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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

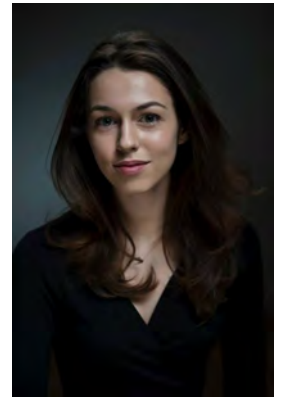
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UK & COMMONWEALTH: Short Books (Rebecca Nicolson)
KOREAN: Bacdoc
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

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.

NON-FICTION

DÉBUT

SPRING HIGHLIGHT



Honor Cargill-Martin

MESSALINA: A STORY OF EMPIRE, SLANDER AND ADULTERY (working title)

SEX AND POLITICS, SLANDER AND MISOGYNY IN THE JULIO-CLAUDIAN IMPERIAL COURT

A FRESH, MODERN TAKE ON MESSALINA THAT DEBUNKS RUMOURS AND RECLAIMS THE IDENTITY OF THIS POWERFUL ROMAN EMPRESS

'MESSALINA IS AN ELECTRIFYING TRUE STORY, WHICH BURSTS STRAIGHT FROM THE DARK HEART OF ANCIENT ROME. THE BOOK INTRODUCES A SENSATIONAL CAST OF POWERFUL FEMALE PROTAGONISTS, ALL BROUGHT TO LIFE BY A BRILLIANT YOUNG AUTHOR WHO IS TIPPED TO BE THE NEXT STAR OF NARRATIVE NON-FICTION'

Dan Jones

One balmy Roman evening in the early Autumn of 48AD an unnamed centurion walked into the most luxurious pleasure gardens in the city. Acting on the orders of the emperor's most ruthless political advisor, he ran the empress Messalina through with a sword. Her husband, the emperor Claudius, was told of his wife's execution only after the event.

On paper Messalina stood accused of being an adulterous, bigamous whore. She was also the most powerful woman in the empire with an agenda of her own and a surfeit of political enemies. It was the first of these crimes that would shape her image in the historical record and make her name an enduring metonym for the harlot, the prostitute, the nymphomaniac, the woman with threateningly independent sexual agency.

Messalina's story has, in one sense, already been written. It was written by her accusers, by contemporary satirists and by later historians. All of them male, all of them with an axe to grind. With this proposal, Honor aims to put this narrative on trial. Drawing on material and circumstantial evidence, each aspect of Messalina's 'character' will be investigated, pulled apart and, as far as possible, reconstructed.

UK publication: TBC 2022

TBC pages

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

WORLD ENGLISH: Head of Zeus (Richard Milbank)

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Honor Cargill-Martin is a twenty-two year old novelist and historian from London. She has a degree in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, a Masters in Greek and Roman history and is currently studying for a second Masters in Italian Renaissance Art History at the Courtauld Institute. Honor started writing fiction as a teenager. She co-authored a trilogy of YA novels published by Simon and Schuster and is currently working on a number of fiction projects for younger readers, including a four book middle-grade series for Little Tiger. She has spoken at the Hay Literary Festival on writing humour in YA fiction and at Princeton on Roman imperial women as a political medium. MESSALINA is her first non-fiction title.

NON-FICTION

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.

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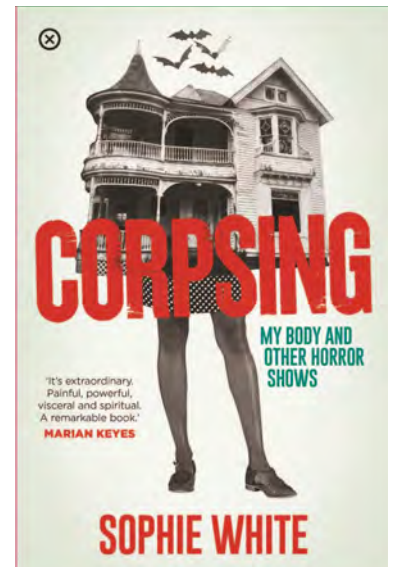
SPRING HIGHLIGHT

Sophie White
CORPSING: MY BODY AND OTHER
HORROR SHOWS

STARTLINGLY VIVID ESSAY COLLECTION FROM THE
AUTHOR OF UNFILTERED

WITTY, HONEST, AMBITIOUS AND UNFLINCHING: NORA
EPHRON MEETS BRAM STOKER

'IT'S EXTRAORDINARY. PAINFUL, POWERFUL, VISCERAL AND SPIRITUAL. A
REMARKABLE BOOK' **Marian Keyes**



In this brilliant essay collection, Sophie White asks uncomfortable questions about the lived reality of womanhood in the 21st century, and the fear that must be internalised in order to find your path through it.

White balances vivid storytelling with sharp-witted observations about the horrors of grief, mental illness, and the casual and sometimes hilarious cruelty of life.

UK publication: 4th March 2021

224 pages

Praise for CORPSING:

'Searingly honest and often heartbreaking exploration of the darkness and light'

Irish Independent

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)
IRELAND AND UK & COMMONWEALTH: Tramp Press
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Sophie White is a writer and podcaster. Her first three books, RECIPES FOR A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, FILTER THIS and UNFILTERED have been bestsellers and award nominees. Sophie is attached to develop the latter two which are in development for TV. She has been a columnist for the Sunday Independent for nine years, currently writing her weekly Nobody Tells You column for their LIFE magazine. She has been nominated three times for Journalist of the Year at the Irish Magazine Awards. She is co-host of the chart-topping podcasts, Mother Of Pod (comedy, 300,000 downloads) and The Creep Dive (comedy, over 1 million downloads). She lives in Dublin with her husband and her three sons.

POPULAR FICTION



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.



Mandy Baggot

STAYING OUT FOR THE SUMMER

IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR, WHY NOT ESCAPE TO THE BEACH? NEW NOVEL FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF DESPERATELY SEEKING SUMMER

FOR LUCIE BURROWS, IT'S TIME TO EMBRACE GREEK LIFE AND LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND HER!

'BRILLIANTLY FUNNY AND HEARTFELT'

Portia MacIntosh

Having spent the summer of 2020 battling a global health crisis, Lucie Burrows is looking forward to a summer out of lockdown. When best friend, Gavin, finds them the perfect Greek escape Lucie finally starts to think this summer might just go without a hitch.

But after a landslide puts the village into a local lockdown, Lucie is thrown together with Michalis Andino, the super sexy village doctor. It's not quite the holiday she had planned, but things could certainly be worse.

As Lucie relaxes into the Greek way of life, she begins to wonder whether this lockdown might just end in a new life, a new love...

UK e-book publication: 1st April 2021 UK paperback publication: 1st June 2021

www.mandybaggot.com

378 pages

Praise for Mandy Baggot:

'I absolutely love Mandy's books!'

Milly Johnson

'Clever, romantic and unputdownable'

Julie Houston

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Tanera Simons)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Aria (Hannah Smith)

NORTH AMERICAN: Aria (Hannah Smith)

AUDIO: WF Howes

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Options in BULGARIA and GERMANY

Mandy Baggot is an award-winning and bestselling author of romantic fiction. In 2016 her novel, ONE WISH IN MANHATTAN, was shortlisted for the Romantic Novelists' Association Romantic Comedy of the Year award. Mandy writes full-time and lives in Salisbury with her accountant husband, two daughters and her rock star cats (Kravitz and Springsteen); she writes a Christmas novel and summer novel each year.

For previous titles see page 11

Mandy Baggot

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STORIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD
AND CRY INTO YOUR COCKTAILS/COCOA!**

MANDY ALWAYS DELIVERS THAT HAPPY EVER AFTER...

A PERFECT PARIS CHRISTMAS UK publication: 1st October 2020

Keeley Andrews knows more than anyone that you only live once. So when she receives an invitation to spend two weeks in Paris, all expenses paid, she jumps at the chance. 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...

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

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

Visit the author's website: www.mandybaggot.com

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)



Margaret Dickinson

SECRETS AT BLETCHLEY PARK

THE 28TH NOVEL BY THE *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR, MARGARET DICKINSON - QUEEN OF SAGAS FOR 25 YEARS

TWO YOUNG WOMEN ARE PLUNGED INTO A LIFE OF SECURITY AND SECRETS DURING WWII - BUT EACH HAS SECRETS OF THEIR OWN...

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

In 1929, life for ten-year-old Mattie Price, born and raised in the back streets of Sheffield, is tough. With a petty thief for a father and a mother who turns to the bottle to cope with her husband's brutish ways, it is left to the young girl and her brother, Joe, to feed and care for their three younger siblings. But Mattie has others rooting for her too. The Spencer family, who live at the top of the same street, and Mattie's teachers recognize that the girl is clever beyond her years and they, and Joe, are determined that she shall have the opportunity in life she deserves.

Victoria Hamilton, living in the opulence of London's Kensington, has all the material possessions that a young girl could want. But her mother, Grace, a widow from the Great War, is cold and distant, making no secret of the fact that she never wanted a child. Grace lives her life in the social whirl of upper-class society, leaving Victoria in the care of her governess and the servants. At eleven years old, Victoria is sent to boarding school where, for the first time in her young life, she is able to make friends of her own age.

Mattie and Victoria are both set on a path that will bring them together at Bletchley Park in May 1940. An unlikely friendship between the two young women is born and together they will face the rest of the war keeping the nation's secrets and helping to win the fight. They can tell no one, not even their families, about their work or even where they are. But keeping secrets is second nature to both of them.

UK publication: 29th April 2021

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

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

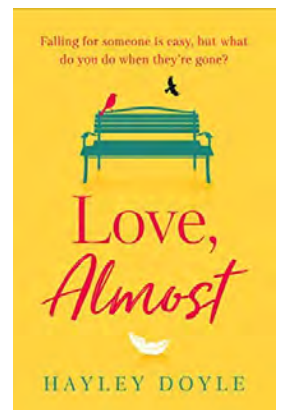
Previous titles:

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 27 more, all set either in or around her beloved Lincolnshire or its neighbouring counties.

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.

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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Kerry Fisher

OTHER PEOPLE'S MARRIAGES

THE LATEST FAMILY DRAMA FROM THE
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE SILENT WIFE

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BESTSELLER

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

Iona Grey

As I stood at my own birthday party, watching my husband of many years speak about me to my loved ones, I could no longer silence the thought that had started as a low-level hum five years ago and built until I could no longer ignore it... I had to leave him.

After decades of contented family life, Steph has realised that the only way to complete her own happiness is to break her family apart. As she stands amongst friends, celebrating her birthday, she knows that she cannot stay with her husband Mal. But the one friend missing from the party is the most important one: Evie. The one Steph misses and needs the most. The one she hasn't spoken to for thirty years since a summer's day on a holiday beach, where Steph and Evie said things to each other that could never be unsaid...

As Steph considers whether or not she can leave Mal, she receives a letter from Evie, seeking a reunion and a way to repair the friendship. But this reunion threatens to reveal a secret that could destroy two families.

UK e-book publication: 16th July 2021

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

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 tenth stand-alone novel.

For previous titles see page 16

Kerry Fisher

THE MILLION COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

ANOTHER WOMAN'S CHILD

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;

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; **SERBIAN:** Publik; **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; **SLOVENE:** DESK

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?



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: Kobiiece
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.

POPULAR FICTION

SPRING HIGHLIGHT



Mary Hargreaves **ENOUGH ALREADY**

A CONTEMPORARY, UPLIFTING STORY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CARE

BRIONY IS A PEOPLE PLEASER AND HER LIFE IS A MESS. IT'S TIME SHE DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

THIS IS NOT A LOVE STORY SHORTLISTED FOR THE RNA DEBUT ROMANTIC NOVEL AWARD 2021

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 Chivvying, 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

NORWEGIAN: Cappelen Damm

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Previous title:

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

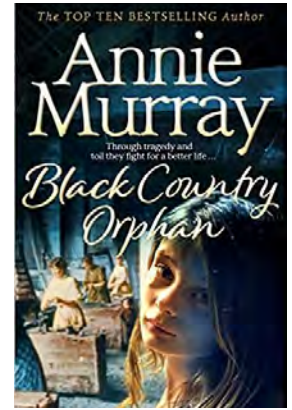
Nicola Gill is an advertising writer who lives in London with her husband and two sons. Her first funny and heartwarming novel, **THE NEIGHBOURS**, was published by Avon in 2020. She is currently writing her third novel.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Annie Murray

BLACK COUNTRY ORPHAN

A EMOTIONAL SAGA ABOUT WOMEN AT WORK AND THE BATTLE FOR THEIR RIGHTS



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

The early 1900s: Cradley Heath, a town in the Black Country near Birmingham and centre of the world's chain-making trade.

Lucy Butler, a young girl crippled by a cruel accident, lives with her two brothers and widowed mother, a chain-maker barely making ends meet. When tragedy strikes, the Butler family is separated and Lucy is taken in by Bertha Hipkiss, another impoverished chain maker, struggling to look after her own family.

Lucy, while feeling the loss of her own family, relies on the company of Bertha's two sons, charming Clem and straight-laced John. Though clever at school, Lucy knows she must leave and earn her keep, working many hours in the backyard forge. The five women toiling side by side, inevitably have their own friendships and squabbles. But they're united in their hatred of loathsome middleman Seth Dawson, who treats the women with contempt, and keeps their pay punishingly low.

But by the 1910s, there is a movement stirring, as across the country workers begin unionising for their rights. For Lucy, Bertha and the women of Cradley Heath, the promise of a better life seems almost too much to hope for - and the fight may end up costing them everything...

UK publication: 15th April 2021

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)
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Pan Macmillan (Trisha Jackson)
AUDIO: Macmillan Digital Audio

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

Previous titles:

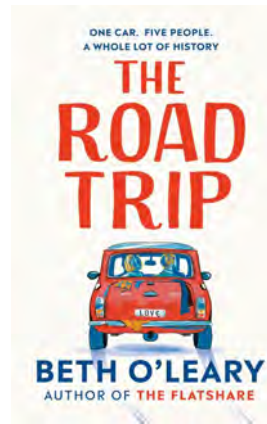
GIRL IN THE TIN HATS; MOTHER AND CHILD; THE SILVERSMITH'S DAUGHTER; SISTERS OF GOLD; THE WOMEN OF LILAC STREET; MY DAUGHTER, MY MOTHER: MARATHI: Mehta; TURKISH: Yediveren; ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES: TURKISH: Yediveren; CHOCOLATE GIRLS: PORTUGUESE: ASA; TURKISH: Yediveren; THE BELLS OF BOURNVILLE GREEN: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

POPULAR FICTION

Beth O'Leary **THE ROAD TRIP**

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



**TOTAL SALES APPROACHING ONE MILLION COPIES; RIGHTS SOLD IN 33
LANGUAGES**

**THE FLATSHARE TV SERIES IN PRODUCTION WITH 42; THE SWITCH IN
DEVELOPMENT WITH AMBLIN AND RACHEL BROSNAHAN 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: 1st June 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
FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)
DANISH: Flamingo (Gyldendal)
DUTCH: De Fontein
FINNISH: WSOY

GERMAN: Heyne/Diana
HUNGARIAN: General Press
PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL): Intrinseca
SLOVAK: Ikar
SLOVENE: Učila

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

SOLD IN 33 LANGUAGES



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; **CROATIAN:** Znanje; **CZECH:** Albatros Media; **DANISH:** Cicero (Gyldendal); **DUTCH:** De Fontein; **ESTONIA:** Varrak; **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; **RUSSIAN:** AST
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 M + P

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POPULAR FICTION

DÉBUT



Sally Page

A DUSTING OF HOPE

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: 16th September 2021

400 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON
PHAEDRA PATRICK



USA TODAY BESTSELLER
OVER 450,000 COPIES SOLD
24 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.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE IN:

**Brazil; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Finland; France; Iceland; Japan; Korea; Norway; Portugal;
Romania; Serbia; Spain; The Netherlands; Ukraine**

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 26

Phaedra Patrick - SOLD IN 24 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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Adrian Plass **THE SHADOW DOCTOR: THE PAST AWAITS**

SEQUEL TO THE SHADOW DOCTOR FROM ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN AUTHORS WRITING TODAY

OVER TWO MILLION ADRIAN PLASS TITLES SOLD WORLDWIDE

'BRILLIANTLY CRAFTED AND THOROUGHLY ENGAGING - ADRIAN PLASS AT HIS BEST'
WM Paul Young

Jack has been working with the Shadow Doctor for a little while now. He thinks he might just be getting to grips with the Doc's unusual approach to helping with people's deep problems. Then, visiting the highly respected leader of a large Christian organisation, Jack sees his friend go on the attack. However, the encounter reveals secrets about the Doc's past that are beyond anything Jack could have imagined.

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.

And there is one more issue that Jack feels particularly keenly. How will Doc respond to hearing that, having met a young lady named Aelwen, Jack is deeply in love for the very first time?

Adrian Plass is one of today's most successful Christian authors. He has written more than twenty books in the last eighteen years, selling more than two million copies worldwide including bestsellers SERIOUSLY FUNNY and BACON SANDWICHES AND SALVATION.

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Rob Frost

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Darley Anderson)

GERMAN: Brendow

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Hodder & Stoughton

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Available (Sheila David)

AUDIO: Hodder & Stoughton

Previous titles:

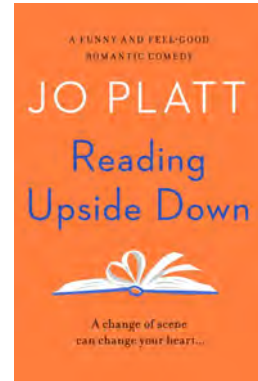
THE SHADOW DOCTOR: DUTCH: Vuurbaak/Neema; GERMAN: Brendow; **THE SACRED DIARY OF ADRIAN PLASS:**
THE CHURCH WEEKEND: DUTCH: Vuurbaak/Neema; GERMAN: Brendow; HUNGARIAN: Harmet

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Jo Platt

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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

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288 pages

Praise for AWAY WITH THE PENGUINS:

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Daily Express

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Good Housekeeping

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Darley Anderson)
UK & COMMONWEALTH: Transworld (Francesca Best)
NORTH AMERICAN: Berkley (Danielle Perez)
AUDIO: Transworld
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UK publication: February 2022 US publication: February 2022

www.authorbethreekles.com

180 typescript pages

Praise for Beth Reekles:

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Emma Lee Potter

WORLD: Darley Anderson Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & COMMONWEALTH: Sphere (Rebecca Farrell)

NORTH AMERICAN: Wattpad Books (Deanna McFadden)

FILM & TV RIGHTS: Under option

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. She has a large international readership with a significant social media following.

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192 pages

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Irish Times

WORLD: Darley Anderson Children's Book Agency (Clare Wallace)

UK & IRELAND: Banshee Press

FILM & TV: Available (Sheila David)

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As Lizzie finally begins to piece together the puzzle of her family history she realises she has to confront the truth of the past in order to face her future.

UK e-book publication: 15th April 2021

www.samanthatonge.co.uk

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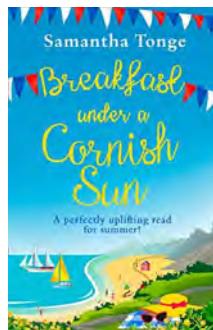
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