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# Fiction

# MERRYN ALLINGHAM

Perfect for fans of Suzanne Goldring, Rhys Bowen, Soraya M. Lane, Daniela Sacerdoti, Fiona Valpy and Dinah Jeffries

## THE DAISY DRISCOLL 3-BOOK SAGA

*Historical saga*



### DAISY DRISCOLL FOLLOWS HER DREAM (BOOK 1)

9 March 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*She longed for a family of her own...*

Growing up in an orphanage on East London's Cobb Street, Daisy Driscoll never felt the warm heart of home. Forging her own way in the world, determined Daisy struggles to make ends meet as the country finds itself on the brink of the Second World War.

Her fortunes change when she finds solace in the arms of Gerald Mortimer, a handsome cavalry subaltern in the Indian army. Finally, Daisy has found someone to love of her very own. But soon she discovers she's pregnant and fate was never going to give her an easy ride.

Gerald is not all he claims to be and, as he leads her along a path of danger and scandal, Daisy must find the strength within herself to get through her darkest hour.

*A masterful wartime depiction of one woman's trials and tribulations in a world in which she has to fight for everything she deserves.*

**Merryn Allingham** has always loved books that bring the past to life and, when she began writing herself, the novels had to be historical. She finds the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries fascinating to research and has written extensively on these periods in a variety of genres including women's fiction, timeslip mysteries, international crime and cosy crime.

Merryn lives in a lovely old town in Sussex with her husband and two beautiful British Blues, Daisy and Delilah. When she's not writing, she tries to keep fit with adult ballet classes, Fitstep and plenty of walking.

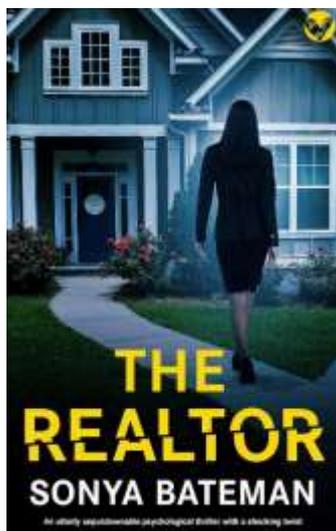
# SONYA BATEMAN

Perfect for fans of Kendra Elliot, Jeneva Rose, Karin Slaughter, Harlan Coben, and John Marrs

*Standalone psychological thrillers*

## THE REALTOR

15 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*I'm a single mom. I provide for my little girl by selling people their dream homes. But one moment will shatter everything I've built.*

It's my daughter's first day of kindergarten and she's a bubble of excitement as I drop her off. All I can think about is how our little life is finally on track.

But then I bump into an old friend at the school gates. She tells me that my college boyfriend Brad Dowling has woken up from his coma after five years.

No one ever thought he'd wake up — least of all me.

In fact, I built my life around believing he was never coming back. That I was safe.

One way or another, my carefully constructed, mostly stable life is about to fall apart.

And then I get a text: *I know what you did. Murderer.*

## THE HUSBAND KILLER

12 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Five families. Perfect from the outside. Broken on the inside.*

Joslyn has it all. Gorgeous husband, adorable blue-eyed, blonde twins. When he greets her with a pinch under the ribs, she knows she can expect worse later.

Crystal left her life as an exotic dancer behind when she married the man who owned the club. She pays the price every time another man looks at her.

Lexi's husband is a great father, her three kids think he's the best dad in the world. He's always sorry, afterwards. There are always flowers.

Maureen married young when she got pregnant. He could never stand the baby crying.

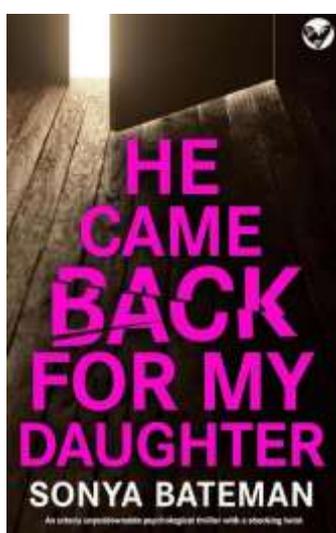
Shara's husband is a surgeon, a pillar of the community. But at home he's a monster.

*Now all their husbands are dead.*

They always wanted them out of their lives. But someone got there first.

## HE CAME BACK FOR MY DAUGHTER

1 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Twenty years ago he tried to kill me. I got away, but now he's come back for my daughter.*

I was the one who got away. They called him the Singing Woods Killer, and for five long, horrifying months, he made the quiet suburban town of Dayfield, New York his hunting ground.

He killed four girls before me. I should've been the fifth.

I was sixteen when he dragged me into the woods. I remember his harsh breathing and heavy footsteps catching me, his weight falling on me. The broken branch I jammed into his throat.

It's been twenty years, but this morning, I saw him again. Watching me. Taunting me.

*He's back for my daughter. My sweet soccer-loving girl who's growing up so fast. She's sixteen, just like I was. I won't let him take her.*

# PAUL BENNETT

For fans of Mark Dawson, Frederick Forsyth, David Baldacci, J.B. Turner, Rob Sinclair, Vince Flynn and Lee Child

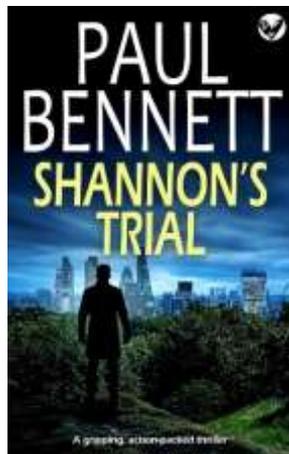
## NICK SHANNON SERIES

*Crime thriller*

### SHANNON'S TRIAL (BOOK 9)

25 January 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books



Nick Shannon is on bail. Can he stay out of trouble long enough to avoid prison for the second time?

A corpse magnet. That's what they call Nick. Wherever he goes, a dead body isn't far behind. But he's not expecting any casualties in his latest case. Nick is on his way to Fairstead Hospital to meet his new client, Alan Cooper, CEO of the private establishment.

Nick's been hired to carry out an independent review of the business. He immediately discovers one of the staff members is running a profitable scam.

Time to break the bad news to Cooper.

But Cooper isn't available for a meeting right now. He's lying on the floor of his office with a syringe in his right hand and five empty ones on the floor beside him. Blood is trickling from his head, his lips and fingers are tinged blue.

The only thing that can save him is a shot of medicine that rapidly reverses an overdose. But the hospital pharmacy is out of stock . . .

Nick curses. The corpse magnet strikes again.

Who killed poor Cooper? And more importantly, why? Nick makes it his mission to find out.

### SHANNON'S REBIRTH (BOOK 8)

September 2023

### SHANNON'S GAMBLE (BOOK 7)

23 May 2023

### SHANNON'S LAW (BOOK 6)

9 May 2022

### BLUE ON BLUE (BOOK 5)

September 2020

### THE MONEY RACE (BOOK 4)

October 2021

### FALSE PROFITS (BOOK 3)

October 2021

### COLLATERAL DAMAGE (BOOK 2)

September 2021

### DUE DILIGENCE (BOOK 1)

August 2021

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Nick Shannon is a convicted killer. But don't let that put you off. He had his reasons.*

Seven years ago his sister was paralysed by a hit-and-run driver. His fierce love for her made him agree to end her agonising pain with a heroin overdose.

Now Nick's out of prison. All he wants is to put his life back together — and to find the man who crippled his sister and killed her boyfriend.

But it's not long before Nick finds himself in trouble with the police again.

Nick goes to meet his boss at home. But he finds him with his head cut off . . . And now Nick's the prime suspect.

## NICK SHANNON

Nick Shannon is a survivor and good guy really. Before his time in prison, Nick was a mathematician and bridge player extraordinaire. He's also a ladies' man and a risk taker, which means he often finds himself in trouble and on the wrong side of the law. While in prison, Nick formed bonds with a band of likeable rogues who helped him through his time inside. Now he's out and making a name for himself as a fraud detective and thus, Shannon Investigations was born. And his prison connections are proving surprisingly useful . . .

## Also by Paul Bennett:

### JOHNNY SILVER SERIES

*Thriller*

### NO EASY WAY OUT (BOOK 4)

November 2020

### ONE BULLET TOO MANY (BOOK 3)

September 2020

### KILLER IN BLACK (BOOK 2)

September 2020

### MERCENARY (BOOK 1)

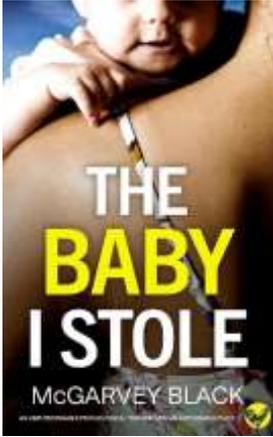
September 2020

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

# MCGARVEY BLACK

For fans of Freida McFadden, Lisa Jewell, John Marrs, B.A. Paris, Jeneva Rose, Ruth Ware and Liane Moriarty

*Standalone psychological thrillers*



## THE BABY I STOLE

#42 Amazon UK

20 February 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Podium

*My husband and I are desperate for a baby. So I stole one.*

*All my adult life, I've longed for a baby. We tried IVF. We tried everything. Now we're waiting to adopt. We have a beautiful home and all the love in the world to give a child. But we're told it will take years.*

*Then one day, at Rocky Point Beach, one thing leads to another. I make a split-second decision — and I come home with a baby. His name is Liam. He has tiny red bow lips and the chubbiest cheeks. He's gorgeous. I call him Jonah.*

*Now what happens when my husband gets home?*

## TWICE ON CHRISTMAS

October 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Podium

After choir practice for midnight mass, college sophomore Rose Grandon takes a short-cut through Harbor Park. Grabbed from behind, she is violently assaulted, beaten and left for dead. The last thing she hears is a tenor voice singing *Silent Night*. Several hours later, the police find Rose lying in a ditch. Badly beaten — but alive.

As she recovers in hospital, Rose is told she's pregnant. She has a terrible choice to make. She decides to keep the baby. Nine months later, she gives birth to a beautiful baby girl. She names her Mary. Rose lives quietly in her small Connecticut hometown raising her daughter — the one good thing to come out of her horrible ordeal. She begins to get her old self back. But her evil attacker has never been caught. He strikes twice a year. Once on Christmas Eve, once on Christmas Day.

And until he's behind bars, Rose and her baby can never be safe. But now he's found out he has a daughter. And that changes *everything* . . .

## THE WOMAN UPSTAIRS (previously published as A TEXT BEFORE DYING)

27 April 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: Tantor

## MY SISTER'S KILLER (previously published as I NEVER LEFT)

11 April 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Czech Republic: Computer Media

## THE FIRST HUSBAND

March 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: Dreamscape

## TRUST ONLY ME

January 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Podium

*A seamless blend of high domestic suspense with a shattering final twist.*

From her home office in rural Connecticut, self-published thriller author Jillian Samuels dreams of writing a bestseller. Her tall, dark and handsome chef husband Teddy, and her BFF, Natalie, a glamorous PR woman always in six-inch heels, cheer Jillian on when her new book, *The Soul Collector*, is accepted by a New York agent.

By night, she writes about serial killers. But then her stories begin to come true.

Not long afterwards, crimes from her old thrillers start to really happen — two bodies are found covered in silver paint — one unconscious, the other dead. Some people on Twitter notice the eerie similarities to Jillian's previous books.

Jillian's book sales are rising — but the police are asking questions . . .

## C.J. CONNOLLY

For readers of *The Time Traveller's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger, *Maybe in Another Life* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, *The Two Lives of Lydia Bird* by Josie Silver, and fans of the film *Sliding Doors*

*Women's fiction/romance standalones*



### THE LOVE I NEVER KNEW

June 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*What if you could choose any life... who would you live it with?*

Meet Millie. She has a pretty good life. She loves her job, her little studio apartment – and she has the most wonderful best friend in the world. But her love life is a total train wreck. She's always attracted to the wrong men. She's in love with Stephen – but he's married to somebody else.

Millie always wonders what if? What if she'd met Stephen first, before he met his wife? Would they be together? Would life have played out differently? She daydreams that somewhere, in another life, she and Stephen are together.

But then, Millie discovers a basement door. Each time she steps through it, she's thrust into an alternative version of her life. Now, at last, Millie has a chance to cure her heartbreak and find her perfect life.

But as Millie explores all the different realities of what her life might had been if she'd made different choices, she comes to realize that Stephen may not be The One after all. What if Millie's perfect partner isn't who she thought he'd be at all?

*An extraordinary and unforgettable novel for anyone who has ever believed in destiny and soulmates - or paused to wonder what your life might look like if you'd made a different choice.*

### THE LOVE I COULD HAVE HAD

July 2023

*'Original, heartfelt and absorbing, I read it on one sitting!'* – bestselling author **Josie Silver**

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Spotify at auction; Serbia: Laguna

### THE LOVE OF MY OTHER LIFE

June 2022

**Shortlisted for RNA Debut Romantic Novel Award 2023**

#70 Amazon UK

**Over 13,400 copies sold**

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Findaway (at auction); Albania: Botime Pegi; Czech Republic; Euromedia (at auction); Israel: Sela Books; Korea: Moonhak Soochup; Serbia: Laguna; Slovak Republic: Ikar (Euromedia)

A poignant commercial women's novel with a magic realism premise:

*What if there was another you, with another life ... with another husband?*

Imagine you woke up with the perfect life . . . But it wasn't yours.

Today is Josie's 36th birthday. Josie is a single British woman living in a tiny walk-up in Brooklyn. She misses her family, but her radio show is starting to go places. And sure, she could be a dress size smaller, but no one cares what you look like on the radio. The guy she's had a crush on for months is finally going to break up with his girlfriend. She hopes. She's zipping through traffic on her way to meet her friends for dinner at a SoHo restaurant. There's a screech of brakes, Josie crashes her bike and her world goes black. Then something extraordinary happens.

She wakes up in hospital. The handsome stranger by her side, holding her hand and telling her he loves her, is Rob. Her husband of two years. They live in a chic Manhattan penthouse. She works in real estate. And she's thirty pounds slimmer than when she got on her bike that morning.

Josie has no idea how she got here. This new life is everything she ever wanted. But there's one very important thing missing...

And now she has to decide: should she go back to her old single life in Brooklyn or stay with the love of her nearly perfect new life?

What would *you* do?

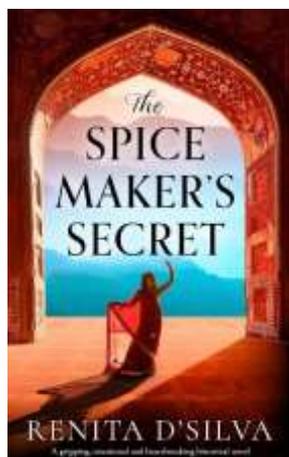
# RENITA D'SILVA

Over 160,000 copies sold in English

Winner of the Joffe Books Prize 2023

Renita combines the great tradition of Indian fiction with the emotional storytelling of authors like Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain. If you enjoy Kathryn Hughes, Dinah Jefferies, Lucinda Riley, Santa Montefiore, and Kristin Hannah

*Women's fiction/historical standalones*



## THE SPICE MAKER'S SECRET

3 January 2024

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Audio: Bolinda

*An utterly unforgettable and heartbreaking story about love, betrayal and one woman's extraordinary sacrifice.*

1939, India. Gently kissing her child, Bindu reaches into her pot of powder and touches her finger to the baby's forehead. She tries to hide her tears behind her sari as she hands her daughter into a stranger's arms, wondering if she will ever see her again...

Trapped in an unhappy marriage, Bindu is desperately lonely. Before her wedding, she was a highly sought-after cook and although she is not allowed into the kitchen in her new house, she can still taste chilli on her tongue and remember the feel of ground turmeric on her fingers. She finds solace in writing recipes and creating new spice mixes, hoping to pass them down to her unborn child. But when her jealous husband finds out, he confines Bindu to her room alone. As she goes into labour, Bindu is trapped and desperately afraid for her child's life.

Even a recipe cannot rescue her this time. Will she and her baby find a way to survive?

1990, London. Eve's most treasured gift from her beloved adoptive father was a hand-written, Indian recipe book. Grieving his death, she begins to grind and mix the spices penned so carefully in the recipes. Do the crumbling pages in this book hold the key to uncovering the secrets of her past?

Her father never spoke of her birth mother, finding it too painful to talk about his time in India. But now he's gone, Eve is desperate to understand where she comes from. Will finding her birth family, lost for so long, help Eve to find her place in the world, or will it tear her apart?

## THE WAR CHILD

August 2021

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Audio: Bolinda; Czech, Slovak: Fortuna Libri

## THE ORPHAN'S GIFT

#1 Historical Asian Fiction Amazon UK

April 2021

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Audio: Bolinda

## THE GIRL IN THE PAINTING

April 2019

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Audio: Bolinda

## BENEATH AN INDIAN SKY

March 2018

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Bulgaria: SBB Media; Russia: Hemiro

## A DAUGHTER'S COURAGE

May 2017

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Audio: Bolinda; Bulgaria: SBB Media; Norwegian: Cappelen Damm

## THE STOLEN GIRL

September 2014

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; Bulgaria: SBB Media

## THE FORGOTTEN DAUGHTER

Top 50 Amazon UK

February 2014

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture, excluding India (English); Audio: Tantor Media

## MONSOON MEMORIES

Top 10 in India

June 2013

**Rights:** World English: Bookouture; excluding India (English): Harlequin MIRA

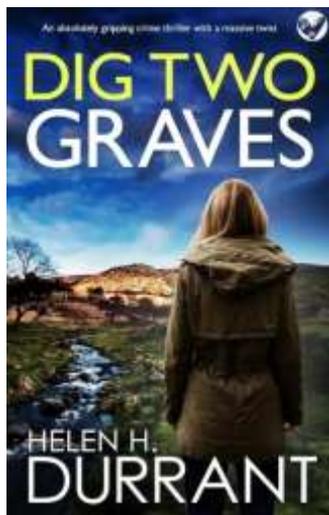
# HELEN DURRANT

For fans of Rachel Abbott, Angela Marsons, Joy Ellis, Patricia Gibney, LJ Ross, and Robert Bryndza

**Over 1,582,700 copies sold in English**

## HEDLEY SHARPE 2-BOOK SERIES

*Crime thriller*



### **DIG TWO GRAVES (BOOK 1)**

14 March 2024

#74 Amazon Australia on pre-orders

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: W.F. Howes

*Day 1.* Chloe Todd believes her baby daughter is sleeping peacefully in her pram in the back garden. She lifts away the blanket to check on her — and gasps in shock.

Chloe's neighbour calls the police. But all is not as it seems . . .

*Day 2.* Superintendent Hedley Sharpe is called to a murder scene in the city centre. A body is discovered in a cellar beneath an empty shop. A single shot to the head. The victim has been dead at least a year.

*Day 3.* A second body is found in the cellar next door. Again a single bullet wound in the head. *But this time the body is fresh.*

Hedley Sharpe doesn't believe in coincidence. The two murders must be linked. Then he uncovers a connection to young mother Chloe Todd — and the case takes an extraordinary twist.

Hedley's investigations will unearth a series of dark secrets. Secrets that reach back into his own troubled past.

## THE DETECTIVE

Superintendent Hedley Sharpe is a long serving detective working for Manchester's Major Crime Division. Despite being something of a rough diamond, he has an excellent clear-up rate. A widower, Hedley doesn't take proper care of himself, existing on fast-food takeaways. His wife Emily was murdered some years previously. Her killer was never caught.

## ALICE ROSSI 2-BOOK SERIES

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: W.F. Howes

## RACHEL KING 6-BOOK SERIES

**over 236,700 copies sold**

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible; Czech: Moba; Hungary: Novion Trade Sociedad Anonima

## LENNOX & WILDE 3-BOOK SERIES

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Bolinda

## THE CALLADINE & BAYLISS 12-BOOK SERIES

**over 772,700 copies sold**

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible; Italian: Newton Compton; German: Amazon Crossing; Norway: Vega Forlag; Russia; Eksmo

## DI MATT BRINDLE 2-BOOK SERIES

**over 104,600 copies sold**

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible; Russia; Eksmo

## DCI GRECO SERIES

**over 216,200 copies sold**

*Crime thriller*

**Rights (Book 1):** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: W.F. Howes

# EMMY ELLIS

For fans of Helen H. Durrant, Charlie Gallagher, Ann Cleeves, Rachel McLean, J.D. Kirk, Elly Griffiths and J.M. Dalglish

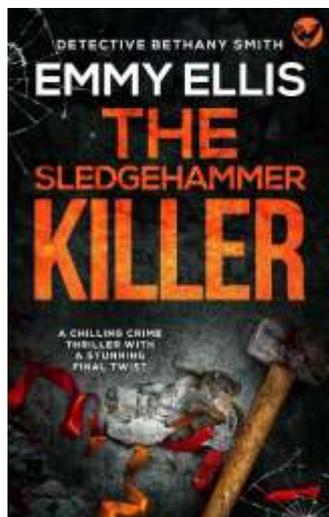
## DS BETHANY SMITH SERIES (10-Book series)

*Crime thriller*

### THE SLEDGEHAMMER KILLER (Book 9)

18 January 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books



A sledgehammer to crack a nut — or a skull . . .  
Remington stares at the rubble by his feet. He scatters it over the hole nearby to conceal the dead woman lying beneath the concrete.  
The one who resembles her. Edwina.  
All those who look like Edwina must be killed. Simon says so. And what Simon wants, Simon gets.  
Remington walks over to a different pile of rubble, another woman buried beneath it. Although, given how much time has passed since he put her there, she must be rotting by now.  
It does smell around here . . .  
Later that evening, Detective Bethany Smith receives a disturbing call:  
“I’ve killed a woman. I did it, he didn’t.”  
“Excuse me?”  
“I’m going to be killing more. He said that’s what I need to do.”  
“What’s your name, please, sir?”  
The line goes dead.  
Detective Bethany is at her breaking point. Could this be her last hurrah?

### THE BLADE KILLER (Book 8)

4 January 2024

### THE MEAT HOOK KILLER (Book 7)

7 December 2023

### THE CANDY CANE KILLER (Book 6)

14 November 2023

### THE STREET PARTY KILLER (Book 5)

9 November 2023

### THE SCORCHED SKIN KILLER (Book 4)

26 October 2023

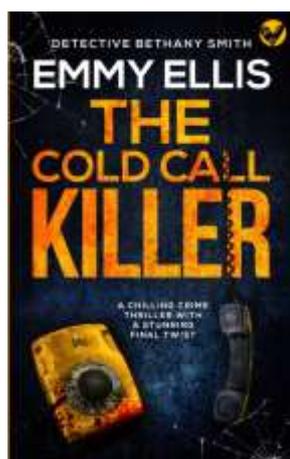
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### THE SCREWDRIVER KILLER (Book 3)

19 October 2023

### THE CREEPY-CRAWLY KILLER (Book 2)

11 October 2023



### THE COLD CALL KILLER (Book 1)

5 October 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio (UK & Commonwealth): W.F. Howes, Audio: North America): Tantor Media

*Everyone hates cold calls, but this cold call is murder...*

“Hello?” “Good afternoon. I’m calling from Bishway Solutions, and I’d like to offer you a free trial for justice served—” “Haven’t you got anything better to do than phone people up, bugging them to—” “Haven’t you got anything better to do than having an affair?” “Who the hell is this?” “You need to watch your back.” The line goes dead.

Detective Bethany Smith is called out to 21 Bladen Avenue, the home of Jason and Georgia Holt. It’s one of the worst murder scenes she’s ever seen. In the middle of the living room, Jason lies motionless in front of the fireplace. He’s been opened up like a can of tuna. His innards have been removed. His face is pulp. Jason’s wife found him. No one should ever have to see their spouse like that. Days later, in another home across the city, a young woman

answers the phone: “How does it feel to have killed someone while you’re in the process of removing their baby?” It’s the last call she’ll take.

## THE DETECTIVE

After suffering a catastrophic loss, Detective Inspector Bethany Smith throws herself into work in an attempt to keep herself sane. But her dedication to the job knows no bounds. She finds it hard to step away and often takes on too much, which results in her dropping the ball from time to time — she’s only human, after all. Luckily her best friend and colleague, DS Mike Wilkins, helps her pick up the pieces in her professional and personal life. Despite the monsters Bethany deals with on a daily basis, she remains kind, loyal and tenacious.

# JOY ELLIS

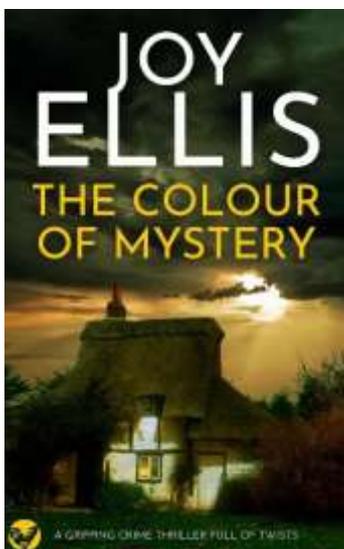
For fans of Rachel Abbott, Angela Marsons, L.J. Ross, Peter May, J.M. Dalglish, and Ann Cleeves

**Over 4.4 million copies sold in English**  
**12 UK #1 bestsellers**

**Audible Debut Crime Author of the Year 2018**

## ELLIE MCEWAN 2-BOOK SERIES

*Crime thriller standalones*



### THE COLOUR OF MYSTERY (BOOK 2)

7 February 2024

#1 Amazon UK

#1 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (in substantial six-figure deal), Large print: Ulverscroft. Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

*Three nice people. three terrible crimes. what made them do these awful things?*

It's the night shift worker who finds them. Huddled in a hospital store cupboard is elderly Edith Higgins. Knifed to death. Sitting behind her is Staff Nurse Lily Frampton, a scalpel clamped in her blood-soaked hand.

No one can understand why this kind-hearted, dedicated nurse would brutally murder a frail patient she's spent months caring for.

That same day, mild-mannered schoolteacher Rod Black is found surrounded by the battered bodies of his pupils. Why would a well-respected teacher beat five schoolboys to death?

Then a third shocking — and equally inexplicable — incident takes place in a London homeless shelter.

What could turn three honest, upright citizens into cold-blooded killers?

Once again, DCI Bob Foreman calls on Ellie McEwan for help. Can Ellie use her extraordinary psychic gift to uncover the truth?

*But will that make Ellie the killer's next target?*

### AN AURA OF MYSTERY (BOOK 1)

16 January 2024

#5 Amazon UK

#7 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (in substantial six-figure deal), deal), Large print: Ulverscroft. Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

Flower shop owner Ellie McEwan is driving home late one frosty November night when a shadowy figure leaps into the road out of nowhere. Ellie swerves to avoid him — and slams head-on into the crash barrier.

Days later, Ellie wakes up in hospital — and notices there's something different. Everyone she looks at — the doctor, the nurse, her friend Carole — is surrounded by a coloured aura. Her near-death experience seems to have given her a new ability.

*And now Ellie must use her new-found gift to catch a killer.*

The battered body of a young woman is found in the grounds of a local hotel. She's the third woman to be murdered in this sleepy Surrey village, her hands crushed and mutilated. Just like the other two.

Each of the women was a skilled professional — a musician, a doctor and an artist. Apart from that, they appear to have nothing in common.

And now the police's one lead — a key witness — is missing.

Although sceptical, a desperate DCI Bob Foreman calls on Ellie for help. But Ellie's involvement in the investigation will throw her into the path of a brutal killer . . .

## DI JACKMAN AND DS EVANS 10-BOOK SERIES over 1,580,000 copies sold

*Crime thriller*

TV series optioned by Richard Armitage and Sprout Pictures

Book 6 shortlisted for Best Crime Thriller at British Book Awards 2021

**Rights (Book 1):** World Eng: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible; Czech: Euromedia (Rights reverted); Denmark: Alpha (Bonnier Books); German: Piper; Italian: Piemme (Mondadori); Portugal: Leya (at auction); Spanish(World): Almuzara; Swedish: Lind&Co.

## DETECTIVE MATT BALLARD 6-BOOK SERIES

over 678,000 copies sold

*Crime thriller*

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## THE NIKKI GALENA 14-BOOK SERIES over 1,970,000 copies sold

*Crime thriller*

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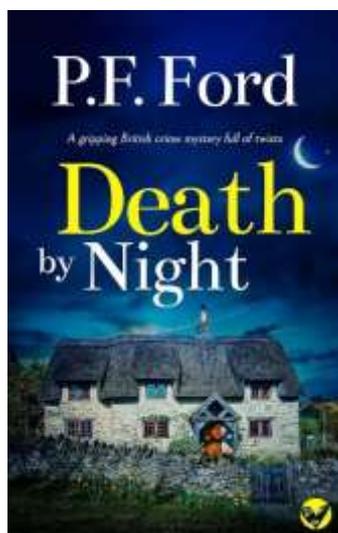
# P.F. FORD

Over 65,100 copies sold in English

For fans of Rachel McLean, J.D. Kirk, Pauline Rowson, Elly Griffiths, Matt Brolly and Simon McCleave

## THE SLATER AND NORMAN MYSTERIES (14-book series)

Crime thriller



### DEATH BY NIGHT (BOOK 3)

26 February 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

Nobody wants a visit from The Night Caller . . .

When the body of elderly Mr Winter is found in his modest terraced home, still in his pyjamas, Detective Dave Slater quickly decides there's nothing suspicious to report. The old man fell and hit his head. It's sad, but these things happen.

A few days later, Mr Winter's home is ransacked — and Slater is forced to change his mind. This was no opportunist break-in. Someone was looking for something specific. But what did the lonely old man have in his possession that could cost his life?

Detective Norman Norman meanwhile is landed with the case from hell. A burglar known as The Night Caller has been targeting the larger houses of Hampshire. And, just Norman's luck, his latest victim is the former Chief Constable — who makes no secret of his contempt for Norman's investigative efforts.

There's no way The Night Caller would be interested in old Mr Winter's modest property. But then Slater and Norman uncover a connection . . . and the case takes a disturbing twist.

To find the answers, the two detectives must dig deep into the past. But are they prepared for the secrets they're about to uncover?

### DEATH BY PLANE (BOOK 2)

#75 Amazon Australia

#99 Amazon UK

19 February 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Meet Detectives Slater and Norman, an unlikely crime-solving duo. They might seem like they have nothing in common, except a love of doughnuts and banter. But they never give up on a case, no matter how tough things get . . .*

### DEATH BY CARPET (BOOK 1)

#60 Amazon Australia

11 February 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Two detectives made scapegoats for other people's failings get one last chance in a sleepy Hampshire village. But no matter how tough things get, they never lose their sense of humour . . .*

Disgraced Detective Dave Slater is stuck on gardening leave, down in the little Hampshire village of Tinton, with just one last chance to redeem himself.

He must search for mousy young journalist Ruth Thornhill. Months ago, she vanished from her home, her job, her life. But the Met don't want to know.

Now Slater's boss slips him the file, asking him to investigate discreetly, with the help of an unlikely new assistant. Bedraggled fifty-something Detective Norman Norman.

Norman may not be the fittest or the strongest. And, lord knows, he's not the youngest. But he knows how to use his head and follow his instincts. And he might just be the ally that Slater needs.

The deeper Slater digs into the missing woman's many secrets, the more he realizes, someone out there doesn't want her found.

And they'll stop at nothing to keep Slater from the truth.

*The answers they want might just be all wrapped up in an old roll of carpet . . .*

## MEET THE DETECTIVES

**DS David Slater** is a youngish (not quite forty, thank you!) copper who knows his quiet corner of Hampshire like the back of his hand. The ladies can't resist his strong, silent manners and bestubbled charms. But among the top brass, he's persona non grata. Smooth-talking is not one of Slater's many strengths. And so, he ends up unfairly blamed for a botched operation in the city. Will his unlikely new partnership with DS Norman Norman be the saving of his career?

Before he moved to Wales, **DS Norman Norman** — so good they named him twice — once patrolled the twisty streets of Tinton. His shabby dress sense and aversion to the gym may raise more than a few sniggers among the younger recruits down in Tinton. But what he lacks in fitness, he more than makes up for with hard-won experience and crime-solving nous. Will they be enough to win him the respect of his new partner?

# JANICE FROST

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For fans of Angela Marsons, Joy Ellis, Rachel Abbott, L.J. Ross, Helen H. Durrant, and Helen Fields

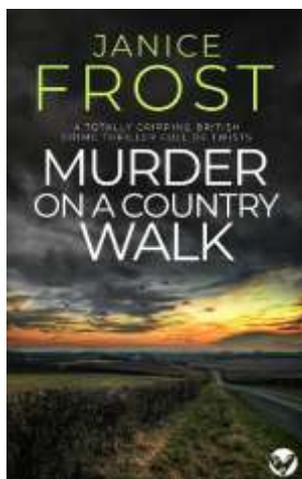
## WARWICK & BELL SERIES

Crime/thriller

### MURDER ON A COUNTRY WALK (BOOK 4)

2 April 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books



*It begins as a Halloween prank. It ends in cold-blooded murder.*

Halloween. One of the busiest nights of the year for Lincolnshire police. Special Constable Jane Bell is called out to reports of someone in a Dracula mask terrorising the residents of a nearby estate with a replica knife. She races to the scene — but the man in the mask flees into the night.

The next morning, Detective Steph Warwick turns up on Jane's doorstep. There's been a murder. Dracula went on to attack two women, retired schoolteacher Susan Gedney and her daughter Gina. Susan died at the scene, Gina survived. The knife turned out to be all too real.

Then another young woman disappears from the picturesque village where Susan and Gina lived. She was last seen out on a country walk — but she never returned.

*Three women targeted from the same small village. This is no coincidence.*

Detectives Steph and Jane are faced with the most baffling case of their careers.

### MURDER AGAINST THE ODDS (BOOK 3)

March 2023

#45 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

### MURDER ACROSS THE LINES (BOOK 2)

December 2021

### MURDER AMONG FRIENDS (BOOK 1)

#14 Amazon UK

November 2020

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Jentas; Denmark: Jentas

**PC Jane Bell** is forty-five, a widow of three years following the premature death of her husband, Sam. She has two grown-up children, Patrick and Norah, who are pursuing careers in London. After Sam's death, Jane makes some changes to her life. She downsizes from their large family home in the country to a cottage in Lincoln.

**DI Stephanie Warwick** is thirty-five. She left school at eighteen and worked in a bank before joining the police force. She is haunted by her ex-boyfriend, Cal. He attempted to kill her twelve years ago, and murdered her best friend.

## MERRY & NEAL SERIES

Crime/thriller

### MURDEROUS SECRETS (BOOK 6)

November 2019

#8 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

### DIRTY SECRETS (BOOK 5)

June 2018

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

### THEIR FATAL SECRETS (BOOK 4)

#49 Amazon UK

October 2017

### HER HUSBAND'S SECRET (BOOK 3)

#22 Amazon UK

November 2016

### DARK SECRET (BOOK 2)

#10 Amazon UK

February 2016

### DEAD SECRET (BOOK 1)

#13 Amazon UK

May 2015

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: W.F. Howes

### THE WOMAN ON THE CLIFF (Standalone)

June 2019

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Jentas; Denmark: Jentas

# C.J. GRAYSON

For fans of Rachel Abbott, Mark Billingham, D.S. Butler, Charlie Gallagher, Rachel McLean, Alex Smith and Matt Brolly

## APRIL FISHER SERIES

*Crime thriller*

### TAKEN FROM HER HOME (BOOK 2)

23 January 2024

#75 Amazon UK



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: MMB Media

Mary's in the shower after a long day's work when the lights go out. Her phone screen flashes in the dark. The text is from an unknown number:

*'You're not alone in this room.'*

When she wakes up, her head is pounding and there's a churning in the pit of her stomach. She's lying naked on the cold hard floor of a room she's never seen before. The door is locked.

There's a deep cut across her thigh. The key to the door has been sewn into her leg. It's the only way out of this room.

Detective April Fisher must race against time to catch a killer in a sick game of cat and mouse.

### TAKEN WHILE SHE SLEPT (BOOK 1)

October 2023

#72 Amazon UK

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: MMB Media

Three dead bodies, missing hands and eyes. Two missing people, a baby and her mother. One suspected serial killer stalking the streets of Manchester.

Tony Anderson drives to a lonely Manchester street to meet a man who wants to buy his car. He steps onto the pavement, leaving his two-year-old daughter sleeping peacefully in the back. What happens next is every parent's nightmare. Tony is attacked. He watches in horror as the stranger speeds away with both his car *and* his daughter. Tony rushes home to his wife. But she's gone too. The place is ransacked — and stained with blood.

DS April Fisher is called to investigate. But she's got problems of her own. She can't remember much of last night or who she went home with. The case forces April to ask hard questions of herself, even as she races against time to catch a monster. How can she protect the victims if she can't protect herself?

## MEET THE DETECTIVES

Thirty-four-year-old Detective Sergeant April Fisher needs to be tough. She's seen too much out on the streets of Manchester to be any other way. And she's experienced more than her share of tragedy in her personal life too. But she takes this all in her stride and keeps her head high, ready to tackle whatever is thrown at her — and there's been *a lot*. She's hardworking, focused and intelligent, but she has a tendency to be a bit rash, making quick decisions without thinking about the consequences, which often gets her in trouble.

## THE SETTING

Welcome to Manchester. Known throughout the world as the birthplace of the industrial revolution, Manchester has a proud history in science, politics, music, arts and sport. The city centre is packed with unique and eclectic restaurants, bars, museums and galleries, while the surrounding boroughs boasts quaint market towns, traditional pubs and beautiful green spaces and waterways to be explored by foot or bike. But be careful, you might find a body or two hidden in the idyllic surroundings of this vibrant — but dangerous — city.

# CHRISTINE GREEN

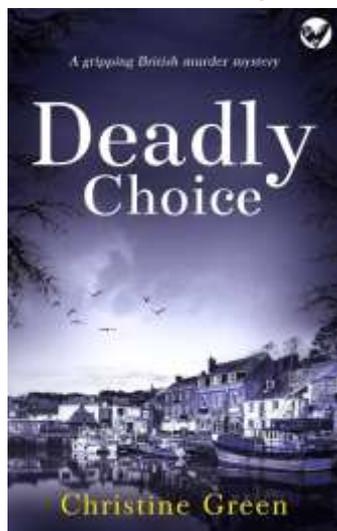
For fans of Richard Osman, Sarah Yarwood-Lovett, Simon Brett, Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, Faith Martin and M.C. Beaton

## KATE KINSELLA 10-BOOK SERIES

*Cosy crime thriller/mystery*

### DEADLY CHOICE (Book 7)

4 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*Meet Kate. Nurse turned detective. Used to dealing with death. But not murder.*

Kate visits her old school friend Helen in her beautiful Cornish village by the sea. Her fiancé Paul's away on business, and Helen could use the company.

But Kate can't understand why Helen doesn't want to be alone in her own house — until she spends the night there herself.

The couple's seemingly happy home is filled with dark secrets.

One stormy night many years ago, Paul's previous wife walked off the cliff edge with their two young children. Paul found their three broken bodies smashed on the rocks the next morning.

As Kate chats to the locals, she discovers that Paul's last wife was not the only one. He was married once before — and that first wife went missing without a trace.

With Helen's wedding fast approaching, is Kate's friend making a deadly choice? She's about to find out . . .

### DEADLY ECHO (Book 6)

21 January 2024

### DEADLY BOND (Book 5)

7 January 2024

### DEADLY PARTNERS (Book 4)

17 December 2023

### DEADLY PRACTICE (Book 3)

10 December 2023

### DEADLY ADMIRER (Book 2)

3 December 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

### DEADLY ERRAND (Book 1)

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

November 2023

Kate Kinsella is in her office above Humberstones Funeral Directors, contemplating her first real murder case as a private investigator.

Jacky Byfield, a nurse at rundown St. Dymphna's Hospital, was stabbed to death on the grounds while running an errand on her night shift.

The police have hit a dead end. Jacky's family are desperate for justice, and it's up to Kate to get results — and catch a killer.

Kate decides to go undercover at St. Dymphna's.

But three more people die in suspicious circumstances while she's there — including her prime suspect.

*Will Kate become the fifth victim?*

## OUR AMATEUR SLEUTH

Twenty-nine-year-old Kate Kinsella and her detective boyfriend David moved to Longborough to start a new life. But fate had other ideas . . . David was hit by a stray brick as he passed a building site. Drunk at the time, he died instantly. Not exactly a hero's death, especially for a police inspector. Kate was left a healthy sum of money — and no idea what to do with it. It took some time, but she decided to leave her nursing career behind in favour of more *mysterious* pursuits. With the support of her eccentric landlord Hubert — funeral director and shoe fetishist — she sets up a detective agency.

# LISA HOBMAN

For readers of Nicola May, Mandy Baggot, Sarah Morgan, Shari Low, Holly Martin, Josie Silver, Sue Moorcroft, and Miranda Dickinson

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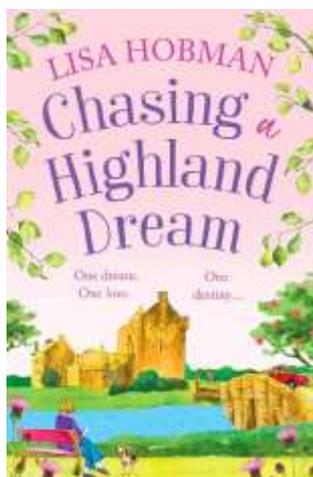
## THE HIGHLANDS SERIES

*Contemporary romance standalones*

### CHASING A HIGHLAND DREAM

#23 Women's Contemporary Fiction Amazon UK

28 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books

*Can you live your dreams and also find your destiny?*

Since having to drop out of her design degree, Bella Douglas has been unlucky in just about everything life has thrown at her.

She's lost more jobs than she cares to remember and to top it off she's still single, despite her Granny Isla's best attempts to set her up with every eligible bachelor in the Scottish Highlands.

Currently PA to her best friend, aka, Lady Olivia MacBain, at Drumblair Castle, Bella is yet to find a role that sets her soul on fire. But when disaster strikes for Olivia, Bella steps into the breach to rescue her best friend from a fate worse than a bad interior designer.

When Bella and her Granny find themselves homeless, they relocate to the castle where a handsome new neighbour brings mystery, intrigue and a spark of romance.

Is Bella finally on the track to find true happiness? Or do more catastrophes lie ahead? And does true love hide where you least expect it?

### COMING HOME TO THE HIGHLANDS

April 2023

#40 Amazon UK

#96 Amazon Australia

*Sometimes life is full of surprises, especially when you least expect them...*

**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books

### TOGETHER UNDER A SNOWY SKYE

#55 Amazon UK

August 2022

**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books; Serbia: Vulkan

### WISHING UNDER A STARLIT SKYE

#98 Amazon UK

January 2022

**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books

### UNDER AN ITALIAN SKY

July 2021

#12 Amazon Canada #1 Travel Reference Amazon Australia

#46 Amazon Australia #77 Amazon UK

**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books; Serbia: Vulkan

### DREAMING UNDER AN ISLAND SKYE

**over 59,000 copies sold**

February 2021

#13 Amazon UK, #1 Women's Fiction, #2 Contemporary Fiction

#23 Amazon Canada, #1 Romantic Comedy/Contemporary Women's Fiction

#47 Amazon Germany

**Rights:** World English: Boldwood Books; Germany: AmazonCrossing

*Is there really such a thing as a second shot at true love?*

"I love it! - escape to the beautiful Isle of Skye with this feel-good, uplifting story of lost love and second chances..." bestselling author, **Holly Martin**

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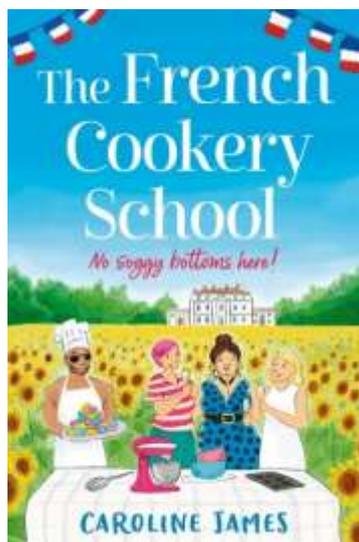
"Simply gorgeous. An uplifting story of two broken individuals trying to find the courage to take a chance on love again," bestselling author, **Jessica Redland**

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# CAROLINE JAMES

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Over 218,000 copies sold in English



**THE FRENCH COOKERY SCHOOL** Contemporary romance standalone

'Girl power for the over sixties!'

**Rights:** World English: One More Chapter (HarperCollins)

25 April 2024

*The recipe for a perfect summer...*

*Step 1: Mix together a group of mature students*

*Step 2: Add in a handsome host*

*Step 3: Season with a celebrity chef*

*Step 4: And bring to the boil at a luxurious cookery school in France...*

Newly divorced sixty-something caterer Caroline Carrington needs to be able to stand on her own two feet and believes a luxurious cookery holiday will put her back on her feet. Warm-hearted Fran hopes to help her beloved husband fulfil his lifelong dream, and for food journalist Sally it's a PR opportunity – until a certain celebrity chef gets under skin...

It all comes to the boil at a luxury cookery school in the grounds of a beautiful restored 18th century French property. Waltho Williams has no idea what he's letting himself in for when he opens the doors to his home, La Maison du Paradis. But with dwindling funds, a cookery school seems like the perfect business plan...

Will the eclectic group be a recipe for success, or will the mismatched relationships sink like a soufflé?

*Whip out an apron, grab a wooden spoon and take a culinary trip to La Maison du Paradis. For the students of the French cookery course, it's going to be a life-changing experience...*

**THE BOOKSELLER**

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## OMC signs new deal with James

RIGHTS SEP 7, 2023 BY SIAN BAYLEY

One More Chapter has signed a new deal with Caroline James, author of digital bestseller *The Cruise*. Publisher Charlotte Ledger acquired world English rights from Lorella Belli at the Lorella Belli Literary Agency for *The French Cookery School*.

**Caroline James** always wanted to write, but instead of taking a literary route, followed a career in the hospitality industry, which included owning a pub and a beautiful country house hotel. She was also a media agent representing many celebrity chefs. When she finally began to write, the words flowed, and several novels later, she has gained many bestseller badges for her books.

Her latest bestseller, *The Cruise*, is described as: 'Girl power for the over sixties!' Her hilarious novels include *The Spa Break* and *The Best Boomerville Hotel*, depicted as 'Britain's answer to the Best Marigold Hotel'.

She likes to write in Venus, her holiday home on wheels and in her spare time, walks with Fred, her Westie, or swims in a local lake. Caroline is a member of the Romantic Novelists Association, the SOA and the Society of Women's Writers & Journalists. She is also a speaker with many amusing talks heard by a variety of audiences, including guests onboard cruise ships. WEBSITE: [www.carolinejamesauthor.co.uk](http://www.carolinejamesauthor.co.uk)

### Also by Caroline James:

<b>BOOMERVILLE AT BALLYMEGILLE</b>	Oct 2020
<b>HATTIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD</b>	Feb 2020
<b>JUNGLE ROCK (NOVELLA)</b>	Nov 2016
<b>COFFEE, TEA, THE CARIBBEAN &amp; ME</b>	Feb 2016
<b>COFFEE, TEA, THE CHEF &amp; ME</b>	Nov 2015
<b>COFFEE, TEA, THE GYPSY &amp; ME</b>	Nov 2013

# JANE E. JAMES

For fans of Freida McFadden, Daniel Hurst, Patricia MacDonald, Shalini Boland, T.M. Logan and Clare Mackintosh

*Psychological suspense/thriller standalones*

## THE GODMOTHER

18 March 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (six-figure deal in a 4-way auction). Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

*Maddie is my best friend. I love her boy Joe like my own son. But now he's done something terrible. And I must keep it secret.*

Maddie has everything I've ever wanted - but I don't resent her for it. She and her husband Mike have worked hard to get where they are. They're a wonderful couple, and I'm lucky to be their friend. Maddie is like a sister to me. We share everything.

As for their boy Joe, my sixteen-year-old godson, he says I'm his second mum. Sometimes I think I'm closer to him than his real mum.

Then, late one night, there's a hammering at the door. It's Joe. Why is he here? Girlfriend trouble?

What Joe has to tell me changes everything.

And now he's missing.

No one can know Joe was at my house that night. What happened. Not even Maddie. Some secrets aren't meant to be shared – even with your best friend.

And that's not the only secret I've been keeping from Maddie. I've betrayed her in the worst way imaginable. If she knew, it would destroy her.

*But secrets have a way of coming out.*

## THE SON-IN-LAW

November 2023

#75 Amazon UK

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (six-figure deal in a 4-way auction). Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

I just met my new son-in-law...

And he's my ex-husband. They're here. I watch them arrive from the kitchen window. My pregnant daughter and her new husband. They've barely known each other six months. I greet him with a tight smile that he recognizes as fake.

Luke is no good for my beautiful, fragile Cerys. He'll break her heart. I know that because he broke mine — when he was married to me.

I don't know what he wants. But I'm going to make it my business to find out. I'll do anything to keep my daughter safe. Don't underestimate me.

## NOT MY CHILD

#67 Amazon Australia

#82 Amazon UK

September 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (six-figure deal in a 4-way auction). Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

## HER SECOND HUSBAND

June 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Audible (six-figure deal in a 4-way auction). Translation rights available for all formats excl. Audio

# MICHELLE KIDD

Perfect for fans of Robert Bryndza, Helen H. Durrant, James Oswald, Joy Ellis, L.J. Ross, Alex Smith and J.M. Dalgliesh

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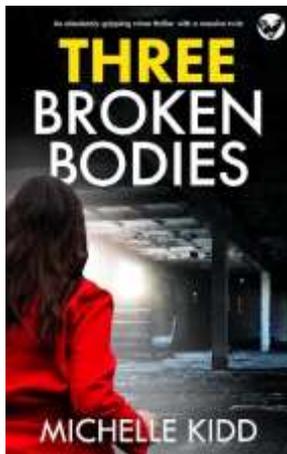
## DETECTIVE JACK MACINTOSH SERIES (6-BOOK SERIES)

*Crime thriller*

### THREE BROKEN BODIES (BOOK 5)

1 February 2024

#45 Amazon Australia



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

Detective Jack is called out to a body on the South Bank. The victim's hands and feet are bound, her skin badly bruised, her lips crudely sewn shut.

Inside the dead woman's mouth is the severed head of a rat.

This is the second body in two days.

The following night, a third body is discovered in a derelict brewery. The same bruising, the mouth sewn shut, a rat's head. This time it's a young man — and he's been dead at least a week.

With no witnesses and no clues to who the victims are, Jack's investigation is going nowhere. Then he gets a call from journalist Jonathan Spearing. There's no love lost between the two men — but now Jonathan needs Jack's help. Katie Spearing is missing. She's been gone for two days. And Jonathan just received a text: We have your wife.

Jack uncovers a connection between Katie Spearing and the three broken bodies. Now he's in a desperate race against time.

### TWENTY YEARS BURIED (BOOK 4)

February 2023

#52 Amazon Australia

### SIXTEEN CARVED PIECES (BOOK 3)

8 February 2023

#58 Amazon Australia

### FIFTEEN REASONS TO KILL (BOOK 2)

26 January 2023

#36 Amazon Australia

#70 Amazon UK

### SEVEN DAYS TO DIE (Book 1)

19 January 2023

#38 Amazon Australia

#24 Amazon UK

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; North America Audio: Tantor Media; UK & Commonwealth (excl. Canada) Audio: Ulverscroft

A brutal killer who strangles young women and leaves their bodies strewn across London's parks. A killer who leaves his next victim's shoe beside the body of his last one.

Detective Jack MacIntosh has seven days to find the truth. A young woman's body is discovered in Hyde Park. Wearing only one shoe. Close to the body, Detective Jack MacIntosh finds a black stiletto, diamante buckle glinting in the early morning sun. But it doesn't belong to the victim. Two days later, another young woman is found strangled to death in nearby Green Park. Wearing just one shoe — the matching stiletto. Hidden in the long grass beside the body, the police uncover a lowwheeled court shoe. Detective Jack and his team are in a race against time to find the owner of the court shoe before it's far, far too late.

At the same time, Jack is fighting demons of his own. Demons which rise up from the past and threaten to cloud his judgement just when he needs it most. Detective Jack is hunting a brutal killer. A killer who delights in playing cat-and-mouse games. Who will win this deadly battle of wits?

**THE DETECTIVE:** Detective Inspector Jack MacIntosh is a dedicated police officer, the one person you would want to fight your corner. But he has been known to cross the line to get the job done. As a four-year-old boy he discovered his mother's body swinging from a light fitting. Jack and his younger brother were taken into care — Jack did OK, his brother not so much. A bit of a loner, Jack has never married — although plenty of women would like to give it a shot. He lives in a charming mews cottage in central London. No one is quite sure how he can afford it on a detective's salary.

# BILL KITSON

For fans of JD Kirk, DS Butler, Peter Robinson, J.M. Dalgliesh, Helen Durrant and Rachel McLean

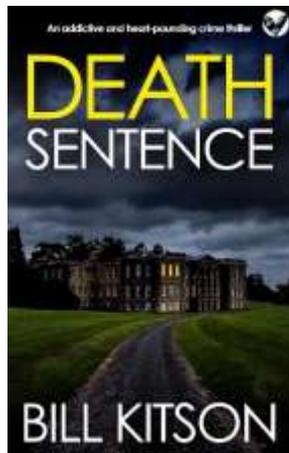
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## DI MIKE NASH SERIES

*Crime thriller*

**DEATH SENTENCE (Book 17)** #3 Amazon Australia #22 Amazon UK 30 January 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books



Mike Nash's young son Daniel is walking the dog in the Yorkshire hills when he hears the sound of gunshots. He calls his dad, who races to the scene. There are four bodies buried beneath a rockfall, but there's no sign of the shooter.

Meanwhile, Detective Nash's team is ordered to investigate the murders of a group of criminals known as the Country House Bandits. The men were awaiting release from prison and expecting to come home to substantial rewards for their silence

But the first man is stabbed to death in his cell. The second is killed three days after his release. And the third is attacked on his way home.

The fourth man disappears without a trace.

What links the rockfall murders to the slaying of the Country House Bandits? And where is the fourth man?

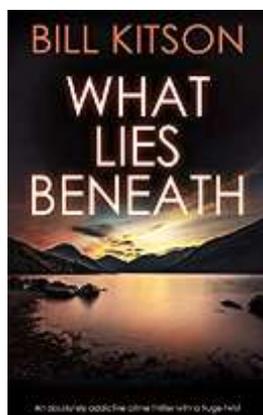
With the body count rising, Nash and his team are pushed to the limit to find a ruthless killer.

<b>GUILTY AS SIN (Book 16)</b>	#17 Amazon Australia	#13 Amazon UK	July 2023
<b>SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET (Book 15)</b>	#1 Amazon Australia	#13 Amazon UK	October 2022
<b>BURIAL GROUNDS (Book 14)</b>	#3 Amazon AUS	#17 Amazon UK	April 2022
<b>CUT-THROAT (Book 13)</b>	#14 Amazon AUS	#35 Amazon UK	November 2021
<b>CHAIN REACTION (Book 12)</b>	#29 Amazon AUS	#59 Amazon UK	January 2021
<b>THE BLEEDING HEART KILLER (Book 11)</b>			December 2020
<b>RUNNING SCARED (Book 10)</b>	#30 Amazon AUS	#95 Amazon UK	July 2020
<b>HIDE &amp; SEEK (Book 9)</b>	#50 Amazon AUS		June 2020
<b>DEAD &amp; GONE (Book 8)</b>	#22 Amazon AUS	#80 Amazon UK	April 2020
<b>BLOOD DIAMOND (Book 7)</b>	#74 Amazon AUS		March 2020

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

<b>ALONE WITH A KILLER (Book 6)</b>	#46 Amazon AUS		February 2020
<b>SLASH KILLER (Book 5)</b>	#80 Amazon AUS		January 2020
<b>KILLING CHRISTMAS (book 4)</b>	#30 Amazon AUS	#79 Amazon UK	November 2019
<b>PLAYING WITH FIRE (Book 3)</b>			October 2019
<b>VANISH WITHOUT TRACE (Book 2)</b>			October 2019

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Tantor Media



**WHAT LIES BENEATH (Book 1)** October 2019

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Tantor Media

*Detective Mike Nash thought that moving back to Yorkshire from London would give him a quieter life. Little did he know...*

Two skeletons are discovered in Lamentation Tarn, a mountain lake. Mike Nash and his team have little evidence with which to work, until a surprising discovery prompts them to contact law enforcement agencies in Eastern Europe. A joint task force is formed to uncover a criminal network involved in prostitution, drugs, and human trafficking, but Nash's preoccupation with internal politics, as well as with an attractive Russian detective, proves to be a distraction.

Finally, a young victim escapes the gang's clutches, providing Nash with much needed evidence. A search of the neighbouring tarn yields evidence of even more heinous crimes.

Who else will die before the criminals are brought to bitter justice?

# ROBIN MAHLE

Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell, Freida McFadden, Daniel Hurst, Valerie Keogh, Emmy Ellis, Shari Lapena, John Marrs

## THE CHEF

*Standalone psychological thriller*



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

9 April 2024

*Hiring him might be the biggest mistake she ever made . . .*

Everyone says we're crazy. A couple of ex-New Yorkers opening a restaurant in Los Angeles. We've sunk every dime we have into this place. It has to work. But the pressure is putting a stain on our marriage. The cracks are beginning to show.

Now we've lost our head chef. I had to fire him for a gross violation. We're in deep trouble.

That's when Marco shows up. The answer to our prayers. He has impeccable references. He cooks like a dream. He's worked for some of Europe's top restaurants. We hire him on the spot.

I can't help being attracted to him. He has real charisma and piercing green eyes that see right through you. But I must resist. It would mean the end of my marriage to Dante.

But awful things start happening that no one can explain. Our former chef dies in a tragic accident. Our sous chef goes down with food poisoning. We're overrun with rats.

Then I get an anonymous text: He's a dangerous man. One you can't trust.

Is someone trying to frighten me – or is it a warning? Suddenly I realize that we don't really know anything about Marco. Or what it is he really wants.

And then people start dying . . .



**Robin Mahle** has published over 30 novels in the mystery/thriller genre. She also writes historical fiction as Christine Chase. Her fast-paced style of storytelling combined with tense action and thrilling twists bring her readers back for more.

Robin lives in Coastal Virginia with her husband and two children.

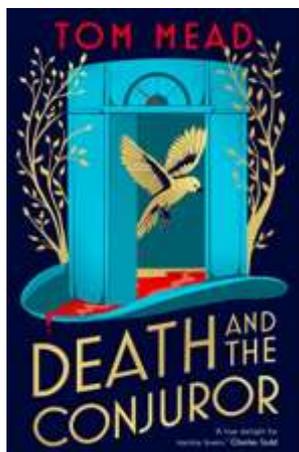
Joffe Books also have under contract another new standalone psychological thriller and they are republishing her Remy Fontaine crime thriller series.

## TOM MEAD

An addictive character-driven locked room mystery series for fans of Golden Age Crime Fiction, of Agatha Christie, John Dickson Carr, Robert Thorogood, Richard Coles, M.C. Beaton, Richard Osman, Elly Griffiths and Anthony Horowitz, and of the films *The Illusionist* and *The Prestige*.

### JOSEPH SPECTOR 4-BOOK SERIES

*Crime mystery/historical*

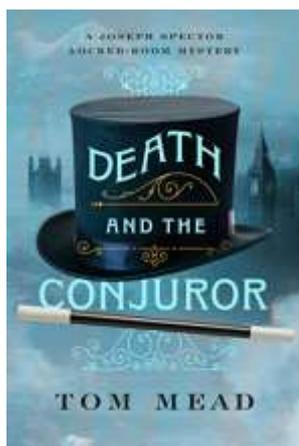


### DEATH AND THE CONJUROR (BOOK 1)

- Shortlisted for Debut Crime Novel of the Year in the Capital Crime Fingerprint Awards
- Shortlisted for the Historical Writers Association Debut Crown Award 2023
- One of *Publishers Weekly's* Mysteries of the Year
- One of *The Guardian's* Best Crime & Thrillers of 2023

#### Film/TV rights sold

**Rights:** English (North America): Mysterious Press, hardback July 2022, paperback June 2023; English (UK & Comm.): Head of Zeus, hardback February 2023, paperback September 2023; North America Audio: Highbridge Audio; UK & Comm. Audio: W.F. Howes; China (Chinese simplified): Shanghai Culture Publishing House; Chinese complex: Faces Publications (CITE); Italy: Mondadori (at auction); Japan: Hayakawa; Russia: AST; Slovakia: Slovenský Spisovateľ; Spanish: Newton Compton Editores



1936, London. A celebrity psychiatrist is discovered dead in his locked study. There seems to be no way a killer could have escaped unseen. There are no clues, no witnesses, and no evidence of the murder weapon. Stumped by the confounding scene, Inspector Flint, the Scotland Yard detective on the case, calls on retired stage magician turned part-time sleuth Joseph Spector.

Spector has a knack for explaining the inexplicable, but even he finds that there is more to this mystery than meets the eye. As he and the Inspector interview the colourful cast of suspects, they uncover no shortage of dark secrets... or motives for murder. And when a second murder occurs, this time in an impenetrable elevator, they realize the crime wave will become even more deadly unless they can catch the culprit soon.

*'Pure escapism and an excellent puzzle, ingeniously expounded.'* **The Times**

*'Mead maintains suspense throughout, creating a creepy atmosphere en route to satisfying reveals.'* **Publishers Weekly**

*'A sharply drawn period piece with memorable characters.'* **New York Times**

*'Mead faithfully replicates all the loving artifice and teasing engagement of golden-age puzzlers in this superior pastiche'* **Kirkus Reviews**

*'Mead's debut is a novel to intrigue and delight.'* **John Connolly**

*'A wonderful debut novel from a new British author harks back to the glories of the Golden Age locked room mystery genre with both bravado and affection, inaugurating a most pleasurable opening instalment in a new series.'* **Crime Time (Book of the Month)**

*'Secrets, red herrings and sleights of hand abound in an ingenious piece of intriguing escapism'* **The Guardian**

*'A real treat for mystery fans.'* **Ragnar Jónasson**

*'A fiendishly clever puzzle wrapped in a beautiful, dark atmospheric story.'* **Victoria Dowd**

## LIZ MISTRY

For fans of Angela Marsons, J.M. Dalgliesh, Stuart MacBride, Mo Hayder, Neil Lancaster, Val McDermid and of *Broadchurch*, *Happy Valley*, and those who enjoyed the humour in the dynamic between the formidable protagonists of Canadian hit series *Pretty Hard Cases*.

Over 282,900 copies sold in English

**SOLANKI AND MCQUEEN 3-BOOK SERIES**

*Crime thriller*



### THE BLOOD PROMISE (BOOK 1)

23 May 2024

**Rights:** World English: HQ Digital (HarperCollins)

Her brand-new gripping Scottish police procedural series for crime and thriller fans!

*A deadly gift*

Imogen Clark wakes up on her 16th birthday to find her parents dead at the breakfast table, along with a message from their killer.

*A twist of fate*

Detectives Jazzy Solanki and Annie McQueen join the investigation, but the more they discover, the more Jazzy suspects that the killing is a twisted message for her. Jazzy shares the same birthday as Imogen, and believes that this is more than a coincidence.

*A race to catch a killer*

When Jazzy discovers the connection between the killer and the stalker who has been following her for years, she is forced to confront the dark past she was desperate to keep hidden. She must stop at nothing to solve the case, before she becomes the next victim...

*THE BLOOD PROMISE is an explosion of grit, suspense, and dashes of humour throughout, but also juggles much bigger themes, from mental health, racism and misogyny in the police force.*

“With more twists than a rollercoaster, *The Blood Promise*, is a gripping and deftly drawn Scotting Noir, of the darkest hue. Perfect for fans of Mo Hayder or Karin Slaughter, it is gritty and gutsy, with assured writing and a stellar lot. I loved it.” **Ruth Dugdall**, #1 bestselling author and CWA Debut Dagger Winner for *THE WOMAN BEFORE ME*

**Liz Mistry** moved to West Yorkshire in the late 1980s. Her gritty crime fiction police procedural novels set in Bradford embrace the city she describes as ‘Warm, Rich and Fearless’ whilst exploring the darkness that lurks beneath. Yet, her heart remains in Scotland, where childhood tales of bogey men, Bible John and grey lady ghosts fed her imagination. The Solanki and McQueen crime series, her latest work, is set around West Lothian, where she uses the distinctive landscape, historic heritage and Scottish culture as a backdrop to her hard-hitting yet often humorous stories. Struggling with clinical depression and anxiety for many years, Liz often includes mental health themes in her writing. She credits her MA in Creative Writing from Leeds Trinity University with helping her find a way of using her writing to navigate her ongoing mental health struggles. The synergy between creative and academic writing led Liz to complete a doctorate in creative writing researching the importance of representation of marginalised groups within the genre she loves.

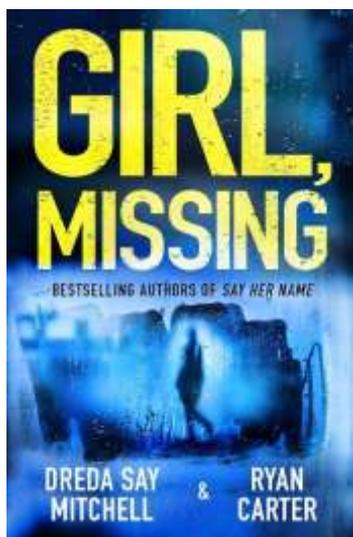
Her husband, three children and huge extended British Indian family are a constant support to her. In her spare time, Liz loves visiting the varied Scottish and Yorkshire landscape, travelling, listening to music, and blogging about all things crime fiction on her website blog, The Crime Warp.

# DREDA SAY MITCHELL

For fans of Cara Hunter, Rachel Abbott, Lisa Jewell, Katerina Diamond, B.A. Paris, and Louise Candlish

Over 620,000 copies sold in English

Standalone thrillers



## **GIRL, MISSING** by Dreda Say Mitchell & Ryan Carter

1 June 2024

**Rights:** World English: Thomas & Mercer

*What really happened to Sara-Jane?*

It's been fifteen years since Gem's eight-year-old daughter Sara-Jane went missing, snatched with her best friend Abby right outside their school. A frantic search united the community at first, but after Abby was found and brought home, single mother Gem's dogged persistence only led to accusations that she was stirring up class tensions. Even that she was somehow involved.

When Gem hears that human remains have been unearthed in the school's chapel, she casts aside the new life she's carefully built around herself and returns to the community that closed ranks against her all those years ago. Someone there knows something, she's sure of it. And when Sara-Jane's belongings start appearing on her doorstep, Gem knows she's getting close—dangerously close—to the truth.

One thing's for certain: it's not just the remains in the chapel that have lain hidden for years. Can Gem unravel the dark secrets that might lead to Sara-Jane? Or has blind hope lured her into a web she'll never escape?

## **BELIEVE ME** by Dreda Say Mitchell & Ryan Carter

April 2023

#41 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English: Thomas & Mercer

*One woman's mysterious death has led to a lifetime of pain. Can her daughter find out why?*

## **SAY HER NAME** by Dreda Say Mitchell & Ryan Carter

April 2022

**Film/TV rights sold**

**"My book of the year so far." Lee Child**

**over 237,200 copies sold**

At the heart of this chilling thriller is the disappearance of black women, whose names have been forgotten and their stories remain untold.

#5 Amazon Australia

#9 Amazon US

#1 Psychological Fiction

#9 Amazon UK

#34 Amazon Canada

**Rights:** World English: Thomas & Mercer; Farsi (Iran): Koolehposhti Book Publishing; Turkish: Eksik Parça

*If a female member of your family went missing, would the police put significant resources into looking for her? Would she receive coverage in the local and national news? Would there be appeals for her?*

## **SPARE ROOM** by Dreda Say Mitchell

January 2019

**Over 130,000 copies sold**

**Film rights sold!**

#1 Amazon US Psychological Women's Fiction

#1 Amazon UK Psychological Women's Fiction

#6 Amazon UK

#19 Amazon US

**Sold in 12 languages**

**Rights:** World English: Bloodhound Books; Audio: Bolinda; Brazil: Autentica; Chinese complex: Spring International; Czech: Euromedia; Indonesian: PT Elexmedia Komputindo; Italian: Newton Compton; Lithuanian: Balto; Russian: Eksmo; Slovenian: Ramos; Spanish (World): Newton Compton Editores; Swedish: Storytel; Turkish: Eksik Parça; Ukrainian: Hemiro/FLC

*Home Is Where The Nightmare Is*

"For literary voice, emotional intelligence, passion and compassion – she's Britain's finest crime fiction writer." **Lee Child**

"Dreda Say Mitchell has been flying the flag for crime writing for years." **Bernadine Evaristo**

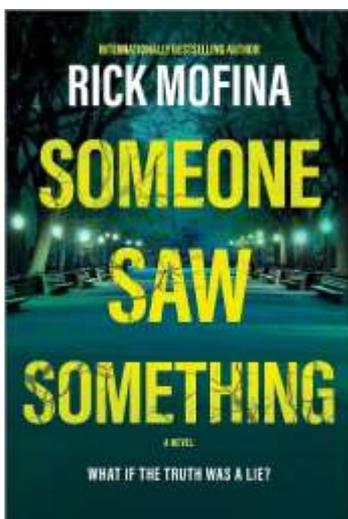
"Mitchell knows and understands her characters who she portrays distinctively." **Guardian**

# RICK MOFINA

Over 2.2 million copies sold in English

Written in the best-selling tradition of James Patterson, Harlan Coben, Linwood Barclay, and Shari Lapena, Rick's stories will appeal to fans of domestic suspense and psychological thrillers alike

*Thriller standalones*



## **SOMEONE SAW SOMETHING**

30 April 2024

**Rights:** North America: Mira Books/HarperCollins

*A missing child is every parent's worst nightmare.*

*For journalist Corina Corado, it's a terrifying reality.*

When six-year-old Gabriel vanishes from Central Park, his mother, news anchor Corina Corado, is desperate for answers. Who would take her son—and why?

Detectives suspect there's a connection to the barrage of hate mail Corina's received over the years. In her line of work, it's not unusual for agitated conspiracy theorists to send messages that threaten violence...or worse. But as the investigation deepens, the secrets that Corina, her husband, Robert, and her stepdaughter, Charlotte, have kept start to unravel.

As the truth behind Gabriel's disappearance emerges, Corina must race the clock to track down her missing child...before paying the ultimate price.

## **EVERYTHING SHE FEARED**

11 April 2023

2024 Barry Award nomination – Best Paperback Original category

#1 Canadian Fiction bestseller (12 consecutive weeks in bestseller list)

**Rights:** North America: Mira Books/HarperCollins; Turkey: Eksik Parça

*Every mother worries about their child. But Sara Harmon fears hers...*

## **HER LAST GOODBYE**

January 2022

#2 in Canada (10 consecutive weeks in bestseller list)

**Rights:** North America: Mira Books/HarperCollins; French in Canada & North America: Alire.

## **SEARCH FOR HER**

March 2021

2022 Barry Award nomination – Best Paperback Original category

#1 Canadian Original Fiction bestseller #29 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** UK & Comm (excl. Canada): Joffe Books, Audio: Jentas; North America: Mira Books/HarperCollins; Czech Republic: Euromedia; Denmark & Sweden: Jentas

## **RAY WYATT SERIES**

*Crime thriller*

**REQUIEM (BOOK 3)** #10 Amazon Canada #25 Amazon Australia #73 Amazon US

November 2022

**THE HOLLOW PLACE (BOOK 2)** #40 Amazon Kindle US, #1 Serial Killer Thrillers, #4 Amazon Canada Oct 2022

Finalist for Best E-Book Original Novel in the International Thriller Writers 2023 Awards

**INTO THE FIRE (BOOK 1)** #87 Amazon Kindle US, #1 Serial Killer Thrillers

September 2022

*Meet Ray Wyatt, a veteran reporter grappling with the tragic loss of his wife and son while searching for answers in the crime stories he covers.*

**Rights:** World English audio: Tantor Media (five-figure deal at six-publisher auction); Denmark & Sweden: Jentas

## **JASON WADE TRILOGY**

*Crime thriller*

**A PERFECT GRAVE (BOOK 3)**

December 2019

**EVERY FEAR (BOOK 2)**

#27 Amazon Australia

February 2015

**Rights:** UK: MIRA; US: Pinnacle/Kensington; France: Alire; Germany: Jentas; Rights reverted: Germany: Weltbild; Norway: Schibsted Forlag

**THE DYING HOUR (BOOK 1)** International Thriller Award nomination – Best Paperback Original Oct 2010

**Rights:** UK: MIRA; US: Pinnacle/Kensington; France: Alire; Germany: Jentas; Rights reverted: Germany: Weltbild; Norway: Schibsted Forlag

## **TOM REED SERIES**

*Crime thriller*

**BE MINE (BOOK 5); NO WAY BACK (BOOK 4)**

June 2004/2003

**Rights:** France: Alire; Rights reverted: Norway: Schibsted Forlag Oslo

**BLOOD OF OTHERS (BOOK 3)**

June 2002

**Rights:** France; Alire; Rights reverted: Norway: Schibsted Forlag Oslo; Sweden: Schibsted Forlag Oslo

**COLD FEAR (BOOK 2)**

June 2001

**IF ANGELS FALL (BOOK 1)**

February 2000

**Rights:** France; Alire; Russia: Eksmo; Rights reverted: Norway: Bladkompaniet AS

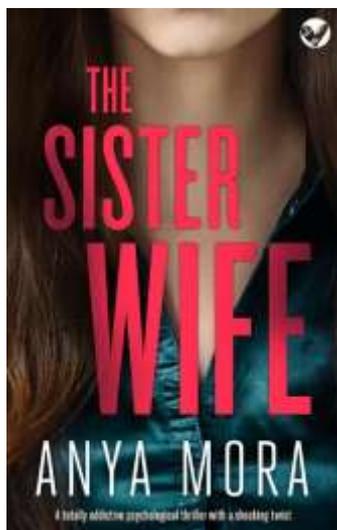
# ANYA MORA

Over 43,400 copies sold in English

Perfect for fans of Freida McFadden, Minka Kent, Greg Olsen, Kendra Elliot, Willow Rose and Keri Beevis

## THE GRAY WEST 4-BOOK SERIES

*Psychological suspense/thriller*



### THE SISTER WIFE (BOOK 1)

27 February 2024

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

*I won't let my daughter be married to a thirty-eight-year-old man. She's still a child herself.*

I was one of three Sister Wives living at Garden Temple.

I should have told the police. But my husband Jeremiah knew my secret. That kept me there. Kept me in line.

Just like his anger that shook the house. Blood in my mouth, tears in my eyes. And my heart broken so many times there was nothing left to pick up.

Then they promised my daughter Olive to Bishop Thomas. He's a grown man, she's not even thirteen.

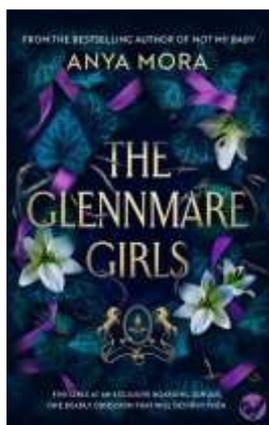
So we escaped. But if my husband finds us, he'll kill us.

And now Olive walks into the kitchen, tears down her cheeks. Her eyes are wide, terrified.

There's a half-drunk glass of Coke in her hand. My husband's one vice. "It was in your bedroom, Mom."

*He's been here, he's been in the house.*

### Standalones:



### THE GLENNMARE GIRLS

18 December 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: MMB Media

*Dark academia thriller*

*Kitty Calloway is a beautiful, sweet girl — she's everyone's favorite. Kitty Calloway is a dangerous manipulator. Kitty Calloway is gone.*

At Glennmare Academy, an elite boarding school off the coast of Seattle, five girls develop an unhealthy infatuation. Their twenty-five-year-old literature professor, Wells Halifax, has changed their lives. And they will do anything for him.

Then one of the girls goes missing. And Wells Halifax is found unconscious on the beach after a riding accident. He remembers nothing of that fateful night.

### THE LITTLE GIRL I ALWAYS WANTED

November 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: MMB Media

### THE MOTHER

September 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: MMB Media

*A mother's love is everything. And a mother will do anything to protect her own.*

### THE PERFECT FAMILY

September 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Dreamscape

*My daughter is dead and my son is the prime suspect.*

### NOT MY BABY (novella)

August 2023

#30 Amazon UK

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: MMB Media

### MY HUSBAND'S WIFE

July 2023

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books, Audio: MMB Media

# MEETI SHROFF-SHAH

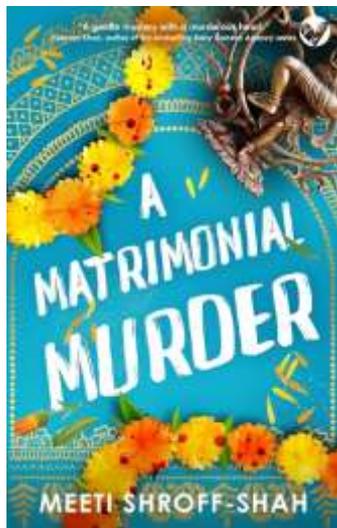
Agatha Christie meets Abir Mukherjee, Vaseem Khan and Chetan Bagat in this fresh whodunit set in modern-day India

## TEMPLE HILL 3-BOOK SERIES

*Cosy crime thriller/mystery*

### A MATRIMONIAL MURDER (BOOK 2)

6 February 2024



**Rights:** World English excl. India: Joffe Books; India: Bloomsbury India; Audio (UK & Comm excl. India): W.F. Howes; Audio (North America): Tantor Media

*Some people would kill for a good match.*

In her 30 years as Temple Hill's most renowned matchmaker, Sarla thought she'd seen it all. Blissful unions, marriages of convenience, Mr and Mrs Good Enough. Not to mention the bitter unfortunates who never made it down the aisle.

She's received as many threats as thank-yous along the way. Surely no one would actually harm her.

A series of threatening notes, sent in blood-red envelopes, suggest otherwise.

Then the body of a woman is found at Sarla's office, sprawled on her stomach next to a heavy bronze statue of the Nataraja — the god of dance. Who was the intended victim?

Sarla turns to Radhi, Temple Hill's resident amateur sleuth, for help.

But in the marriage game, everyone has their secrets. And as Radhi quickly learns, some are more deadly than others.

Jealous rivals. Jilted lovers. Jaded rejects. But who among them would be angry enough to commit murder?

### A MUMBAI MURDER MYSTERY (BOOK 1)

December 2021

**Longlisted for the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Award 2022**

**Longlisted for the Times of India Best Author Debut AutHer Award 2023**

#1 Asian Literature Amazon UK

#67 Amazon Australia

**Rights:** World English excl. India: Joffe Books; India: Bloomsbury India; Audio (UK & Comm excl. India): W.F. Howes; Audio (North America): Tantor Media; Japan: Hayakawa

*A fabulously engrossing and atmospheric crime mystery that will transport you straight to Mumbai!*

Amongst the Gujaratis in the rarefied circles of Mumbai's posh Temple Hill, there is nothing more tragic than the loss of face. Not even loss of life. Reputations are sacred. Appearances, vital. And the ability to air kiss your way through large family-gatherings, a critical life skill. But lurking beneath the diamond-studded prayer meetings, the luxurious spa afternoons at the club and the lavishly catered 'pure-veg' brunches, is everything human – unfulfilled yearnings, festering grievances, hidden agendas, not to mention, a secret that has been buried for far too long.

## THE SETTING

The series is situated in fictitious Temple Hill, a quiet and privileged neighbourhood in Mumbai, located by the Arabian sea. It is comprised of four leafy, sun-dappled slopes that lead up to the main Temple Hill road. Wide streets are lined with gulmohar trees in flaming reds and sunny yellows.

The area still retains an old-world charm, which means the stout, pastel-coloured buildings haven't been converted into ambitious high-rises of glass and steel. The neighbourhood is dotted with small parks and little galleries where local designers are always showcasing clothes and jewellery. There are also high-end gyms and yoga studios interspersed with tiny florists, cafes, and confectionary shops.

And situated amid all these gentle trappings of everyday life are the five ancient Jain temples that give Temple Hill its name.

# M.J. TROW

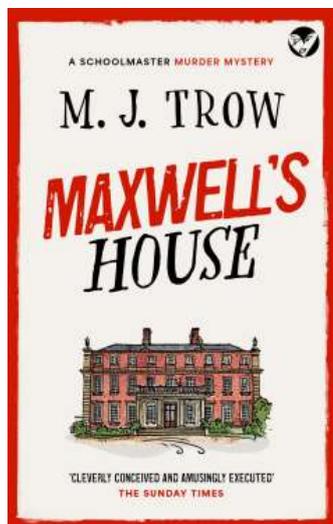
If you love Faith Martin, Richard Osman, Ian Moore, Rob Rinder, Sarah Yarwood-Lovett, Janice Hallett, or Simon Brett, prepare to be hooked by this character-driven thrilling mystery series

## THE MAXWELL 22-BOOK SERIES

*Cosy crime/mystery*

### MAXWELL'S HOUSE (BOOK 1)

28 February 2024



**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books; Audio: Soundings.

*An absolutely gripping cosy murder mystery with a touch of wry English humour.*

Meet Peter Maxwell: widower, film buff, golden-hearted cynic, bow-tied eccentric teacher . . . and reluctant amateur sleuth.

Peter Maxwell is perfectly content with his routine; by day, inspire students and, if lucky, annoy the headmaster and governing body. By evening, return home to explain the finer points of classic films to his long-suffering cat, Count Metternich.

*Until Leighford High student Jennifer Hyde is murdered.*

The victim's body is discovered at a derelict house in Kissing Tree Lane in the quaint seaside town. She'd been strangled.

The police have very few leads. And even less motivation. But for Maxwell, students are late for class. They are not murdered. And Jennifer was one of his students.

*But this is not a textbook case.*

### MEET PETER MAXWELL

Peter Maxwell is a history teacher at Leighford High School. He's loved by his students and known as 'Mad Max' to his friends because of his love of quoting movies. His eccentricities make him a well-known figure in the small seaside town, cycling everywhere on his bike called White Surrey — after Richard III's horse. When not teaching history, he is building a diorama of the Charge of the Light Brigade in his attic and talking to his cat, Count Metternich, his sounding board and boss, and solves crimes the police are unable to crack.

### THE SETTING

Leighford is a small seaside town on the South Coast. Its population trebles in the summer as tourists flock to holiday there. Unfortunately for Peter Maxwell some of these characters will end up dead!

**M.J. Trow** is the author of nearly 100 books covering crime fiction, true crime and historical biography, including the Maxwell, Lestrade, Marlowe and Chaucer series. He can be heard in podcasts on all the usual platforms, both as a guest and the main presenter on both historical and true crime subjects and has recently dipped a (reluctant) toe into social media – a big step for a self-confessed dinosaur! He lives in the Isle of Wight.

### Praise for M.J. Trow:

'A good, hard-to-solve mystery.' *Sunday Telegraph*

'Cleverly conceived and amusingly executed.' *Sunday Times*

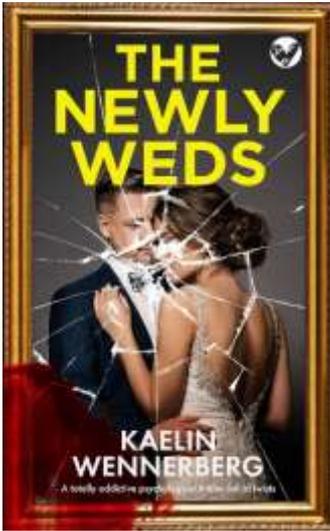
'An excellent plot full of surprising twists and turns.' *Daily Post*

# KAELIN WENNERBERG

For readers of Steena Holmes, Freida McFadden, Daniel Hurst, Lucy Clarke, Shari Lapena, T.M. Logan and Clare Mackintosh

*Psychological thriller standalones*

25 January 2024



## THE NEWLY WEDS

**Rights:** World English: Joffe Books

(two more standalones under contract)

*Finally the right guy.*

*The happy newlyweds.*

*The perfect honeymoon.*

**TOTAL NIGHTMARE!**

I look over at my fiancé — *Oops! Husband now.* He smiles. This is the grin I wake up to in the morning — like I am the very thing he's been looking forward to.

It's only been eighteen months. A whirlwind romance, I know, but he is the one for me. I knew it the day I met him. As corny as that sounds, my parents were the same way. We're going to my new husband's quiet little cabin in the woods for our honeymoon. He's told me so much about it and this is the first time I'll be seeing it in person.

The last thing I expected was to start flirting with a guy in a gas station on our way there. But let's face it, I'm not the perfect bride. In fact, I'm the worst.

And now the guy is at the cabin door.

*He wants to tell me something about my husband. Something very bad.*

*The perfect honeymoon is about to become a total nightmare.*



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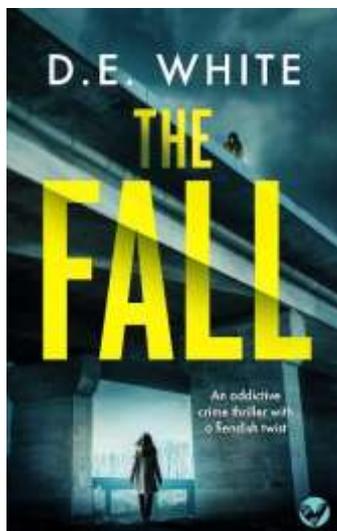
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Detective Dove Milson is on the final stretch of a long drive back from Cornwall. She's tuning the radio when her fiancé swears next to her. She follows his gaze up to the bridge spanning the motorway.

Something is falling from the bridge.

Someone is falling.

No, not *one* person.

Three people plunge to the tarmac below. Two women and a man.

Dove is immediately caught up in the investigation into this horrifying event. But what led three people with no apparent connection to jump together?

Was it a suicide pact?

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When her other niece goes missing, it looks like the copycat killer plans to repeat history in more ways than one. Will she be the next glass doll? Time is running out. Dove must catch a killer before it's too late. Then a new lead tears a hole in the case.

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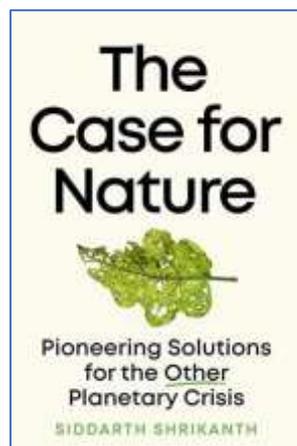
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# Non-fiction

# SIDDARTH SHRIKANTH

For readers of Bill Gates' *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*, *On Fire* by Naomi Klein, *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert, *Losing Earth: The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change* by Nathaniel Rich and David Wallace Wells' *The Uninhabitable Earth*, and fans of Sir David Attenborough.



## THE CASE FOR NATURE

*Environment/soft business*

### Pioneering Solutions for the Other Planetary Crisis

**Rights:** UK & Commonwealth: Duckworth Books, hardback May 2023, paperback 2 May 2024; Indian subcontinent (English): Allen Lane India (PRH); UK & Commonwealth Audio (excluding Canada and Indian subcontinent): W.F. Howes; Chinese complex: Sunrise Press; Spanish World: Antoni Bosch

*This book will explain how nature can save the world.*

*Sir David Attenborough makes the emotive and moral case for nature.*

*This book makes the economic and financial case for nature.*

*After watching one of Sid David's documentaries, you are in awe and inspired to act; this book will explain what we can do and how.*

The book is about the pioneers in different parts of the world who have discovered and successfully apply solutions to solve local issues that can be replicated globally.

Nature is the answer to both saving our precious world and to successful sustainable economic growth: this book explores how to do it.

'In the face of both the climate crisis and our planet's biodiversity crisis, we must rethink our relationship to nature and redouble our efforts to protect and conserve our precious ecosystems. In *The Case for Nature*, Siddarth Shrikanth provides clear and tangible examples of how doing so will not only safeguard humanity's future, but fuel economic growth and prosperity' **Al Gore**, former Vice President of the United States, Chairman of Generation

The case for tackling climate change on its own is the case for ensuring human survival; the case for nature is, ultimately, the complementary case for securing a living planet worth living for; one that appeals to both the head and the heart; that offers a radical, hopeful, and pragmatic path forward to regenerate our planet and revive our economies and societies along the way.

Our planet teeters on the brink of environmental catastrophe. Cutting emissions is essential but won't be enough. We also need to harness the power of nature, and the key lies in recognising both that the natural world is priceless, and that it has measurable economic value. Restoring biodiversity – aided by technological and financial innovation – will unlock environmental protections and economic benefits. THE CASE FOR NATURE sets out with powerful clarity how protecting nature is both the right thing to do, and firmly in our economic interests; how, taking a cue from a range of indigenous worldviews, nature must be woven into our modern societies, not set apart.

Natural climate solutions – including habitat restoration, soil carbon sequestration, regenerative agriculture and ocean protection – have become a key focus as we seek to slow the climate crisis. But the notion of "natural capital" – of valuing the many services that nature provides us for free – has remained the preserve of academics and practitioners, even as discussions on climate change and decarbonisation have become increasingly mainstream.

While many academic and specialist titles have been written on the topic of natural capital, uniquely accessible, the book features the stories of pioneers who are bringing the economic case for nature to life: restoring nature while reinvigorating communities. They span the globe, from Maasai herders using technology and ecosystem markets to secure their ancestral rangelands, to the formerly shark-hunting dive-guides of Fiji, to the nature-positive farmers of England and the green city-planners of Singapore. Readers will be transported from the jungles of Indonesia to the reefs of Micronesia, and leave with the tools they will forge a new relationship with nature, steer clear of greenwashing, and make meaningful contributions in their professional and personal lives.

Economic logic can only complement a deeper sense of wonder and respect for nature; this book gives readers the tools they need to answer the fundamental questions we must all ask ourselves: what relationship do we want with our living planet, and how can we live from, in, with, and perhaps even as, nature?

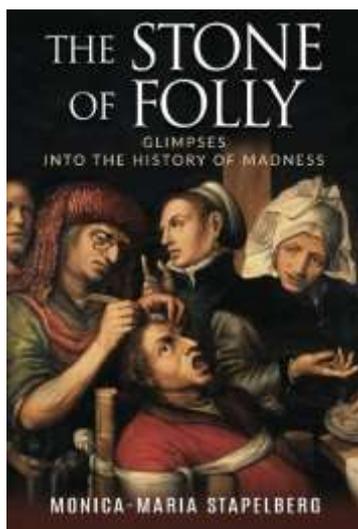
The following regions feature prominently in the book: **Americas:** USA (incl. California), Colombia, Costa Rica, Brazil, Belize; **Europe:** UK, European cities; **Asia-Pacific:** India, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Palau; **Africa:** Kenya, South Africa.

**Siddarth Shrikanth** grew up in India and studied conservation biology and climate science at Oxford, later joining McKinsey and Company in London where he worked on helping corporates and governments craft sustainability strategies. He was on the founding team of McKinsey's environmental incubator, McKinsey.org, and led the Rethinking Recycling programme in Indonesia. Siddarth joined the *Financial Times* as a foreign correspondent in Hong Kong, before spending three years in America pursuing a concurrent MPA/MBA from the Harvard Kennedy School and Stanford's Graduate School of Business. During his time as a graduate student, he helped found Working Trees, a natural carbon removal startup, and consulted for the Singapore PM's office and the World Bank. He is now based in London and works as an investment professional at Just Climate. In his spare time, Siddarth is an avid scuba diver.

# MONICA-MARIA STAPELBERG

Popular history/medicine

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## **THE STONE OF FOLLY** **Glimpses into the History of Madness**

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THE STONE OF FOLLY explores the concept of 'madness' – what we would refer to as mental illness in modern terms – viewed from a wide range of historic and societal perspectives.

In centuries past, the insane, in confinement or in the care of family, were very poorly treated. Institutionalised patients were kept in squalid conditions, many of them chained-up for years. Multiple distasteful and shocking treatments, regarded as reprehensible in modern times, were advocated and carried-out by leading physicians to prevent insanity and cure the mind. Therapeutic measures included bloodlettings, emetics, purges, and 'coolings of the head'. Blistering of the skull with powerful blistering agents, advocated by eminent physicians, was widely used as late as the nineteenth century to heal those of unsound mind.

Intimidation, fear, and terror were often advised by renowned specialists in the treatment of madness and throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries clinicians searched for suitable methods of inducing the correct degree of fear in their treatments. In addition, various pervasive, often maiming and irreversible surgical procedures were performed to prevent or cure insanity.

To the modern reader this book provides an ethically and socially confronting historical record, comprising compelling and at times distressing facts. THE STONE OF FOLLY serves as a historical exposition of the 'growing pains' within early mental health care and the subsequent slowly emerging discipline of psychiatry.

## **THROUGH THE DARKNESS** **Glimpses into the History of Western Medicine**

July 2015

**Rights:** World English: Crux Publishing

The fascinating history of medicine in Europe is filled with curious, often bizarre, strange, and gruesome cures, enthusiastically espoused by physicians and other medical practitioners of the times.

Repulsive and disgusting examples of 'medications' often dominated treatment directives and many proposed cures were all but useless, highly dangerous and even lethal.

This book explores compelling, and at times shocking facts, offering select glimpses into the journey of Western medicine 'through the darkness'.

Guaranteed to astound, interest and occasionally make one shudder at what constituted orthodox therapeutic observances of the past, the author highlights diverse medical practices, as well as dreaded diseases.

Ever mindful of not lapsing into what historians have called 'the enormous condescension of posterity', the book serves as an exposition on the 'growing pains' of a field born of supposition, and reared in a milieu of theocracy and superstition, before finally emerging as the modern science of medicine we know today.

## **STRANGE BUT TRUE** **A Historical Background to Popular Beliefs and Traditions**

September 2014

**Rights:** World English: Crux Publishing; China simplified characters: Beijing Paper Jump Cultural Development Company

Why do we:

- Christen ships and sailing vessels or refer to them as 'she'?
- Avoid the number thirteen, breaking mirrors or walking under ladders?
- Use the phrase having a 'skeleton in the cupboard'?
- Dress baby boys in blue, speak of 'true blue' or 'blue-blooded'?
- Decorate the Christmas Tree or eat Easter Eggs?
- Kiss under the mistletoe or 'trick or treat' on Halloween?

In this easy-to-read book – a revised and updated re-publication of her previous book, *Curious and Curiouser!* – author, lecturer and public speaker, Dr. Monica-Maria Stapelberg, shares the results of her many years of research to uncover the historical background behind numerous commonly-held beliefs and traditions.

*Strange but True* also brings to light how many of our day-to-day words, phrases and actions are anchored in past ritual or sacrificial observances, or simply based on fearful superstitious notions.