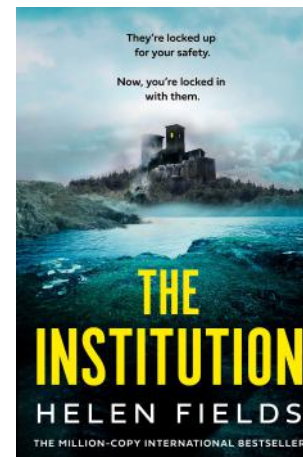
One night, the two young men accept an invitation to go to a beautiful villa on a private island just off the coast. The island is home to a mysterious man with sinister predilections and soon Oliver and Alastair are drawn into his dark and disturbing world. Just as it becomes too late to turn back, 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



*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?



Publisher: Avon
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

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



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...

Publisher: Avon
Editor: Helen Huthwaite
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: September 2022
Material: Final PDF

Rights Sold:
Czech - Albatros
Dutch - Ambo Anthos



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

Danish - Politikens

Estonian - Ersen

Finnish - Bookbeat

Hungarian - Muvelt Nep

Italian - Newton Compton

Lithuanian - Jotema

Macedonian - Knigholicari

Norwegian - Cappelen Damm

Polish - Bookbeat

Portuguese (Portugal) - 2020

Slovakian - Albatros

Swedish - Storytel

Complex Chinese - Marco Polo

Thai - Wara

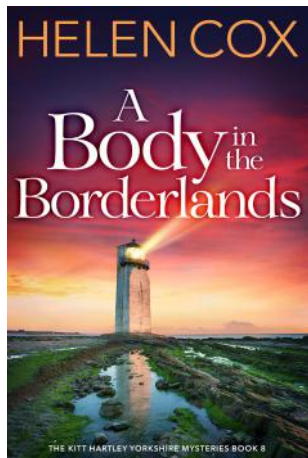
Turkish - Salon



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

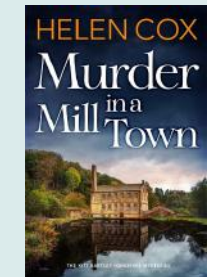
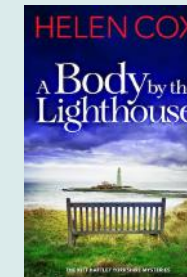
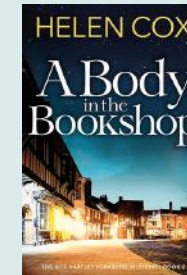
Former investment banker Johan Golding - Joe to his friends - is the newest member of the Hartley and Edwards Investigations team. And he's thrilled to be shadowing Kitt Hartley, librarian-turned-top sleuth, and her right-hand woman Grace Edwards; even if it means adjusting to the low-level madness that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

Publisher: Quercus
Editor: Stefanie Bierwerth
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: June 2023
Material: Final PDF



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: 160,000
Highest selling: *Murder by the Minster* 48,000 copies

Option publishers

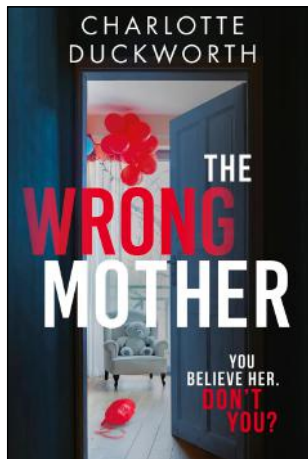
French - Presses de la Cité
 German - Bastei Luebbe
 Danish - Zara Forlaget
 Swedish - Polaris
 Dutch - De Fontein
 Estonian - Eesti Raamat
 Italian - Piemme
 Norwegian - Cappelen Damm



CHARLOTTE DUCKWORTH

Charlotte is a graduate of the Faber Academy's acclaimed six-month 'Writing a Novel' course. Charlotte started her career working as an interiors and lifestyle journalist, writing for a wide range of consumer magazines and websites. Alongside writing, she now runs her own website design studio.

The Wrong Mother



Publisher: Quercus
Editor: Cassie Browne
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: March 2023
Material: Final PDF

One mother on the run. A safe place to hide. But you can't escape the past forever.

You believe her. Don't you?

Faye is 39 and single. She's terrified she may never have the one thing she always wanted: a child.

Then she discovers a co-parenting app: Acorns. For men and women who want to have a baby, but don't want to do it alone. When she meets Louis through it, it feels as though the fates have aligned.

But just one year later, Faye is on the run from Louis, with baby Jake in tow.

In desperate need of a new place to live, she contacts Rachel, who's renting out a room in her remote Norfolk cottage. It's all Faye can afford - and surely she'll be safe there?

But is Rachel the benevolent landlady she pretends to be? Or does she have a secret of her own?



Praise for *The Perfect Father*

60,000 E-Books Sold

'Unpredictable, tense and engrossing, *The Perfect Father* will challenge your perceptions of parenthood and keep you hooked from the first page to the last'
 - **Rebecca Fleet**

'I absolutely loved *The Perfect Father*! A real thriller of a ride with a twist I did NOT see coming'
 - **Nikki Smith**

'I love Charlotte's dark, messy takes on modern relationships, and this is no exception'
 - **Claire McGowan**

'Absolutely loved *The Perfect Father*! Such realistic, well-drawn characters, gripping emotional plot twists and a really distinctive story style'
 - **Nicola Mostyn**

'Such a cleverly woven, timely thriller that covers a number of complex themes without ever dropping the pace'
 - **Amy Heydenrych**

'*The Perfect Father* is the perfect read. Such a clever book. Surprising and original'
 - **Lesley Kara**

'A real thrill ride'
 - **Lisa Howells, Heat**

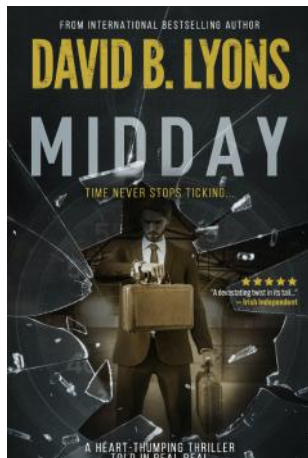
'Smart, compulsively readable and with an ending you will not see coming, there's nothing about this gripping story that fails to satisfy'
 - **Woman & Home**



DAVID B. LYONS

David has been a number one bestselling author in Ireland, the UK, Canada and in Australia. An award-winning freelance journalist before he landed his first publishing deal back in 2018. David grew up in Dublin but currently spends his time between Birmingham in the UK and the Irish capital. He is married to a Brummie, Kerry, and they have one daughter together, Lola.

The Tick Tock Trilogy



Publisher: Independently published
Agent: Joanna Swainson (for audio, film/tv and translation)

Material: Final PDF

Three novels set in real time and the clock is ticking...

BOOK 1: MIDDAY

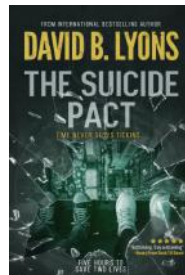
Vincent Butler has five hours to steal eight million euro from the four bank branches he manages in Dublin's city centre. If he doesn't manage to do so – his boyfriend of ten years, who is being held captive – will be killed.

BOOK 2: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BETSY BLAKE?

Private investigator Lenny Moon has five hours to find the answer to a question that has plagued dying father Gordon Blake for decades: whatever happened to my Betsy?

BOOK 3: THE SUICIDE PACT

Ex-detective Helen Brennan has five hours to stop two teenage girls from ending their own lives, just as her son Scott did twenty-two years ago. The problem is she doesn't know who the teenage girls are. Or where they are.



The America Trilogy



Publisher: Independently published
Agent: Joanna Swainson (for audio, film/tv and translation)

Material: Final PDF

David B. Lyons Statistics

Total sales: 325,250 copies sold

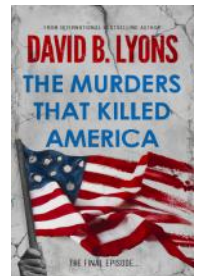
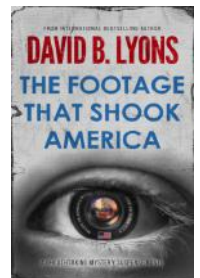
Tick Tock Trilogy Total sales: 187,300 copies sold

Highest selling: *Whatever Happened to Betsy Blake?*
 145,200 copies sold

Highest ranking: #1 Amazon in UK, Ireland, Canada & Australia

America Past. America Present. America Future.

Sarah-Jane Zdanski is America's most-watched TV news anchor. Throughout The America Trilogy — which covers her fifty-year span as the most influential media mogul in the country — Zdanski must battle with her morals to deliver the news her audiences demand. However, with reporting news comes great responsibility. But just how responsible can a news reader be when her end goal is not necessarily the truth, but her viewership figures?



America Past (set in 1997), *THE MIDDLE OF MIDDLE AMERICA*, deals with Sarah-Jane's rise from local reporter to national anchor and details how 24-hour news channels became so popular in the States.

America Present (set in 2022), *THE FOOTAGE THAT SHOOK AMERICA*, deals with the evolution of social media, and details just how prominent fake news and misinformation has become when it is diluted with facts.

America Future (set in 2047) details how dystopian mainstream media can get if we continue down this path of misinformation being reported as the truth.

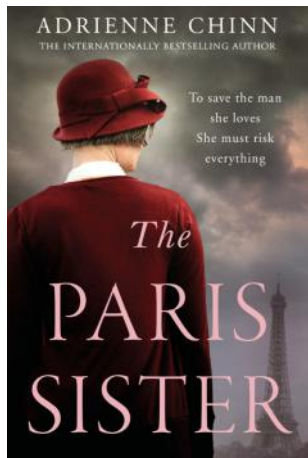
24-hour news channels are not the news business. They are show business. And nobody encompasses that more than America's sweetheart, the ever-smiling, Miss Sarah-Jane Zdanski.



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.

The Paris Sister



Publisher: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Agent: Joanna Swainson

Publication: February 2023
Material: Final PDF

Option Publisher
Russian - MTS

Book 2 in the The Fry sisters series, epic and sweeping historical fiction

The sisters enter the Roaring Twenties forever changed by their experiences during the Great War. Now, as each of their lives unfold in different corners of the globe, they come to realise that the most important bond is that of family.

Celie's new life on the Canadian prairies brings mixed blessings – a daughter to adore, but a husband who isn't the man who holds her heart. Jessie's career at her clinic in Egypt is solid, but a miscarriage puts her chances of a forever family in jeopardy. Etta's efforts to raise funds to free her wrongly incarcerated husband lead her from Capri into a decadent Parisian society world – and further from the man and child who were once her everything.

And back in London – where each of their adventures began – their mother Christina watches as the pieces of her carefully orchestrated existence begin to shatter...with implications for them all...



Adrienne Chinn overview

The English Wife has sold over 130,000 copies to date
USA Today Top 100
No.2 in both The Globe & Mail and Toronto Star

Praise for *Love in a Time of War*, the first novel in the Fry Sisters series

'Just stunning, a sublime tale of secrets, strong women and turbulent times. I absolutely adored it.' - **Clare Marchant**

'What a fantastic book! The reader is swept on a whirlwind journey across Europe, from Capri to London to Egypt and beyond... I thoroughly enjoyed every word of this novel and did not want it to end.' **Kath McGurl**

'Adrienne Chinn's *Love in a Time of War* is beautifully epic, romantic & rich in detail' **Lorna Cook**

'I very much enjoyed reading it. What a sweeping and evocative story it is. Well-researched and with lots of attention to detail, I found it very authentic.' **Rosanna Ley**

'I thoroughly enjoyed Adrienne's *Love In A Time Of War*. It's a truly epic read, spanning continents and momentous events, the different narratives braided to form a powerful rope of story of love found and love lost.' **Jane Johnson**

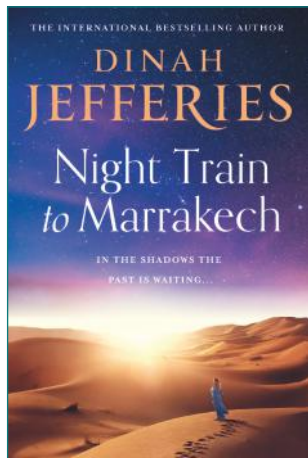
Historical Fiction



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



Gripping, page-turning and dramatic, 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...

Publisher: HarperCollins
Editor: Lynne Drew
Agent: Caroline Hardman

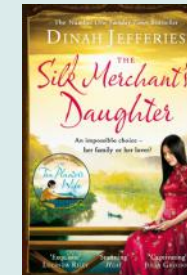
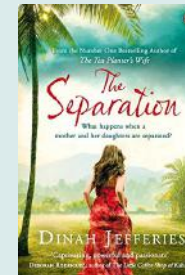
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Rights sold:
Czech - Vikend
Dutch - HarperCollins
Italian - Newton Compton
Norwegian - Vigmostad & B
Spanish - HC Iberica
Swedish - Polaris

Historical Fiction

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*
2 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
German - Bastei Luebbe
Greek - Klidarithmos
Hungarian - Tericum
Hebrew - Yedioth
Italian - Newton Compton

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



LOUISE FEIN

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

The London Bookshop Affair

COVER COMING
SOON

One woman's journey to uncover secrets of her mother's past, set against a backdrop of espionage and looming nuclear war in 1960s London.

1962. South London girl Celia Duchesne longs for a career but with no means, connections or qualifications she is stuck working in an antiquarian bookshop on the Strand. The day a handsome American walks into her life, she thinks she's found a way out. But when she discovers a devastating family secret, she begins to uncover past truths and becomes unwittingly embroiled in the murky world of espionage.

Publisher: William Morrow
Editor: Liz Stein
Agent: Caroline Hardman
Publication: January 2024
Material: Manuscript
Option Publishers:
 Czech - Alpress
 Dutch - Xander
 French - Bragelonne
 Greek - Minoas
 Hungarian - Kossuth
 Italian - Sonzogno
 Portuguese - 2020
 Portuguese / Brazil - Ciranda
 Romanian - Nemira
 Russian - Azbooka
 Spanish - Planeta

Twenty years prior, 19-year-old Anya Moreau was sent from England in secret to be dropped behind enemy lines in occupied France. 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 own unexpected connection to the undercover agent—she becomes increasingly aware of furious efforts to protect state secrets at all costs and must risk everything she holds close to her heart, in the name of family and justice.



PAULA GREENLEES

Paula has a degree in English and European Thought and Literature, and a MA in Writing. Before embarking on a writing career, Paula ran her own business for 15 years, after a period as a teacher. She has lived South East Asia, Chicago and San Francisco and currently lives in Warwick, England.

The Forgotten Promise



Publisher: Arrow
Editor: Katie Loughnane
Agent: Caroline Hardman

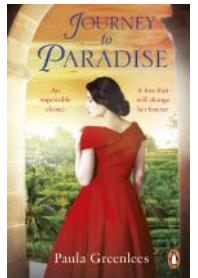
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Option Publisher
 Hebrew - Aryeh Nir

Malaya, 1920: Two girls make a promise in the shadows of the jungle. A promise that life won't let them easily keep.

Malaya, 1941: Ella is running her late father's tin mine in the Kledang hills, while Noor works as her cook. When the war that felt so far away suddenly arrives on their doorstep, Ella is torn apart from her family. Her daughter Grace is left in Noor's care as Japanese soldiers seize the mine.

Ella is forced to make an impossible choice that takes her to England, thousands of miles from home. She is desperate to be reunited with her loved ones. But will the life she returns to be anything like the life she left behind?

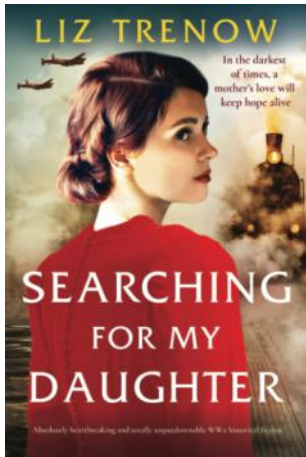




LIZ TRENOW

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.

Searching for my Daughter



Publisher: Bookouture
Editor: Laura Deacon
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Publication: May 2022
Material: Final PDF

A gripping, unforgettable novel about enduring love, bravery and staying hopeful in the darkest of times

Germany 1945: Miriam arrives exhausted and hungry at a British checkpoint. One of the few to survive the camps, she has lost her husband and son but clings to the hope of finding her daughter, Rosa who travelled to England before the outbreak of war.

When Miriam walks through the gates, she meets a young officer named Jack. As she begins to tell her daughter's story, there is a look of recognition in his eyes, and Miriam allows herself to hope.

Who was Jack to Rosa? Can he help Miriam find her? Or is he hiding something? As Miriam finds herself once again embarking on a journey into the unknown – in a world still in the grips of secret allegiances and unforgivable lies – it will take every ounce of her strength to survive.

A mother's love knows no bounds, but will Miriam find her darling daughter, or finally be defeated by the war that has taken from so many everything they ever loved?



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 writing historical romance novels.

The Lamplighter's Bookshop

On submission
Agent: Caroline Hardman

Evie Dunmore meets The Little Paris Bookshop in this turn of the century tale of rivalry, redemption and love.

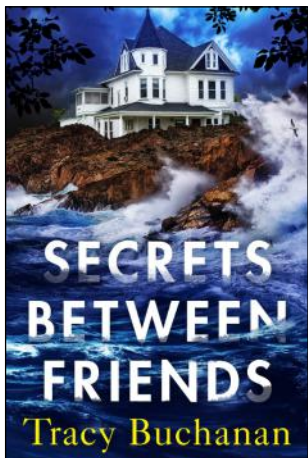
It's 1899, and under York's darkening skies, two lives are falling apart. Evelyn is startlingly precocious, fiercely private and, as of this moment: completely destitute. William is a charmingly curious writer desperate to paper over a shameful secret. Their salvation? A sodden poster that reads: *Bookshop assistant wanted*. But there's only one position open at the teetering bookshop nestled at York's centre, and as the pair work against one another to prove their worth, they soon realise there is more at stake than just their livelihoods...



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.

Secrets Between Friends



Publisher: Lake Union
Editor: Sammia Hamer
Agent: Caroline Hardman

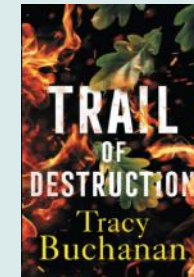
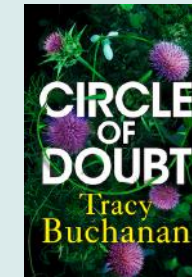
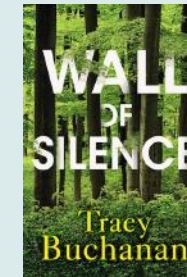
Publication: October 2022
Material: Final PDF

Option publisher:
 Italian - Newton Compton

The old house hides her darkest secret—and there's no running away this time...

Twenty years ago, Liz left Easthaven to escape the memory of one tragic night at Lakewell Manor. Only she and her best friend Tamsin saw what really happened, and in the aftermath they drifted apart. Now she's forced back after a nasty divorce, with two daughters in tow, the shadows of that terrible night lurking on every corner. With a custody battle looming, she's one wrong move away from her life falling apart completely.

So when news arrives that Tamsin, too, is returning to Easthaven, Liz fears their reunion will bring the awful truth spilling out into the open. But when she finally meets Tamsin, now mistress of the cliff-top house whose locked gates have guarded the friends' secret all these years, she's in for a surprise. Tamsin looks different, and she doesn't remember Liz, let alone what happened that night...



Praise for the *Forest Grove* Series

Over 100,000 copies sold of *Wall of Silence*

'Wall Of Silence [has] one of the most original openings I've read ... I was captivated from page one, entertained throughout, and shocked over the final reveal. Loved it!' - **Kerry Lonsdale**

'Secrets and lies abound in this complex and chilling mystery. I was totally shocked by the ending!' - **Lesley Kara**

'A darkly addictive read that draws you deep into the tangled web of secrets that lie at the heart of the Byatt family.' - **Lucy Clarke**

Statistics

Titles Published: 8
 11 Territories sold across all titles
 Total English sales: +490,000 copies
 Highest selling title: *My Sister's Secret*
 +200,000 copies sold in total

Option Publishers

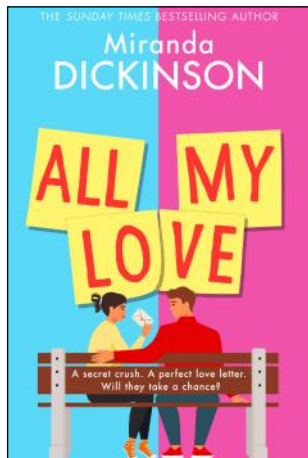
Czech - Dobrovsky
 German - Blanvalet
 Hungarian - Alexandra
 Portuguese - Bertrand
 Polish - Literackie
 Russian - AST



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 @wurdsmth.

All My Love



Publisher: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: February 2023
Material: Proof PDF

Rights sold:
Italian - Newton Compton

Sometimes love can be staring you in the face . . . and you don't even know it

By day, Archie works tirelessly as assistant to the editor of a local newspaper.

By night, Esther works after hours cleaning the rows of office desks with the help of her trusty sidekick, Fred the trolley.

Their paths never would have crossed, if it hadn't been for one discarded Post-it note unexpectedly bringing them together.

Because they share one thing in common . . . they're both secretly in love with someone else.

And they might just be the two people who can help each other find the courage to confess their feelings and write the perfect love letter.

But what if they're falling for the wrong person?



Praise for *The Start of Something*

'A proper lovely romance, and a fabulous spirit-lifter'- **Ruth Jones**

'Heart-warming and believable. This is Miranda Dickinson at her very best' - **Sarah Morgan**

'*The Start of Something* is a wonderfully romantic story about the healing powers of love. Gentle and romantic, a wonderful salve for the soul, it is a charming joy of a read' - **Milly Johnson**

'Miranda is such a big-hearted, generous writer, full of warmth and love' - **Jenny Colgan**

Author Statistics

Total Titles: 13
Six-Times Sunday Times Bestseller
Twice nominated for the Romantic Novel of the Year for *Fairytale of New York* and for *It Started With a Kiss*

Option Publishers

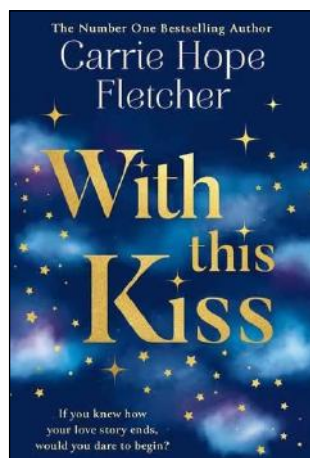
Norwegian - Cappelen Damm
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CARRIE HOPE FLETCHER

Carrie Hope Fletcher is a Sunday Times number 1 bestseller of both fiction and non-fiction. She is an actress, singer, author and vlogger. Carrie played the role of Eponine (as a child and as a adult) in *Les Misérables*, and has starred in *The War of the Worlds*, *The Addams Family*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Heathers*. She's currently playing the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's newest musical *Cinderella* where she recently won a What's On Stage Award. She's currently preparing for her debut solo tour around the UK, Carrie Hope Fletcher – An Open Book, performing songs from her incredible career. Carrie is on insta @carriehopefletcher.

With This Kiss



Publisher: HQ
Editor: Manpreet Grewal
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: April 2022
Material: Final PDF
Hardback: 317 pages

If you knew how your love story ends, would you dare to begin?

From the outside, Lorelai is an ordinary young woman with a normal life. She loves reading, she works at the local cinema and she adores living with her best friend. But she carries a painful burden, something she's kept hidden for years; whenever she kisses someone on the lips, she sees how they are going to die. But she's never known if she's seeing what was always meant to be, or if her kiss is the thing that decides their destiny. And so, she hasn't kissed anyone since she was eighteen.

Then she meets Grayson. Sweet, clever, funny Grayson. And for the first time in years she yearns for a man's kiss. But she can't...or can she? And if she does, should she try to intervene and change what she sees?

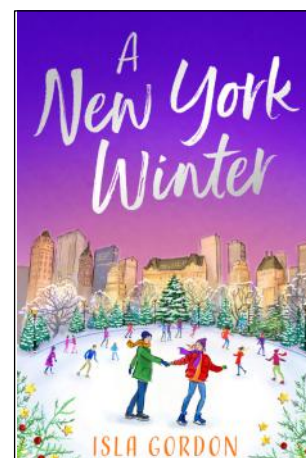
Spellbinding, magical and utterly original, *With This Kiss* is one love story you will never forget.



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
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...

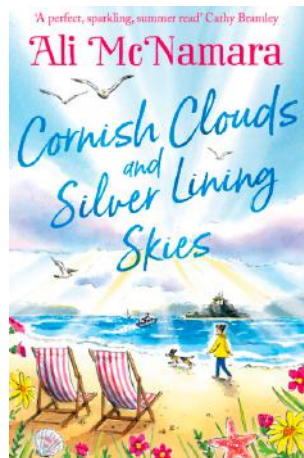
River is miserable - he's newly single, unemployed and feeling entirely lost - but sensing Ashling could do with the help, he offers her a room in his flatshare. Despite their clashing personalities, over the course of the winter, outgoing Ashling finds herself growing closer to quiet, geeky River - but is he just shy or is there another reason he's holding back?



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.

Cornish Clouds and Silver Lining Skies



Shortlisted for an RNA award in contemporary romantic novel category

Meteorologist Sky Matthews does not like surprises.

Sky monitors her life like she does the weather, carefully and with a scientific eye. So, when she misses out on her dream job abroad and finds herself with no choice but to take a position on a tidal island off the Cornish harbour town of St Felix instead, she feels completely at sea. Worse still, she has to work alongside TV weatherman Sonny Samuels, who barely knows his storms from his tsunamis.

Publisher: Sphere
Editor: Darcy Nicholson
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: 2023
Material: Final PDF
Paperback: 335 pages

Rights sold:
Italian - Newton Compton
Russian - Exmo
Swedish - Lavender Lit

It doesn't take long for Sky to become enchanted by the strange weather patterns over St Felix. Sonny is convinced they link to local folklore, but Sky knows her science too well to fall for that. Until she meets Walter, a local weather watcher with no qualifications beyond a lifetime of experience and Sky is forced to question everything she thought she knew about the weather, herself... and Sonny.

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**

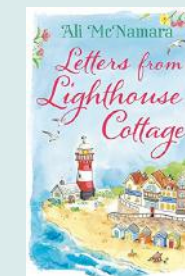
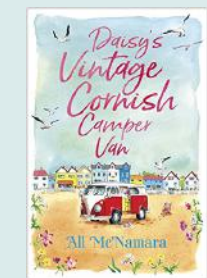
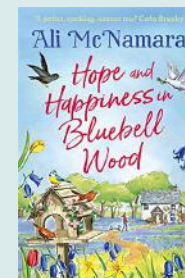
'Fun and endearing' **Katie Fforde**

'Perfect easy reading' **Sun**

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

Dickinson

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

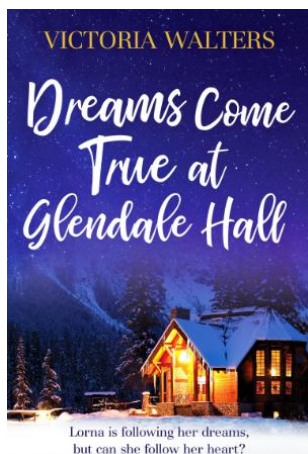




VICTORIA WALTERS

Victoria Walters writes uplifting and inspiring stories. Her moving debut novel *The Second Love of My Life* was chosen for WHSmith Fresh Talent and shortlisted for an RNA award. Victoria was also picked as an Amazon Rising Star. Victoria works as a Waterstones bookseller and buys far too many books there. She lives in Surrey with her cat Harry (named after Harry Potter).

Dreams Come True at Glendale Hall



Publisher: Hera
Editor: Keshini Naidoo
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

Publication: September 2022
Material: Final PDF

Option publisher:
Norwegian - Vigmostad & Bjørke

Lorna Ferguson has dreamt of opening her own bed and breakfast in the village of Glendale for as long as she'd pictured falling in love. While her love life remains frankly hopeless, Lorna is determined to secure Dove House - the home she imagined living in as a child - to start this new venture with her family.

Along with brother Adam, Lorna starts restoring the house to its Art Deco glory, but faced with a whole host of renovation problems and their money fast running out, they worry that Dove House will never be ready to open in the New Year.

When a mystery man turns up, needing to fulfil a promise he made to his dying father and find the object he left at Dove House many years ago, Lorna's heart goes out to him. But what they find there is going to change both of their lives forever.

Facing problems at every turn, and distracted by her heart, Lorna is going to need all the magic that her beloved Glendale can supply to make all her dreams come true...

Series Statistics

Total Titles: 6 (5 published so far)
Total Sales: 83,000 cps sold
Highest-selling: *Coming Home to Glendale Hall* 34,850 cps sold

Option Publishers

Danish - Bladkompaniet
Swedish - Polaris
Russian - Eksmo



Praise for Victoria Walters

'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*



SUSY MCPHEE

Susy McPhee lives and works in Crieff, Scotland. She has written extensively for the telecommunications industry, and offered on-line help for the technically challenged. These days she writes novels, which are much more fun.

One Plus One

On submission
Agent: Hannah Ferguson

A raw and thought-provoking story about a grieving woman learning to mother an unexpected child, written with humour and the lightest touch.

Relationships are not Imogen's strong suit. Her father disappeared when she was six – he just walked out one morning to buy a paper and never returned. The baby she and her husband Harry had been expecting a few short months ago was born prematurely and only survived for a few precious hours. And the aforementioned Harry has just crashed into a tree in the New Forest when he was supposed to be picking up an award at a maths symposium in Hong Kong. What's worse, Imogen's ex-best friend Lily was with him in the car along with her five-year-old son, Merlin, the only one of the three of them to survive.

When Social Services suggest that Imogen take the boy in, her instinct is to run as fast as possible in the opposite direction. But then she has a change of heart and Merlin comes to live with her, setting the pair of them off on a bumpy road. Secrets from the past worm their way into the present, teaching Imogen some hard lessons about relationships, trust, and what family is really all about.

