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## CLIENT LIST LONDON BOOK FAIR 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Jenkins THE GIRLS IN THE WATER: debut crime thriller starring DI Naomi King and DC Chloe Lane (first in a three-book deal).  
Bookouture publish in August 2017, layout available for submission April 2017

Sam Carrington SAVING SOPHIE: debut psychological thriller told from the viewpoints of a mother and her teenage daughter, a taut and vivid novel of suspense.  
Maze/HarperCollins UK have sold over 100,000 downloads/copies since publication in 2016

### THE LIST

#### Crime & thriller

Julian Lees THE BONE RITUAL: first novel in crime series set in contemporary Jakarta.  
Constable Crime/Little, Brown UK published in October 2016

Denzil Meyrick THE WELL OF THE WINDS: fifth novel in *tartan noir* Scottish crime series.  
Sold to Birlinn UK, to be published April 2017

Dominic Selwood THE APOCALYPSE FIRE: second in the Dr Ava Curzon thriller series.  
Canelo UK published in October 2016

#### Crime/speculative

P.J. Brackston THE SORCERER'S APPENDIX: fourth novel in the witty and fantastical Detective Gretel crime series.  
Sold to Pegasus USA, to be published November 2017

## **Women's fiction**

Helen Carey LONDON CALLING: a poignant, witty and nostalgic novel about a resilient community of friends and neighbours in south London, 1942.  
Headline published in hardback and eBook in February 2016; paperback in December 2016.

Rosemary Dun THE TROUBLE WITH LOVE: debut romantic comedy exploring the dilemmas of love.  
Sphere/Little, Brown UK published August 2016

Sandy Taylor WHEN WE DANCED AT THE END OF THE PIER: a heart-breaking novel of family tragedy and romance set in 1930s Brighton.  
Bookouture publish March 2017

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Victoria Jenkins**

Publication: THE GIRLS IN THE WATER to be published by Bookouture August 2017, layout available for submission April 2017.

A rich and rewarding read, THE GIRLS IN THE WATER introduces female police duo, DI Alex King and her protégé DC Chloe Lane. When the tortured body of anorexic twenty-year-old Lola Pearce is found naked in the local river, DI Alex King and DC Chloe Lane are determined to find out who put her there, and to protect others from the same terrible, humiliating death. Lola, it emerges, was part of a support group that met regularly in the church hall. When another troubled young member of the group goes missing, it's obvious where the detectives should look for her abductor – Lola's killer. But the murderer's reach goes beyond the failed support group, into the pain-shrouded past of another young woman - Chloe Lane. Disturbing but ultimately life-affirming, THE GIRLS IN THE WATER is a novel about the effect of families on children they purport to love, about those who survive and those who don't...

A new series, perfect for fans of Sarah Hilary, M. J. Arlidge, and Angela Marsons.

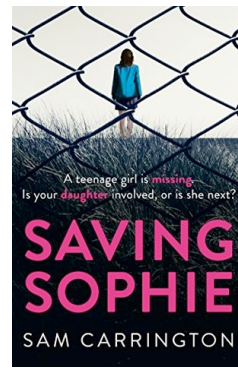
Victoria, in her early thirties, is a published poet. She lives in Caerphilly, Wales with her husband, a national table tennis champion.

## **Sam Carrington**

Publication: SAVING SOPHIE published by Maze/HarperCollins UK in August (eBook) and December (paperback) 2016 and has sold over 100,000 downloads/copies, with BAD SISTER to be published October 2017.

Foreign rights: Poland: Amber; Germany: under negotiation

A teenage girl is missing. Is your daughter involved, or is she next? But can you trust your daughter? When Karen Finch's seventeen-year-old, Sophie, arrives home after a night out, drunk and accompanied by police officers, no one is smiling the morning after. But Sophie remembers nothing about how she got into such a state. Twelve hours later, Sophie's friend Amy has still not returned home. Then the body of a young woman is found. Karen is sure that Sophie knows more than she is letting on. But Karen has her own demons to fight. She struggles to go beyond her own door without a panic attack. As she becomes convinced that Sophie is not only involved but also in danger, Karen must confront her own anxieties to stop whoever killed one young girl moving on to another – Sophie. A taut psychological thriller, perfect for fans of THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN and I LET YOU GO.



'I was hooked...devoured this story in one sitting...the ending made me gasp' Louise Jensen, author of Kindle #1 bestseller THE SISTER.

Sam Carrington, named a 2016 Amazon Rising Star, has a degree in psychology, worked in the prison service for three years and lives in the West Country where her novel is set.

## **THE LIST**

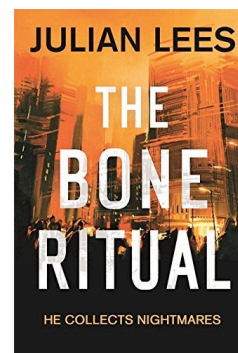
### **Crime & thriller**

## **Julian Lees**

Publication: THE BONE RITUAL published by Constable Crime/Little, Brown October 2016, with THE BURNINGS to be published October 2017.

Foreign rights: Germany: Blanvalet/Random House

Taut and suspenseful, THE BONE RITUAL is the first in a crime series set in contemporary dark and dirty Jakarta and featuring Inspektur Ruud Pujasumarta. Ruud Pujasumarta has seen some gang-perpetrated horror crimes in his time, but the slum murder of a middle-aged woman he is called to is both horrifying and baffling. Mari Agnes Liem has not only been choked to death whilst tied to her bed, but the murderer has amputated her left hand and left a mah jong tile in her throat. And taken



the hand away with him. Ruud's personal life is a disaster, and the only bright spot on the horizon is the imminent arrival of his childhood friend Imke Snejder from Amsterdam. As Ruud and his department of colourful colleagues, Hamka Hamzah, Aiboy Ali, Werry Hartono, Vidi and the formidable Police Commissioner Joyo Witarsa, investigate the crime and those that follow they are led to a grim and extraordinary conclusion.

“Will keep you guessing right to the end” *Sunday Independent, Ireland*

Julian Lees grew up in Hong Kong, went to Cambridge University and now lives in Malaysia with his wife and three children.

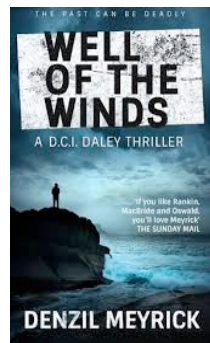
## Denzil Meyrick

Publication: THE WELL OF THE WINDS to be published by Polygon April 2017.

Foreign rights: titles in series sold to USA: Pegasus; Germany: HarperCollins

Series titles: WHISKY FROM SMALL GLASSES, THE LAST WITNESS, DARK SUITS AND SAD SONGS, THE RAT STONE SERENADE

As World War II nears its end, a man is stabbed to death on the shoreline of Kinloch, in the shadow of the great warships in the harbour. Many years later, the postman on the Isle of Gairsay, a tiny island off the coast of Kintyre, discovers that the Bremner family have vanished from their farm, a pot on the kitchen stove but no sign of its inhabitants. When DCI Daley comes into possession of a journal written by his wartime predecessor in Kinloch, he soon realises the island has many secrets and that he must solve a wartime murder to uncover, not only stunningly revelatory past events, but new horrors of the present.



“If you like Rankin, MacBride and Oswald, you’ll love Meyrick” *The Sunday Mail*

A sometime police officer, distillery manager and freelance journalist, Denzil Meyrick lives on Loch Lomondside.

## Dominic Selwood

Publication: THE APOCALYPSE FIRE published by Canelo October 2016

Foreign rights: titles in series sold to Germany: Lübbe BE; Italy: Newton Compton; Estonia: Kunst

Series titles: THE SWORD OF MOSES

THE APOCALYPSE FIRE is the second title in the Dr Ava Curzon thriller series. When the Turin Shroud is stolen in a violent assault, archaeologist and former spy Dr Ava Curzon is plunged into a desperate struggle against the leader of an apocalyptic Russian cult. Recruited by the UK's clandestine MI13 intelligence agency – and aided by



the Vatican's security division and her former colleague, Ferguson – Ava is sucked into a world of dark extremism and Biblical secrets. As the chase catapults her from London to the Vatican, Paris and Jerusalem, she must unravel the mysteries of an ancient icon belonging to the shadowy Order of Malta. With time running out, and military violence in the Middle East the price of failure, the world stands on the brink...

“The razor-sharp mental agility of a Conan Doyle super sleuth” *Oxford Times*

Dominic Selwood was educated at Oxford and the Sorbonne, writes about history for the *Daily Telegraph*, practices as a lawyer and lives in London with his family.

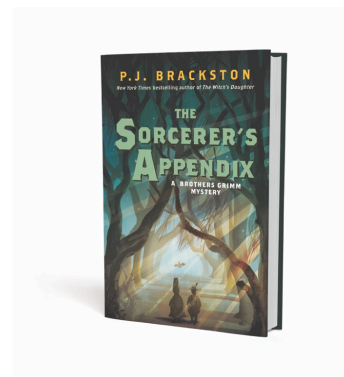
## **Crime/speculative**

### **P.J. Brackston**

Publication: THE SORCERER'S APPENDIX to be published by Pegasus, USA, in November 2017.

Foreign rights: titles in series sold to Germany: Lübbe; Brazil: Bertrand/Record

Detective Gretel series titles: ONCE UPON A CRIME, GRETEL AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING FROG PRINTS, THE CASE OF THE FICKLE MERMAID



Gretel—yes, *that* Gretel—is now all grown up and working as a private detective in 18th century Bavaria. In her latest case we go into the woods with Gretel, her foolish and ever-hungry brother Hans and their action-man protector and fixer Cornelius Staunch, to investigate the disappearance of a sorcerer of whom only a small trace – an appendix – remains. In fact Gretel has never thought very much of sorcerers, but the distress of the man's wife and her interest in the fee propel her on. Along the way she and Hans meet some delightful pixies and a very unpleasant witch. Forced to camp out, Gretel's adventures include being chased by a wild boar and shot at with bows and arrows, all the while dreaming of beautiful wigs and kitten heels. Eventually, Gretel cracks the case of the missing sorcerer with her usual ingenuity. Detective Gretel's unique voice and continuing disdain for those of “marshmallow mind” will entertain the reader in this taut and witty mystery.

“The premise is clever and cute...written in a very lighthearted way with delightfully witty vignettes matched with a solid plot” *Bookgasm*

P.J. Brackston lives in the Black Mountains in Wales with her partner Simon and their two children.

## **Women's fiction**

### **Helen Carey**

Publication: LONDON CALLING hardback and eBook February 2016; paperback December 2016 by Headline

Foreign rights:

Series titles: LAVENDER ROAD, SOME SUNNY DAY, ON A WING AND A PRAYER



Shortlisted for the Romantic Novelists' Association Best Historical Novel Award 2016, LONDON CALLING takes readers into the midst of 1942 London, to an ordinary south London terrace, Lavender Road. It will take more than Hitler's Luftwaffe to break its residents' spirits: if courage and resilience could win wars, the conflict would already be over. But it's not all harmony. Nurse Molly Coogan and would-be actress Jen Carter certainly don't see eye to eye: Molly is unimpressed by Jen's prima donna ways; Jen, unaware of Molly's secret heartache, can't resist taking her frustrations out on Molly. From stolen glasses in the Flag and Garter pub to fancy dinners in the heart of the West End, from a desperate battle for survival on a hospital ward to a torpedo hitting its target in the Mediterranean Sea, LONDON CALLING shows ordinary people living extraordinary lives.

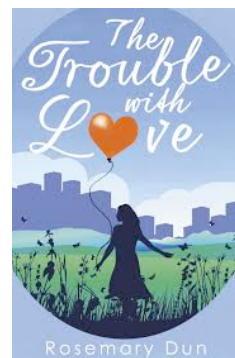
“Written with a lightness of touch, an emotional integrity and an historical accuracy which has brought her respect from critics and readers alike” Louis de Bernieres

Helen Carey, having lived in London, Germany, Switzerland and the West Indies, now lives in Wales on a small farm which she and her husband run as a conservation project. She currently has a Royal Literary Fund fellowship at Aberystwyth University.

### **Rosemary Dun**

Publication: THE TROUBLE WITH LOVE published in eBook by Sphere/Little, Brown August 2016

When Polly Park meets Spike, the fact that he's emigrating to Australia in six months' time is not a problem - no commitment or messy endings. But she doesn't bank on falling in love, or on making a certain discovery after he's gone. Three years on, Polly is a single mum to her gorgeous daughter Rowan, she's dating the lovely Max and she might finally be ready to take a chance on love. Then, out of the blue, Spike returns with his glamorous girlfriend in tow, and suddenly Polly finds



herself in the middle of a very sticky situation . . . Will Spike's return resurrect Polly's feelings for him? Where does that leave Max and Polly? And how will all this change effect Rowan? Nothing is simple - but then, that's the trouble with love . . .

“Quirky, charming and laugh-out-loud funny” Julie Cohen author of Richard & Judy selected DEAR THING

Rosemary Dun is a stand-up comedian and poet, and teaches Creative Writing in Bristol.

## **Sandy Taylor**

Publication: WHEN WE DANCED AT THE END OF THE PIER published by Bookouture March 2017

Foreign rights: titles in series sold to Germany: HarperCollins Germany

Series titles: THE GIRLS FROM SEESAW LANE, COUNTING CHIMNEYS

Brighton 1930: Maureen O’Connell is a carefree girl, but her family is on the brink of tragedy, war is looming and life will never be the same again. Jack and Nelson have always been dear friends to Maureen. Despite their different backgrounds, they’ve seen each other through thick and thin. As Maureen blossoms from a little girl into a young woman, the candle she’s always held for Jack burns bright. But just as she’s found love, war wrenches them apart. The man she cherishes with all her heart is leaving. When the bombs start to fall, Maureen and her family find themselves living in the most dangerous of times. With Jack no longer by her side and Nelson at war, Maureen has never felt more alone. Can she look to a brighter future? And will she find the true happiness she’s dreamt of?



“a perfect read....loveable and very real characters, an emotional and compelling storyline....touching and, in some places, very funny.” Louise Douglas, author of the Richard & Judy picked THE SECRETS BETWEEN US

Sandy Taylor grew up in 1950s and 1960s Brighton and now lives in Somerset.