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do you do when they're gone?



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LOVE, ALMOST

By Hayley Doyle

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Chloe and Jack were madly in love - for five months.

Then Jack was gone.

In the wake of his death, Chloe discovers that few of Jack's friends and family actually knew about their relationship.

Why didn't he tell them?

Despite this, she is determined to keep the memory of their short love story alive and begins to work through their list of plans for the future, this time on her own.

But as more time passes, she wonders if the relationship was really as special as she thought it was.

And, most of all, where does she go from here?



Hayley Doyle was born in Liverpool. She trained at the Paul McCartney Fame School and worked as an actress for more than a decade including being in the West End show, *Mamma Mia!* She then went on to live and work in Dubai, where she founded a children's theatre company specialising in musical theatre, acting and playwriting. Hayley now lives in London with her husband and two children, and freelances as a script writer for gaming apps.

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DÉBUT AND NEW

POPULAR FICTION

DÉBUT



Sally Page **A DUSTING OF HOPE (working title)**

AN UPLIFTING DÉBUT INSPIRED BY ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS

JANICE, A DISSATISFIED CLEANER, FINDS JOY IN THE STORIES OF OTHERS. BUT HER TENACIOUS NEW CLIENT WILL SHOW HER THAT NOT ONLY DOES SHE HAVE HER OWN STORY TO TELL, SHE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE IT

FOR FANS OF A.J. PEARCE AND PHAEDRA PATRICK

Cleaner, Janice, knows that it is in people's stories that you really get to know them. From recently-widowed Fiona and her son Adam to opera-singing Geordie and the awful Mrs 'YeahYeahYeah' and her fox terrier, Decius, Janice has a unique insight into the community around her.

When Janice starts cleaning for Mrs B – a shrewd and tricky woman in her nineties – she finally meets someone who wants to hear *her* story. But Janice is clear: she is the story collector, she doesn't have a story to tell. At least, not one she can share.

Mrs B is no fool and knows there is more to Janice than meets the eye. What is she hiding? After all, doesn't *everyone* have a story to tell?

UK publication: Summer 2021

TBC pages

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: One More Chapter / HarperCollins (Charlotte Ledger)

AUDIO: One More Chapter / HarperCollins

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Sally Page worked in advertising before training as a florist and opening her own flower shop. Sally came to appreciate that flower shops offer a unique window into a community and eventually she photographed and wrote a series of non-fiction books bringing these stories to life. In her début novel, *A DUSTING OF HOPE*, Sally combines her love of writing and history with her abiding interest in the stories people have to tell. Sally lives in Dorset with her husband and has two daughters.

Claire Frost **MARRIED AT FIRST SWIPE**

A FUN AND FEEL GOOD NOVEL ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND FINDING LOVE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

IN ORDER TO SAVE HER FRIEND'S BUSINESS, HANNAH AGREES TO GO ON THE ULTIMATE BLIND DATE AND MARRY A MAN SHE HAS NEVER MET

'A TOTAL DELIGHT. WITTY AND FRESH - I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!'

Milly Johnson



Hannah lives life on the edge. Never one to pass up a dare or exhilarating new adventure, she has truly been living her best life. But once the adrenaline wears off and the excitement fades, she sometimes wishes she had someone to spend the quieter moments with too. Learning that her best friend's online dating business has taken a hit, she comes up with an idea that just might solve both of their problems...

Jess has been with her husband for 20 years. They have a stable marriage, great kids and run their own businesses. But what looks like a perfect life from the outside has its own problems within, and with a business on the brink Jess can't help but wonder where the spark has gone in her life, and whether settling down is all it's cracked up to be.

When Hannah embarks upon her latest scheme: finding a man using Jess's dating app and meeting him for the first time *at the altar*, both women start to realise the grass isn't always greener. Can Hannah help her friend save her failing business or will Jess stop her from making what could be the biggest mistake of her life? Or even in the modern tech-fuelled world of dating, is it still possible to find true love?

UK publication: 4th February 2021

400 pages

Praise for Claire Frost:

'If you're looking for a story to make you giggle, shed a few tears and cheer, this is the one! Married at First Swipe is a funny, heart-warming delight. I loved it!'

Miranda Dickinson

'I couldn't put it down. What a wonderful, warm, wise and witty book!'

Alex Brown

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Simon & Schuster (Rebecca Farrell)

AUDIO: Simon & Schuster

POLISH: Kobieca

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

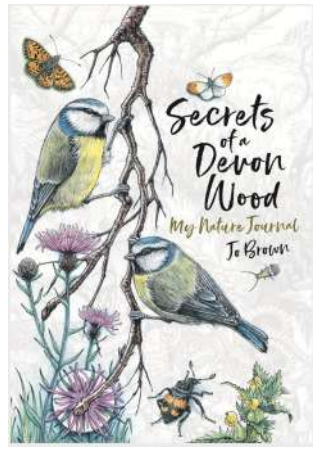
Claire Frost grew up in Manchester, the middle of three sisters. She always wanted to do a job that involved writing, so after studying Classics at Bristol University she started working in magazines. For the last twelve years she's been at The Sun on Sunday's Fabulous magazine, where she is Assistant Editor and also responsible for the title's book reviews. Her first novel *LIVING MY BEST LIFE*, was published by Simon & Schuster in September 2019 and was nominated for the 2020 RNA Début Romantic Novel Award.

NON-FICTION

DÉBUT

Jo Brown

MY NATURE JOURNAL: SECRETS OF A DEVON WOOD



AN ARTIST'S STUNNING APPRECIATION OF THE BEAUTY OF NATURE THROUGH ILLUSTRATION

CONNECT TO THE SURROUNDING NATURAL WORLD - THE PERFECT ANTIDOTE TO THESE INCREASINGLY TECH-DRIVEN TIMES

'SUMPTUOUSLY ILLUSTRATED...A TRULY WONDERFUL BOOK'

Daily Mail

"Things of such magnitude deserve respect and understanding. They deserve to be remembered..."

Artist and illustrator Jo Brown started keeping her nature diary in a bid to document the small wonders of the wood behind her home in Devon.

This book is an exact replica of her original black Moleskin journal, a rich illustrated memory of Jo's discoveries in the order in which she found them.

In enchanting, minute detail she zooms in on a bog beacon mushroom, a buff-tailed bumble-bee, and a native bluebell. And she notes facts about their physiology and life history.

SECRETS OF A DEVON WOOD is a treat for the senses, a hymn to the intricate beauty of the natural world and a quiet call to arms for all of us to acknowledge and preserve it. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finally put it down.

UK publication: 8th October 2020

www.bernoid.com

112 pages

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Short Books (Rebecca Nicolson)

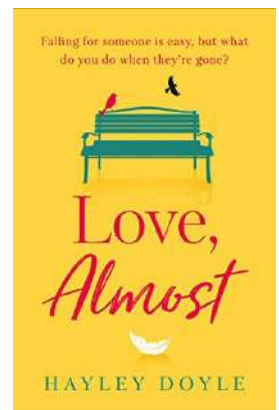
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Jo Brown is a professional illustrator from South Devon. She graduated from Falmouth College of Arts in 2000 with a BA Honours in Illustration. Jo's journal has been featured on CNN, Newsround, BBC South West's Inside Out and BBC Radio Devon. SECRETS OF A DEVON WOOD is her début title.

POPULAR FICTION

Hayley Doyle **LOVE, ALMOST**

**A HEARTWARMING STORY ABOUT FINDING TRUE LOVE AND
LOSING IT TO A TWIST OF FATE**



**FALLING FOR SOMEONE IS EASY, BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THEY'RE
GONE?**

'THIS MODERN LOVE STORY IS QUIRKY, FUN AND FULL OF SURPRISES'
Claire Frost

Chloe and Jack are soulmates. But life has other plans...

Chloe is deliriously in love for the very first time. But when Jack, her boyfriend of five months, is killed in a tragic accident, she is left reeling. Their relationship was amazing - but it never really had the chance to get started.

Grieving but determined, Chloe decides to live life for the both of them and makes her way through the list of things they'd planned to do together - this time on her own.

UK publication: 7th January 2021

400 pages

Praise for Hayley Doyle:

'A tale that will leave you smiling'

Bella Magazine

'A perfect uplifting read'

Caroline Corcoran

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Camilla Bolton)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon (Tilda McDonald)

AUDIO: Avon

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Option in **CZECH**

Previous title:

NEVER SAW YOU COMING: UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon; **CZECH:** Metafora / Grada

Hayley Doyle was born in Liverpool and trained at the Paul McCartney Fame School, LIPA, and worked as an actress for more than a decade including being in the West End show, *Mamma Mia!* She then went on to live and work in Dubai, where she founded Hayley's Comet: a children's theatre company specialising in musical theatre, acting and playwriting. Hayley now lives in London with her husband and two children, and freelances as a script writer for gaming apps.



Mary Hargreaves **ENOUGH ALREADY**

A CONTEMPORARY, UPLIFTING STORY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CARE

BRIONY THINKS SHE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH AND SHE WANTS TO CHANGE. BUT MAYBE ALL SHE REALLY NEEDS IS A MAKEOVER OF HER MINDSET?

'HARGREAVES HAS CEMENTED HERSELF AS AN AUTO-BUY AUTHOR FOR ME'
Amazon 5* review

When a junior on her team pitches an exciting new idea to her boss, Briony is so preoccupied by her fear of public speaking that she misses the concept entirely, and ends up in a spiralling web of lies and excuses as she tries to manage a project she knows nothing about. When everything comes to a head with a colossal panic attack, she is signed off work for a month on mental health leave.

To make matters worse, Briony's boyfriend Ben is being distant, and her best friend Sami seems to have replaced her with a new work friend. And then there is her dad, who needs a lift home from jail - again. Briony feels like she will never be enough for any of them.

Briony decides that she needs to make a change, to become a better employee, a better girlfriend, a better friend and a better daughter, and signs up to a local social anxiety support group in order to deal with her issues. It is there that she meets Jordan and Sarah, two new friends who might just show Briony that she is 'enough' already.

UK publication: 10th June 2021

304 pages

Praise for Mary Hargreaves:

'So refreshingly honest and accurate'

Amazon 5* review

'A genuinely funny and lovely book about one woman's quest for a better life'

Amazon 5* review

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Trapeze (Rachel Neely)

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Option in CZECH

Previous title:

THIS IS NOT A LOVE STORY: UK & COMMONWEALTH: Trapeze; **CZECH:** Dobrovsky

Mary Hargreaves lives in Manchester and has a Masters in Clinical and Health Psychology. She currently works in health research and is writing her third novel.

Nicola Gill **WE ARE FAMILY**

A FUNNY AND HONEST STORY OF LOVE, GRIEF, SIBLING RIVALRY AND FAMILY

YOU CAN'T CHOOSE YOUR FAMILY BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO LET THEM IN TO YOUR LIFE

'DELICIOUS COMBINATION OF QUIRKY, WRY, AND PUNCHY'

Abigail Mann



Jess and Laura might be sisters, but they're very different people. Laura is laid-back, eats cheese in bed, and takes life as it comes. Jess, meanwhile, is the classic overachiever: Chief of Chivvyng, Queen of all WhatsApp groups. They're family, but they're not exactly friends.

When their mum dies, the sisters struggle to agree on anything, from where to scatter the ashes to whether "passed away" is an acceptable term. But as life forces them together, Laura and Jess realise: the only way through this is as a team. After all, they're stuck with each other – and drinking wine is more fun as a pair...

UK publication: 3rd September 2020

400 pages

Praise for WE ARE FAMILY:

'Funny and engaging, with characters who felt very real, I loved this poignant portrayal of sisterhood and family'

Louise Hare, author of *This Lovely City*

'A poignant reminder that grief isn't always linear. Touching and humorous'

Gillian Harvey

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon (Katie Loughnane)

AUDIO: Avon

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

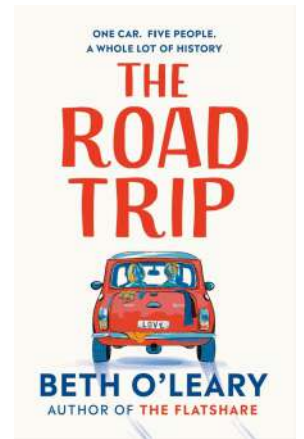
Previous title:

THE NEIGHBOURS: UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon; **NORWEGIAN:** Cappelen Damm

Nicola Gill is an advertising writer who lives in London with her husband and two sons. Her first funny and heartwarming novel, **THE NEIGHBOURS**, was published by Avon in 2020. She is currently writing her third novel.

Beth O'Leary THE ROAD TRIP

THIRD NOVEL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING
AUTHOR OF THE FLATSHARE AND THE SWITCH



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THE FLATSHARE TV SERIES IN PRODUCTION WITH 42 FOR THE BBC; THE SWITCH IN DEVELOPMENT WITH AMBLIN AND RACHEL BROSNAN ATTACHED TO STAR

'IT'S SO SWEET AND UPLIFTING. A BALM FOR THESE WRETCHED TIMES'
Marian Keyes

Addie and her sister are about to embark on an epic road trip to a friend's wedding in rural Scotland. The playlist is all planned and the snacks are packed.

But, not long after setting off, a car slams into the back of theirs. The driver is none other than Addie's ex, Dylan, who she's avoided since their traumatic break-up two years earlier.

Dylan and his best mate are heading to the wedding too, and they've totalled their car, so Addie has no choice but to offer them a ride. The car is soon jam-packed full of luggage and secrets, and with three hundred miles ahead of them, Dylan and Addie can't avoid confronting the very messy history of their relationship...

Will they make it to the wedding on time? And, more importantly... is this really the end of the road for Addie and Dylan?

UK publication: 29th April 2021 US publication: Summer 2021

www.betholearyauthor.com

400 pages

Praise for Beth O'Leary:

'O'Leary manages to conjure up a Richard Curtis rom-com that also has its feet firmly planted in real life'

Stylist

'A cosy, hopeful escape that will make readers laugh, cry, and feel inspired'

Kirkus, starred review

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Quercus (Emma Capron)

NORTH AMERICAN: Berkley (Cindy Hwang)

AUDIO: Quercus

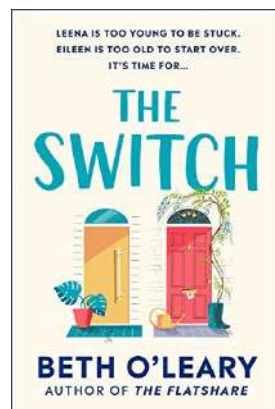
GERMAN: Heyne/Diana

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Beth O'Leary is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author whose novels have been translated into more than 30 languages. Her debut, *THE FLATSHARE*, sold over half a million copies and changed her life completely. Her second novel, *THE SWITCH*, has been optioned for film by Amblin Partners, Steven Spielberg's production company. Beth writes her books in the Hampshire countryside with a very badly behaved golden retriever for company. If she's not at her desk, you'll usually find her curled up somewhere with a book, a cup of tea and several woolly jumpers (whatever the weather).

Beth O'Leary

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THE SWITCH **UK publication: 16th April 2020 US publication: 18th August 2020**

When overachiever Leena Cotton is ordered to take a two-month sabbatical after blowing a big presentation at work, she escapes to her grandmother Eileen's house for some overdue rest. Eileen is newly single and about to turn eighty. She'd like a second chance at love, but her tiny Yorkshire village doesn't offer many eligible gentlemen.

Once Leena learns of Eileen's romantic predicament, she proposes a solution: a two-month swap. Eileen can live in London and look for love. Meanwhile Leena will look after everything in rural Yorkshire. But with gossiping neighbours and difficult family dynamics to navigate up north, and trendy London flatmates and online dating to contend with in the city, stepping into one another's shoes proves more difficult than either of them expected.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Quercus; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Flatiron Books; **CZECH:** Albatros Media; **DUTCH:** De Fontein; **FINNISH:** WSOY; **FRENCH:** Hugo; **GERMAN:** Heyne/Diana; **HUNGARIAN:** General Press; **ITALIAN:** Mondadori; **LITHUANIAN:** Lithuanian Writers' Union Publishers; **NORWEGIAN:** Gyldendal; **POLISH:** Albatros; **PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL):** Intrinseca; **PORTUGUESE:** 20/20 Editora Topseller; **ROMANIAN:** Litera; **FILM & TV RIGHTS:** Amblin

THE FLATSHARE **UK publication: 17th April 2019 US publication: 28th May 2019**

Tiffany Moore needs a cheap flat, and fast. Leon Twomey works nights and needs cash. Their friends think they're crazy, but it's the perfect solution: Leon occupies the one-bed flat while Tiffany's at work in the day, and she has the run of the place the rest of the time.

But with obsessive ex-boyfriends, demanding clients at work, wrongly-imprisoned brothers and, of course, the fact that they *still* haven't met yet, they're about to discover that if you want the perfect home you need to throw the rulebook out the window...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Quercus; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Flatiron Books; **BULGARIAN:** Ibis; **CATALAN:** Suma de Letras; **CHINESE (SIMP.):** Citic; **CROATIAN:** Znanje; **CZECH:** Albatros Media; **DANISH:** HarperCollins Nordic; **DUTCH:** De Fontein; **ESTONIAN:** Varrak; **FINNISH:** WSOY; **FRENCH:** Editions Fayard; **GERMAN:** Heyne/Diana; **GREEK:** Patakis; **HEBREW:** Kinneret; **HUNGARIAN:** General Press; **ICELANDIC:** Forlagid JPV; **ITALIAN:** Mondadori; **KOREAN:** Sallim; **LITHUANIAN:** Lithuanian Writers' Union Publishers; **MACEDONIAN:** Ars Lamina; **NORWEGIAN:** Gyldendal; **POLISH:** Albatros; **PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL):** Intrinseca; **PORTUGUESE:** 20/20 Editora Topseller; **ROMANIAN:** Litera; **RUSSIAN:** AST; **SERBIAN:** Laguna; **SLOVAK:** Ikar; **SLOVENE:** Učila; **SPANISH:** Suma de Letras; **SWEDISH:** Printz Publishing; **TURKISH:** Dogan Kitap; **UKRAINIAN:** Vivat; **VIETNAMESE:** Hoa Hoc Tro; **FILM & TV RIGHTS:** 42 / BBC

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SPOTLIGHT ON
KERRY FISHER



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Kerry Fisher is the *USA Today*, million copy bestselling author of eight standalone contemporary women's fiction titles. Before becoming a writer, she was a journalist until she abandoned real life stories in favour of the secrets of fictional families. Readers adore her novels, as they tell the stories of the real emotional dilemmas in women's lives. They are gripping whilst being simultaneously heart-breaking and life-affirming.

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The Netherlands; Ukraine**



Kerry Fisher **ANOTHER WOMAN'S CHILD**

AN EMOTIONAL DRAMA ABOUT THE SACRIFICES WE ARE WILLING TO TAKE TO HELP THE PEOPLE WE LOVE

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'NO ONE WRITES COMPLEX, PAINFUL FAMILY LOVE LIKE KERRY FISHER. REAL AND RAW BUT FUNNY TOO'

Iona Grey

Could you take your best friend's child, even if it risked destroying your own family?

Jo had thought that her life - and her heart - was full. With a busy job, a husband and a teenage daughter who is going off the rails, keeping her life running smoothly had already felt hard enough.

But now Jo sits at the funeral of her best friend Ginny, crushed by the loss of a friendship that had endured for 30 years: from college and their first days at work through to settling down and raising their own children.

Against her husband's wishes, Jo has made a life-changing decision: to take in Ginny's teenage son Victor and raise him as her own. Despite her misgivings, Jo feels she had no choice: Ginny was a single parent and Victor had no other family who could take care of him.

But Victor's arrival is about to break open the fragile cracks that were already forming on the surface of Jo's family life and in her small rural community... and expose a secret that has remained hidden for many years, with devastating consequences.

UK e-book publication: 5th August 2020

www.kerryfisherauthor.com

310 pages

Praise for Kerry Fisher:

'For fans of Jodi Picoult and Liane Moriarty, this book is an intense page-turner'

[Our Grand Life](#)

'Full of emotional drama and dark secrets... a compulsively readable novel'

[Publishers Weekly](#)

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture (Jenny Geras)

NORTH AMERICAN: Bookouture

AUDIO: Audible

CZECH: Euromedia

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Kerry Fisher was born in Peterborough and studied French and Italian at Bath University. She lived and worked abroad as an English teacher, a holiday rep and grape picker before succumbing to getting a 'proper job' and returning to England. She studied Periodical Journalism and started at *Essentials Magazine* in London. She now lives in Surrey with her husband, teenage children and dog. Kerry also wrote TAKE MY HAND, the narrative non-fiction title written with her best friend Pat Sowa, about their sons' life threatening illnesses. She is currently working on her ninth stand-alone novel.

For previous titles see page 16

Kerry Fisher

THE MILLION COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

THE MOTHER I COULD HAVE BEEN NO.1 AUDIBLE UK BESTSELLER

Sitting alone at her graduation ceremony at the age of 21, Vicky vows to create her own family and her own life, one which is full of the love and attention she has always craved. But when her son Theo is two, Vicky leaves him in the care of her mother-in-law, walks out of her front door and drives to a hotel where she takes a room for the night. She doesn't return.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Bookouture; **CZECH:** Euromedia

THE WOMAN I WAS BEFORE NO.3 DIGITAL BESTSELLER

Kate Jones is running away from the mistake that destroyed her life. Kate's new neighbours seem perfect, their posts online confirm this. But nothing is quite as picture perfect as it seems. And one day, everything changes, when Kate's work as a paramedic takes her to the scene of a devastating car accident, the consequences of which will test everything the women thought they knew about each other, and themselves.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Bookouture; **CZECH:** Euromedia; **ESTONIAN:** Ersen; **HUNGARIAN:** Alomgyar; **ITALIAN:** Editrice Nord

THE SECRET CHILD NO.1 DIGITAL BESTSELLER

Susie was forced to do something she will always regret. Her husband wonders why his wife is so distant. Her daughters can't understand their changeable mother. Susie knows her past is pushing her family apart, and the guilt is eating her up, but she can't escape from the consequences of what she has done. No-one but Susie knows the whole story, and when her daughters discover a piece of the puzzle, she must face the question: Would the truth bring them back together, or break them?

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Bookouture; **HUNGARIAN:** Alomgyar; **POLISH:** Literackie

THE SILENT WIFE NO.2 DIGITAL BESTSELLER

UK paperback publication: Sphere/Little,Brown - October 2018

US paperback publication: Forever/Grand Central - November 2018

Lara knows something about her husband Massimo. Something she can't tell anyone else or everything he has worked so hard for will be destroyed: his job, their reputation, their son. This secret is keeping Lara a prisoner in her marriage. Maggie is married to Massimo's brother Nico and lives with him and her troubled stepdaughter. She knows all of Nico's darkest secrets - or so she thinks...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Bookouture; **CROATIAN:** Mozaik; **CZECH:** Euromedia; **ESTONIAN:** Ersen; **HUNGARIAN:** Alomgyar; **ITALIAN:** Editrice Nord; **POLISH:** Literackie; **SLOVENE:** DESK; **TURKISH:** Peta Kitap

AFTER THE LIE NO.10 DIGITAL BESTSELLER

When Lydia was a teenager, she made a decision that ruined her family's life. Lydia's husband, Mark, and her two teenage children know nothing about that summer back in 1982. And that's the way Lydia wants it to stay. When someone from the past turns up as a parent at the school gates, Lydia feels the life she has worked so hard to build slipping through her fingers.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Bookouture; **ESTONIAN:** Ersen; **HUNGARIAN:** Alomgyar

THE ISLAND ESCAPE NO.2 DIGITAL BESTSELLER

Octavia Shelton thought she'd have a different life. One where she travelled the world with an exotic husband and free-spirited children in tow. Instead she's married to safe, reliable Jonathan, and her life now consists of packed lunches, school runs and mountains of dirty washing. She's not unhappy. It's just that she can barely recognise herself. So as Octavia watches her best friend's marriage break up, it gets her thinking about her own life. And a man she left years ago on an island...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon; **GERMAN:** Goldmann; **NORWEGIAN:** Cappelen Damm; **PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL):** Bertrand Brasil

THE NOT SO PERFECT MUM

Maia is a cleaner for ladies who lunch. She spends her days dashing from house to house cleaning up after them. But an unusual inheritance catapults her and her children into the very exclusive world of Stirling Hall School - a place where no child can survive without organic apricots and no woman goes a week without a manicure. As Maia and her children try to settle into their new life, Maia is inadvertently drawn to the one man who can help her family fit in. But is his interest in her purely professional?

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Avon; **GERMAN:** Goldmann; **POLISH:** Literackie; **PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL):** Bertrand Brasil

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Kerry Fisher & Pat Sowa

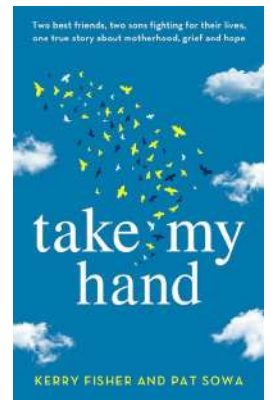
TAKE MY HAND

A MOVING, FUNNY AND PROFOUND MEMOIR FROM TWO MOTHERS WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE DARKEST OF TIMES

A GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH THE UNIMAGINABLE AND FOR THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND LOVED ONES TO READ TOO

PERFECT FOR READERS OF THE LAST ACT OF LOVE AND DEAR LIFE

***'THIS BOOK HAS MY WHOLE HEART. KERRY AND PAT HAVE BEEN SO COURAGEOUS SHARING THEIR LIVES AND THEIR SONS WITH US'* Josie Silver**



Best friends since they met at university, Kerry and Pat had no idea that 30 years later, they'd need every ounce of their friendship to survive. In 2017, their worlds came crashing down when their teenage sons were both diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses within weeks of each other.

During the following rollercoaster months, Kerry and Pat regularly snatched time to message each other – often with black humour – providing a momentary refuge from their frightening realities. Together these two ordinary mums found a way to survive their extraordinary challenges and to navigate a new normal in an alien and isolating world. With raw honesty, they share the things they've learnt and what they wish they'd known – from how to tame raging mother guilt to restoring their natural optimism in the aftershock of tragedy.

In this profoundly moving book, Kerry and Pat take readers on a very personal exploration of the universal experiences of grief and loss, love and friendship that connect us all. Like a wise companion offering comfort.

TAKE MY HAND is a lifeline both to those overwhelmed by heartbreak and for friends and family who don't know how to help. Most of all, it's a powerful reminder that no matter how difficult life gets, you are not alone.

UK publication: 25th May 2020

250 pages

Praise for TAKE MY HAND:

'Inspired and inspiring'

Ged Flynn, CEO of Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide

'Utterly beautiful. Heart-breaking, honest, raw, inspiring, brave, and eye-opening'

Louise Beech

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Bookouture

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Kerry Fisher is an internationally bestselling author of eight novels including THE SILENT WIFE and THE WOMAN I WAS BEFORE. She has sold over a million books worldwide. TAKE MY HAND, cowritten with her lifelong friend, Pat, is an extension of her honest and forthright storytelling. She has now adjusted her favourite quotation from her writing teacher: 'This is fiction, we can skip the boring bits' to 'This is real life, let's celebrate the boring bits.'

Pat Sowa is on what she calls a survivor's mission to change the way we think about, treat and respond to mental illness, both as professionals and in our home lives. Pat campaigns for everyone to be taught the skills to spot mental distress. She is an inspirational keynote speaker and has addressed over 2,000 leaders in education since 2018 as a way of honouring her love for Dom, her son who died from mental illness at the age of seventeen. She also trains Mental Health First Aid – just one of the many examples of the work she does to get people talking about suicide so we can get better at keeping our loved ones safe. "As a human I just want to make a difference - make the world a kinder place to live in."

TAKE MY HAND, co-written with Kerry Fisher, is her first published work.

Haleh Agar

OUT OF TOUCH

DEEPLY ABSORBING LITERARY DÉBUT FROM PRIZE-WINNING
SHORT STORY WRITER



REALISTIC, COMPASSIONATE AND HOPEFUL PORTRAIT OF THE RELATIONS
OF A FRACTURED FAMILY

***‘THOUGHTFUL...BRAVELY CHALLENGING THE ORTHODOXY THAT WE CAN
OVERCOME ANYTHING IF WE ONLY SET OUR MINDS TO IT’*** **Daily Mail**

A man hit Ava with his car, a few miles from her bungalow. He brings her flowers in hospital, and offers to do her laundry. He also brings her the letter she dropped that night on the road.

In New York, Ava's brother Michael receives the same letter. He thinks about it as he steps out of the shower into his curtainless bedroom. A naked woman stares at him from the apartment across. They both laugh and cover up with their arms.

Brother and sister cannot avoid the letter: their estranged father is dying and wants to meet. Can they forgive their father, and face each other after all these years apart? Will new unexpected friends offer the advice and comfort they need?

With sharp wit and sensitivity, *OUT OF TOUCH* is a deeply absorbing story about love and vulnerability, sex and power, and the unbreakable bonds of family.

UK publication: 2nd April 2020

320 pages

Praise for OUT OF TOUCH:

‘A brilliant meditation on the bonds of kinship. Agar delivers this potent, intricate tale with scalpel like precision and tenderness’ **Irenosen Okojie**

‘A riveting and captivating new novel about the complexities of sibling relations’ **Grazia**

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Camilla Bolton)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Weidenfeld & Nicolson / Orion (Lettice Franklin)

AUDIO: Weidenfeld & Nicolson / Orion

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Haleh Agar was born and raised with her two sisters in Canada until she left to teach English Literature at international schools in Bahrain, Singapore and, most recently, London, where she now lives. She is currently writing her second novel.

Hazel Prior AWAY WITH THE PENGUINS/ HOW THE PENGUINS SAVED VERONICA



THE SECOND UPLIFTING STORY FROM AN AUTHOR WHO WARMS THE HEART
WITH HER ECLECTIC CAST OF UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS

MEET VERONICA: 84, RICH, PERPETUALLY GRUMPY AND, NOW, ANTARCTIC
RESIDENT AND PENGUIN CONSERVATIONIST...

'A GLORIOUS, LIFE-AFFIRMING STORY. I READ IT IN ONE DAY'

Clare Mackintosh

Veronica's days are usually a monotony of collecting litter from the beach ('people who litter the countryside should be shot'), forgetting where she put her glasses ('someone must have moved them'), and shouting instructions to her assistant, Eileen ('Eileen, door!').

But Veronica has recently begun to wonder if she should be doing something *more* with her life, not to mention where she should leave her considerable wealth, when she dies.

From her armchair, cup of tea in hand, Veronica suddenly knows exactly what she has to do.

She may be 84, but it is (obviously) important that Veronica McCreedy takes a trip to Antarctica, to see the penguins...

UK hardback publication: 19th March 2020 US hardback publication: 16th June 2020

288 pages

Praise for AWAY WITH THE PENGUINS:

'Funny, bittersweet and wholly original'

Daily Express

'This adorable tale will put a smile on your face'

Good Housekeeping

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Darley Anderson)
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Transworld (Francesca Best)
NORTH AMERICAN: Berkley (Danielle Perez)
AUDIO: Transworld
CHINESE (simp.): Beijing White Horse Time

GERMAN: Goldmann
KOREAN: Mireatimes
UKRAINIAN: Machaon
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Previous title:

ELLIE AND THE HARPMAKER: CROATIA: Leo Commerce; CZECH REPUBLIC: Domino; GERMANY: HarperCollins Germany; ISRAEL: Kinneret-Zmora; SERBIA: Laguna; SLOVENIA: Učila; SWEDEN: HarperCollins Nordic

Hazel Prior was born in Oxford but has lived in many places including the Welsh borders, Scotland, Southwest England and Italy. Her jobs have included harp-playing, teaching English as a foreign language and acting. She has won nine prizes in national writing competitions and has had a number of short stories published in literary magazines. Currently working as a freelance harpist, Hazel lives on Exmoor with her husband and a huge ginger cat, and is working on her third novel.

SPOTLIGHT ON

PHAEDRA PATRICK



USA TODAY BESTSELLER

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22 LANGUAGES

Phaedra Patrick knew she wanted to be an author from when she was eight years old. As an adult, she achieved her dream when she wrote her début novel, *THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER*. Now an internationally bestselling author, Phaedra is known for her curiously charming fiction - feel-good commercial reads about everyday people and their life journeys. Heart-warming and quirky, her novels have captured the hearts of readers worldwide.

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Phaedra Patrick
THE SECRETS OF SUNSHINE/
THE SECRETS OF LOVE STORY
BRIDGE



A FOURTH HOPE-FILLED NOVEL ABOUT FINDING UNEXPECTED HAPPINESS

MITCHELL FISHER HATES ALL THINGS ROMANCE SO HIS JOB CUTTING PADLOCKS OFF LOVE STORY BRIDGE SUITS HIM PERFECTLY. UNTIL ONE DAY, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER CHANGES EVERYTHING...

'A WONDERFULLY HOPE-FILLED STORY ABOUT HOW PLUNGING INTO THE UNKNOWN...CAN BRING US TO A PLACE OF UNEXPECTED HAPPINESS'

Sarah Haywood

It's summer in the city and passions are soaring along with the temperature – for everyone but Mitchell Fisher, who hates all things romance. He relishes his job cutting off the padlocks that couples fasten to the famous 'love story' bridge. Only his young daughter, Poppy, knows that behind his prickly veneer, Mitchell still grieves the loss of her mother.

Then one hot day, everything changes when Mitchell courageously rescues a woman who falls from the bridge into the river. He's surprised to feel an unexpected connection to her, but she disappears before he can ask her name. Desperate to find out her identity, Mitchell is shocked to learn she's been missing for almost a year. He teams up with her spirited sister, Liza, on a quest to find her again. However, she's only left one clue behind – a message on the padlock she hung on the bridge...

UK publication: 14th May 2020 US publication: 28th April 2020

www.phaedra-patrick.com

368 pages

Praise for Phaedra Patrick:

'Exuding warmth and charm, Patrick knows how to bring her characters alive. This is one romance that is sure to bring a smile to your face'

Woman & Home

'This charming story with its quirky characters and strong romantic theme will surely warm your heart'

The People's Friend

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: HQ UK (Emily Kitchin)

NORTH AMERICAN: Park Row Books (Natalie Hallak)

AUDIO: HQ

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Phaedra Patrick studied art and marketing and has worked as a stained glass artist, film festival organiser and communications manager. An award-winning short story writer, she lives in Saddleworth with her husband and son and is writing her fifth novel.

For previous titles see page 22

Phaedra Patrick - SOLD IN 22 LANGUAGES

'A FEEL-GOOD STORY WITH OODLES OF CHARM'

Daily Mail

'ECCENTRIC, CHARMING AND WISE, THIS WILL ILLUMINATE YOUR HEART'

Nina George



Previous titles:

THE LIBRARY OF LOST AND FOUND

Librarian Martha Storm has always found it easier to connect with books than people - though not for lack of trying. She keeps careful lists of how to help others in her superhero-themed notebook. And yet, sometimes it feels like she's invisible. All of that changes when a book of fairy tales arrives on her doorstep. Inside, Martha finds a dedication written to her by her best friend - her grandmother Zelda - who died under mysterious circumstances years earlier. When Martha discovers a clue within the book that her grandmother may still be alive, she becomes determined to discover the truth. As she delves deeper into Zelda's past, she unwittingly reveals a family secret that will change her life forever.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: HQ UK; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Park Row Books; **GERMAN:** Btb Verlag; **ITALIAN:** Garzanti; **RUSSIAN:** Eksmo; **SLOVENE:** DESK; **SWEDISH:** Forum; **FILM & TV RIGHTS:** Available

RISE AND SHINE BENEDICT STONE / WISHES UNDER THE WILLOW TREE

In the small village of Noon Sun, Benedict and Estelle thought they'd found their happy ever after. But, unable to have the children they've longed for, their marriage has hit the rocks and Estelle has moved out. Devastated but unwilling to accept defeat, jeweller Benedict vows to win her back - he just doesn't know how. The unexpected - and uninvited - arrival of his estranged sixteen-year-old niece, Gemma, is the last thing he needs. But when a decades old secret is brought to light, Benedict and Estelle realise they're not the only ones in need of a second chance. And that maybe the family they wished for has been there all along...

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THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER

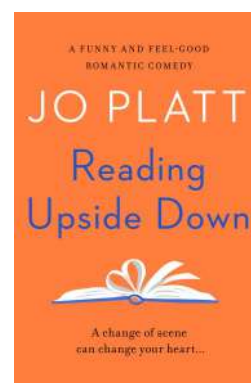
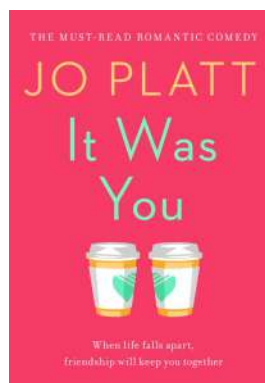
Having been married for over 40 years, 69-year-old Arthur Pepper is mourning the loss of his wife. On the anniversary of her death, he finally musters the courage to go through her possessions, and happens upon a charm bracelet that he has never seen before. What follows is a surprising adventure that takes Arthur from London to Paris and India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met, a journey that leads him to find healing, self-discovery, and love in the most unexpected of places.

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Jo Platt

‘SO EASY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH...GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU SMILE’

NetGalley



FINDING FELIX UK publication: 6th August 2018

Singleton Dot Riley's grandmother, Nanny Flo, is on her deathbed, surrounded by family and distraught at the thought of Dot being all alone in the world. Desperate to make Flo's final moments happy ones, Dot invents a boyfriend - plumping in panic for her childhood friend, Felix, a firm favourite of Flo, but whom Dot hasn't actually seen for fifteen years. But when Flo makes an unexpected recovery a few weeks before a family wedding, Dot is faced with a dilemma. Should she tell her frail grandmother that she lied and risk causing heartache and a relapse? Or should she find Felix and take him to the wedding? Dot opts for finding Felix. But it's not long before she discovers that finding him is the easy bit: liking him is the real challenge.

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Canelo

YOU ARE LOVED UK publication: 14th August 2017

Author Grace Waterhouse has hit rock bottom. Her ex-husband has just had a baby with his new partner and her latest novel is... well, the less said the better. Desperate for distraction, Grace impulsively takes on a friend's cleaning job, parachuting herself into a new social circle including an eccentric OAP, a heartbroken twenty-something and one James Brooke, an enigmatic lawyer with an unblinking stare. Add to this mix an anxious literary agent, a hairdresser who doesn't mince words and a newly repentant ex-husband, and Grace's career break proves to be more breathless than breather. They say that all you need is love - but what if that's the one thing you haven't got?

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Canelo; **GERMAN:** Rowohlt; **ITALIAN:** Corbaccio/Garzanti

IT WAS YOU UK publication: 31st October 2016

Alice Waites has been happily single for almost two years. When her close friends in The Short Book Group gently question her current distinct lack of interest in men, she accepts that maybe it is time to deal with the past and open herself up to new possibilities. *Oh yes, the time has come to go dating again.* However, things soon unravel for Alice as she uncovers the secret heartache and hopes of those around her. And her most surprising discovery is the life-changing truth which she has kept hidden, even from herself...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Canelo; **ESTONIAN:** Varrak; **GERMAN:** Rowohlt

READING UPSIDE DOWN UK publication: 10th October 2016

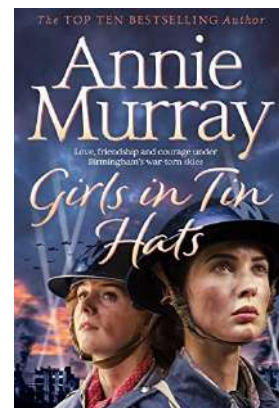
Abandoned without explanation at the altar, 30 year-old Rosalind Shaw descends into the kind of depression which involves her watching too much daytime TV and not bothering to shower as regularly as her mother would like. After several inebriated, unwashed, months, Ros relocates from the city centre and begins a new life in the suburbs, as part owner of an antiquarian bookshop, Chapters. Here she finds herself working alongside the intellectual, and intensely private, Andrew; the kind-hearted, sartorially splendid, Georgina; and Joan, a free-spirited, loose cannon of a pensioner, with a penchant for amateur dramatics and outdoor nudity. However, just when Ros begins to feel that life might be starting to improve, her rather hairy neighbour, Daniel, knocks on her door with a bunch of flowers, a nervous grin and some rather distressing news...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Canelo; **CZECH:** Euromedia; **ESTONIAN:** Varrak; **GERMAN:** Rowohlt; **ITALIAN:** RCS Libri; **PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL):** Rocco; **SLOVAK:** Ikar

Annie Murray

GIRLS IN TIN HATS

HEART-WRENCHING GENERATIONAL SAGA ABOUT TWO WOMEN IN THE MIDST OF WAR



OVER ONE MILLION COPIES OF ANNIE'S BOOKS SOLD WORLDWIDE; A TOP TEN SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

'FULL OF LOVE, DRAMA AND COMPASSION'

Take A Break

1940 - Small Heath, in the heart of Birmingham, is facing the darkest days of the war.

Two very different girls from this tight-knit community join up as ARP wardens to do their bit for the Home Front. Violet Simms lives with her controlling, widowed mother who runs the local pawn shop. At just 20 years old, Violet longs for friendship, love and escape. It seems her dreams might come true until tragedy strikes on one of the very worst nights of the Birmingham Blitz.

Grace Templeton is the eldest in her family of ten children. Spirited Grace is determined never to become burdened by child bearing and drudgery like her mother. Adored by childhood sweetheart, Jimmy Oval, Grace believes she can do better. Volunteering as an ARP warden feels like a chance for adventure – until she sees the horror and reality of war first hand. In this blacked out city, where not everyone is quite what they seem, she comes to realize she is less in control of events than she had thought.

The war will have long-lasting effects on every family... Long buried secrets come to light, and their stories are woven together amid the intense bombing of Birmingham.

The girls' lives will be changed forever by friendship and love, by tragedy and joy.

UK publication: 16th April 2020

www.anniemurray.co.uk

400 pages

Praise for Annie Murray:

'This epic saga will have you gripped from start to finish'

Birmingham Evening Mail

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Darley Anderson)

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Pan Macmillan (Trisha Jackson)

AUDIO: Macmillan Digital Audio

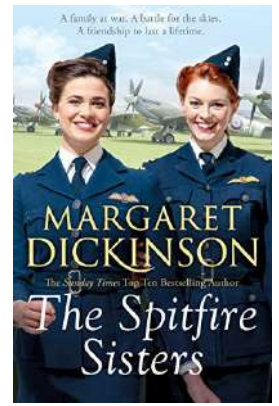
Previous titles:

MOTHER AND CHILD; THE SILVERSMITH'S DAUGHTER; SISTERS OF GOLD; THE WOMEN OF LILAC STREET; MY DAUGHTER, MY MOTHER; MARATHI: Mehta; TURKISH: Yediveren; ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES; TURKISH: Yediveren; CHOCOLATE GIRLS; PORTUGUESE: ASA; TURKISH: Yediveren; THE BELLS OF BOURNVILLE GREEN; PORTUGUESE: ASA

Annie Murray read English at St. John's College Oxford and is currently writing her 25th novel. Annie has four children and lives in Reading.

Margaret Dickinson **THE SPITFIRE SISTERS**

THE 27TH NOVEL BY THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING
AUTHOR, MARGARET DICKINSON - QUEEN OF SAGAS FOR 25
YEARS



FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP MEAN EVERYTHING UNDER THE DARKENING SKIES
OF WARTIME BRITAIN; A NO.16 UK BESTSELLER; THE THIRD IN THE TRILOGY

**‘ANOTHER PAGE-TURNER WITH WARM CHARACTERS AND AN ENTHRALLING
PLOT’** My Weekly

It is the 1930s and the Maitland family have spent the years following the Great War struggling to come to terms with its catastrophic aftermath, and their hopes now lie with the next generation. Their Lincolnshire village of Doddington suffered terrible loss and it has taken great courage for the bereaved families to rebuild their lives without their loved ones.

When war is declared again, it is Daisy Maitland and her peers who must now take up the fight for freedom. Feisty and a daredevil like her beloved Aunt Pips, who spent World War One on the front line serving with a flying ambulance corps, Daisy had persuaded a family friend to teach her to fly as a young woman.

Now her country is at war, she is determined to put her skills to good use, enlisting in the Air Transport Auxiliary. There she forges new friendships – but she never forgets her childhood friend and cousin, Luke, who has joined the RAF as a fighter pilot.

As war rages in the skies and on the ground, Daisy, her friends and her family – at home and across the Channel – will find their bravery and strength tested to the very limits in their determination to save their country. And they have learned one of the most valuable lessons of all: true love will find a way.

UK publication: 6th February 2020

528 pages

Praise for Margaret Dickinson:

‘There is death and despair here but there is also the power of love and friendship... an impressive and captivating trilogy’
Blackpool Gazette

‘Beautiful and compelling’ Burnley Express

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Darley Anderson)
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Pan Macmillan (Trisha Jackson)
AUDIO: Macmillan Digital Audio

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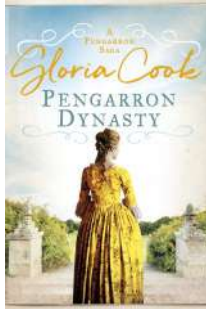
Previous titles:

THE BROOKLAND GIRLS; FAIRFIELD HALL; GERMAN: Weltbild; **THE CLIPPIE GIRLS; JENNY’S WAR; LATVIAN:** Kontinents **FORGIVE AND FORGET; TURKISH:** Yediveren

Margaret Dickinson was born and brought up in the county of Lincolnshire. At the age of 25 she wrote her first novel. She has subsequently written 26 more, all set either in or around her beloved Lincolnshire or its neighbouring counties.

Gloria Cook

SWEEPING GENERATIONAL FAMILY SAGA SET IN THE RUGGED BEAUTY OF THE CORNISH LANDSCAPE IN THE STately HOME OF THE PENGARRONS



PENGARRON SAGA:

SET IN THE DRAMATIC SCENERY OF MOUNT'S BAY, PENZANCE, DURING THE MID-EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

PENGARRON RIVALRY (BOOK FIVE) UK publication: 26th March 2018

A new generation of the Pengarron family enter centre-stage with the departure of Lady Kerensa and Sir Oliver for London. Kelynne, their youngest daughter, is left resentful and upset by her father's treatment of her: though she had been looking forward to running the estate single-handedly, Sir Oliver has unexpectedly forbidden it, and instead ordered her brother Luke, the selfish son and heir, to forget his playwriting career and return to Pengarron. It seems at first that only Kane, the eldest of the siblings - and the only one to be adopted - is truly happy.

PENGARRON DYNASTY (BOOK FOUR) UK publication: 26th March 2018

The christening of little Harry Pengarron unearths old scores, bringing Oliver and Clem face to face for the first time in years. And the next generation of Pengarrons must face its own problems when Luke, the embittered, crippled heir to the estate, is forced to flee from London after some unwholesome dealings with a secret and dangerous clique, known as the Society. Returning to Cornwall, he is determined to build a life for himself independent of his family, yet finds himself reluctantly caught up in their problems.

PENGARRON'S CHILDREN (BOOK THREE) UK publication: 26th March 2018

Jessica Trenchard is a spirited and, at times, wayward girl - to the point that her father Clem is considering remarrying, just to provide her with a suitable role model. But Jessica's tender care of the distressed and speechless girl she discovers in a field shows that she isn't just a fun-loving tomboy. Her compassion touches the heart of Kane Pengarron, eldest son of the Trenchards' landlord. Jessica's attempts to unearth the truth of her new friend's identity threaten her own safety and that of her oldest friend, Olivia, Kane's sister. For a murderous rogue who has been terrorising Mount's Bay for years has very particular reasons for hating the Pengarrons...

PENGARRON PRIDE (BOOK TWO) UK publication: 26th March 2018

Forced into a marriage against her will, Kerensa Trelynne has adapted well to her change in circumstances. Eight years on she is the established lady of the manor, happy in the arms of her husband Sir Oliver Pengarron - who she has grown to love - and the devoted mother of three children. But when Kerensa sees the son of an old friend for the first time, she is horrified by his resemblance to her own husband. Discovering a truth she must never divulge puts her mind at rest, but when she realises it could help a friend in distress, Kerensa wonders if she should speak out, whatever the consequences for her own family.

PENGARRON LAND (BOOK ONE) UK publication: 26th March 2018

Kerensa Trelynne is excited about marrying her sweetheart Clem Trenchard, although it will be a wrench to leave Trelynne Cove and the little tumbledown cottage she shares with her grandfather, Old Tom. But when local landowner Sir Oliver Pengarron sets his sights on their land, everything changes. Old Tom offers a deal - he will let Sir Oliver purchase their home, but only if he agrees to marry his lowly granddaughter. Will Sir Oliver Pengarron take Kerensa to be his wife? And if so, what does this mean for Clem?

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Camilla Bolton)

WORLD ENGLISH: Canelo (Michael Bhaskar)

AUDIO: Darley Anderson Agency (Camilla Bolton)

Rosie Blake **THE GIN O'CLOCK CLUB**

**AN UPLIFTING AND HOPEFUL NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF
THE HYGGE HOLIDAY**



**LOTTIE IS BURNING OUT - AT WORK AND NOW IN HER PERSONAL LIFE. SHE
NEEDS TO SLOW DOWN AND REALISE WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE**

'TOUCHING AND HILARIOUS'

Jilly Cooper

Lottie is always in a hurry, rushing through her days ticking tasks off her to-do lists. Teddy is worried about his granddaughter - and he knows that his late wife, Lily, would have known exactly what to say to make things better. Now that Lily's gone, it's up to Teddy to talk some sense into Lottie.

With the help of Arjun, Geoffrey and Howard, the elderly reprobates who make up his Gin O'Clock Club, Teddy makes a plan to help Lottie find her way back to the things that really matter - family, friendship and love. But as Lottie balances a high-powered job with her reluctant attendance at whist drives, ballroom dances and bingo, Teddy wonders if she's really ready to open up her heart to the possibility of true happiness...

UK paperback publication: 20th August 2020

304 pages

Praise for THE GIN O'CLOCK CLUB:

'A fizzing feel-good read about living in the moment'

Sun

'A charming, fun and big-hearted book you'll want to give to all your friends'

Tasmina Perry

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Sphere (Darcy Nicholson)

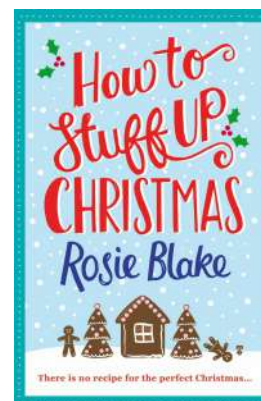
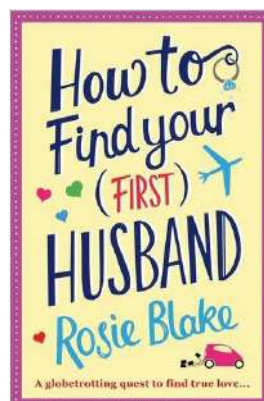
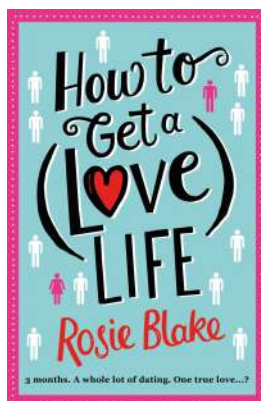
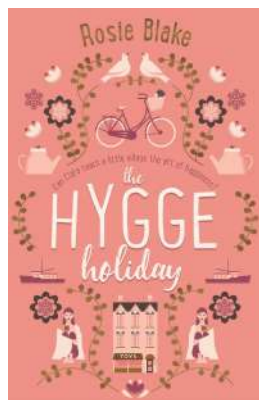
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Rosie Blake is an author of comic commercial fiction. She started out writing features and short stories for *Cosmopolitan*, *The Lady*, *The Sunday People*, *Reveal* and *Best Magazine*.

For previous titles see page 28

Rosie Blake

‘WONDERFULLY LIKEABLE CHARACTERS AND A REALISTIC PLOT - THERE IS NOTHING NOT TO LIKE’ **Heat**



Previous titles:

THE HYGGE HOLIDAY

It's autumn in Yulethorpe and everyone is gloomy. It's cold, drizzly and the skies are permagrey. The last shop on the high street - an adorable little toy shop - has just shut its doors. Everything is going wrong for Yulethorpe this autumn. Until Clara Kristensen arrives. Clara is on holiday but she can see the potential in the pretty town, so she rolls up her sleeves and sets to work. Things are looking up until Joe comes to Yulethorpe to find out exactly what is going on with his mother's shop. Joe is Very Busy and Important in the City and very sure that Clara is up to no good. Surely no one would work this hard just for the fun of it? Can a man who answers emails at 3 a. m. learn to appreciate the slower, happier, *hygge* things in life - naps, candles, good friends and maybe even falling in love?

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HOW TO GET A (LOVE) LIFE

Nicola avoids risk. She double-locks the front door, sticks to a strict diet, leaves the plastic on new furniture, and would *never* go out on a date. But what is she afraid of? Her colleague Caroline, loopy, warm and exasperated by her, challenges Nicola to put aside her hang ups and go on as many dates as she possibly can in order to find the perfect man in time for February 14th. After a string of disastrous dinners with a weeping teacher and a wannabe rapper, a sea kayaking trip and a run-in with a clairvoyant, Nicola is close to giving up. And just when she's not looking, someone notices...

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HOW TO FIND YOUR (FIRST) HUSBAND

Isobel Graves moved to LA determined to be the Next Big Thing. Instead, she is dressed as a giant prawn handing out fliers promoting a fish market. Where did it all go wrong? When Isobel catches sight of Andrew Parker, her childhood sweetheart, in the background of a TV news story she feels it's a sign. If she'd stuck with Andrew everything would have turned out better. Now she just needs to find him...

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HOW TO STUFF UP CHRISTMAS

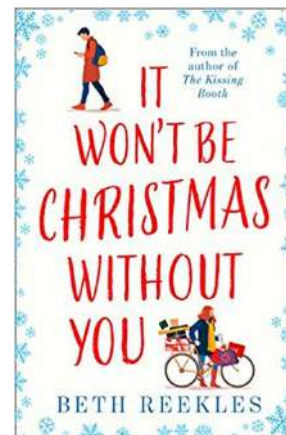
When Eve's boyfriend cheats on her - just before Christmas - she decides the only thing for it is to escape. Eve seeks solace on the Isle of Wight where she is given the chance to mend her broken heart through the restorative power of cooking. However, it turns out Eve is a walking kitchen disaster zone. But an unexpected encounter under the mistletoe offers Eve the chance to remedy her lack of cooking skills, and move on from her no-good boyfriend. Will Eve have a Christmas to remember after all...?

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Beth Reekles

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Her workaholic twin sister, Cara, on the other hand, plans to work over the holiday. The sisters used to be close, but Eloise is hurt by Cara’s indifference to her festive spirit.

Since Cara moved to London, everything’s been different, but Eloise isn’t giving up just yet. After all, with a white Christmas on the cards, Cara can’t fail to be moved by the magic of the season, can she?

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170 pages

Praise for Beth Reekles:

‘There’s no doubt about it, Beth Reekles is an author to watch’

Emma Lee Potter

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Beth Reekles was just fifteen when she began writing chapters of **THE KISSING BOOTH** and uploading them to Wattpad. Now, the Netflix film of **THE KISSING BOOTH**, starring Joey King, Jacob Elordi and Molly Ringwald, is one of the most-watched films on the platform. **IT WON'T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU** is Beth’s first novel for adults. She has a large international readership with a significant social media following.

Samantha Tonge

THE WINTER WE MET

THE CHARMING NEW WINTER NOVEL FROM THE RNA
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When charming, mysterious Nik sits next to Jess on a plane home from a Christmas toy trade fair, she never could have imagined the impact he'd have on her life. As they touch down in London, Jess is hesitant to let Nik walk away, and before she knows it, she's invited him to visit.

As the two take in the delights of the toy store where she works, Jess gets an upsetting phone call. Willow Court, her Grandmother's care home, is to close before Christmas. Jess is determined to find the perfect new home for her Gran – and throw the best Christmas party Willow Court has ever seen!

But time is running out with the closure looming and Jess becomes increasingly drawn to enigmatic Nik who joins forces with her and best friend Oliver to realise those plans.

Will a chance encounter on an aeroplane bring love to Jess's life or is this Christmas miracle too good to be true?

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Praise for THE WINTER WE MET:

'Cosy, filled with festive fun and really tugged at my heart-strings. The perfect read to curl up with winter'

Zoë Folbigg

'Utterly wonderful and deeply touching. A must-read Christmas story!'

Katie Ginger

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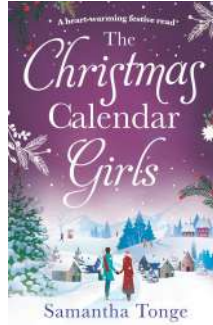
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Samantha Tonge

‘SAMANTHA TONGE WRITES FROM THE HEART AND SHE’S CAPTURED MINE!’ Sandy Barker



CHRISTMAS TITLES:

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MY BIG FAT CHRISTMAS WEDDING: Rights sold in CZECH: Baronet

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Ethan Bouchard has had the worst eighteen months of his life. He's ready to give up on everything, including his hotel chain. So when he meets Keeley, it simply isn't the right time.

As Keeley and Ethan continue to bump into each other on the romantic Parisian streets, they can't help but wonder whether this is fate telling them to let go of the past and leap into the future...

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378 pages

Praise for Mandy Baggot:

'I absolutely love Mandy's books!'

Milly Johnson

'Clever, romantic and unputdownable'

Julie Houston

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NORTH AMERICAN: Aria (Hannah Smith)

AUDIO: WF Howes

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

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MY GREEK ISLAND SUMMER UK publication: 4th June 2020

Becky Rose has just landed her dream job house-sitting at a top-end villa on the island of Corfu. What could be better than two weeks lying by an infinity pool overlooking the gorgeous Ionian waters while mending her broken heart. Elias Mardas is travelling back to Corfu on business whilst dealing with his own personal demons. Late arriving in Athens, Becky and Elias have to spend a night in the Greek capital. When they have to emergency land in Kefalonia, Becky decides to leave the gorgeous Elias and their romantic spark behind and carry on to Corfu alone. Finally reaching the beautiful island, Becky is happy to put Elias behind her and get on with her adventure. Until he turns up at the villa...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Aria; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Aria; **AUDIO:** WF Howes; **BULGARIAN:** KRYG

ONE CHRISTMAS STAR UK publication: 14th November 2019

Her flatmate's moved out, she's closed her heart to love and she's been put in charge of the school's original Christmas show - with zero musical ability. Disgraced superstar Ray Stone is in desperate need of a quick PR turnaround. Waking up from a drunken stupor to a class of ten-year-olds snapping pics and Emily looking at him was not what he had in mind. Ray needs Emily's help to delete the photos, and she needs his help with the show. As they learn to work together they may just open their hearts to more than a second chance...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Aria; **NORTH AMERICAN:** Aria; **GERMAN:** Goldmann

ONE LAST GREEK SUMMER UK publication: 11th July 2019

Beth Martin is 31, newly divorced and wondering just what life holds for her. Her best friend Heidi is adamant that all the answers lie in Corfu – the island where the girls partied away their youth. So cue a trip to a sun-drenched Greek island, ouzo cocktails, a trip down memory lane... and Alex Hallas, the man Beth has never quite forgotten. As they dance under the stars, the sand beneath their toes, old feelings begin to resurface and Beth might just have a chance to take back her life. If they can learn to love the people they've become...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Aria; **CZECH:** Baronet

ONE NEW YORK CHRISTMAS UK publication: 15th November 2018

Lara Weeks is heading to New York with best friend Susie for the Christmas trip of a lifetime. A festive break in the snowy Big Apple visiting the tourist hotspots, not to mention the shopping, seems like the perfect way for Lara to get over her ex-boyfriend. Or maybe make him so jealous he begs for a second chance. Enlisting the help of gorgeous actor, Seth Hunt, doesn't quite go to plan, but there's something about him that has Lara wishing for a different kind of happy ever after...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Ebury; **CZECH:** Baronet; **GERMAN:** Goldmann

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUMMER UK publication: 26th July 2018

Abby Dolan is having a very bad day... In 24 hours, she's lost her job and her boyfriend. Single and with nothing left to lose, she's headed for a Corfu escape to spend time with her family while she heals her broken heart. Only her mum and sister's estate agency 'Desperately Seeking' is just that, desperate! Instead of the relaxing, sunshine holiday she'd hoped for, Abby finds herself spending her break helping get the business back on its feet. Determined to attract new clients and give her family a second chance at success, she finds the perfect property to sell in Villa Pappas complete with gorgeous gardener, Theo. Perhaps working this summer could be a welcome distraction after all. But Theo has his own secrets and Abby isn't the only thing he wants to take off the market...

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Ebury; **FILM & TV RIGHTS:** Under option

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Perturbed, he makes a list of all his unanswered questions. Where does the Shadow Doctor's unusual name come from? Why is he so stubbornly reluctant to speak about faith in terms that normal churchgoers would understand? Why is Jack not allowed to simply enjoy a moment when God really seems to have spoken through him? And will the Doc finally describe the life-changing experience mentioned by Jack's gran in the letter she wrote to him shortly before her death? Most of all, Jack is desperate to pin down just what the Shadow Doctor actually thinks and feels about God.

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