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A high-stakes Cold War adventure introducing Poland's master of espionage fiction

Vincent V. Severski

Introducing Poland's John le Carré - Vincent V. Severski, a million-copy bestselling author in his homeland and former Polish spy, available in the English language for the first time

THE PITCH

- **MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR IN POLAND:** Severski has sold over a million copies of his books in his native Poland
- **AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH FOR THE FIRST TIME:** We are launching Severski into the English language marketing with a gripping international thriller following an MI6 operative
- **FORMIDABLE WORD OF MOUTH:** We are already receiving extraordinary feedback, including comparisons to John le Carré and other masters of the espionage genre
- **A FORMER SENIOR SPY:** Severski served in Poland's national intelligence agency for 23 years, rising to be a director before retiring at the rank of Colonel. He has received training with the CIA and numerous decorations, including the Legion of Merit from President Barack Obama. He brings his decades of espionage experience to bear in this novel

THE BOOK

Introducing Poland's John le Carré: former spy and bestselling author Vincent V. Severski.

Martin, a former British spy, enjoys a quiet retirement in the Scandinavian wilderness, far from Vauxhall Cross. But his peace is shattered when an active MI6 officer arrives with a macabre photograph and a question. A severed hand bearing a cryptic Cyrillic tattoo has been found in the shipyards of Britain's new nuclear submarines. What does it mean?

The question drags Martin back thirty years to Helsinki, when, as the Soviet Union finally began to crumble, he was sent on a desperate mission to find out the truth behind an alarming provocation, deep beneath the Atlantic's waves...

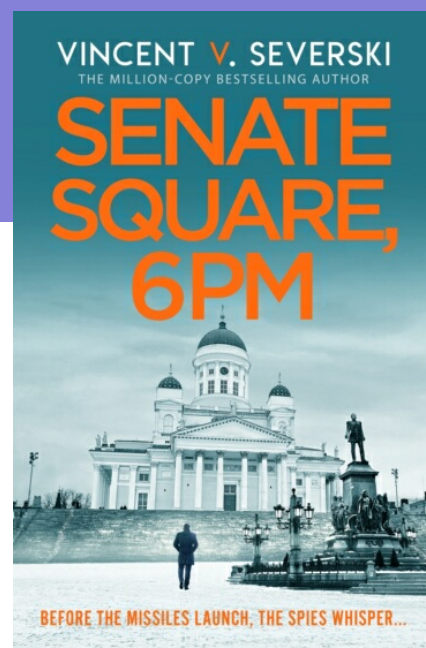
He was thrown into a shadowy duel between KGB spymasters, MI6 handlers and Finnish counterintelligence, as an old world was giving way to the new, and the global order hung in the balance.

But are the ghosts of a long-ago mission being disturbed? Or is he just an old spook jumping at shadows?

Sweeping from snow-bound Scandinavian wilderness to tense Cold War safehouses, this is an authentic, cerebral and compelling espionage epic.

THE AUTHOR

Vincent V. Severski is a retired intelligence officer with the rank of colonel and a former Director of Poland's Foreign Intelligence Agency. He is the bestselling author of several critically acclaimed spy novels, with over 1 million copies sold in Poland alone.



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Thema: **Espionage and spy thriller, Historical adventure fiction, Fiction in translation, Helsinki, c 1985 to c 1996 (Period of end of Cold War / End of the USSR), Literature of Poland, Literature of Poland**

Author Location: **Poland and Sweden**

Book Locale: **Helsinki, Finland**

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Severski spent 13 years abroad, taking part in more than 140 missions across 50 countries, including regions in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.



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Kill Story

The darkly funny thriller and hottest debut of 2026

J.D. Maduro

Yellowface meets **Katy Brent** in this razor-sharp and darkly satirical novel about toxic workplaces, burnout and inter-generational conflict

THE PITCH

- **A ZEITGEISTY, BRILLIANT VOICE:** JD Maduro writes with a wry wit and pitch-perfect Gen Z POV for Skye. This quality will ensure broad appeal for fans who enjoy her characters' inner turmoil juxtaposed with their external desire to fit in
- **A WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Maduro has excellent international connections which will be helpful in engaging audiences across continents – this is a truly global publication
- **CORRUPT START-UP MEETS SCANDALOUS EXPATS:** From charismatic tech founders to desperate, lonely expats, *Kill Story* captures the chaos of booze- and pill-fuelled work parties, illicit affairs, insidious gossip - and the lengths people will go to stay relevant
- **RELEVANT, TIMELY AND FRESH:** Share themes of grooming and deceit with *My Dark Vanessa*, explores the twisted female friendships in a way that recalls *Social Creature* and written with the deadpan tone of *How to Kill Your Family*

THE BOOK

Twenty-three-year-old American ex-pat Skye Sullivan is influence manager for Amsterdam's hottest startup. CoHab is earmarked as the Next Big Thing. Everyone wants to work there.

Skye longs to impress her formidable mentor, Yelena, and the company's charismatic British founder, Silas. Soon, Skye has a front-view of the booze-fuelled parties and sexual encounters behind barely closed doors. Those at the top are likely to be chugging drunks as running the company.

But when Skye is expected to cover up potential scandals, including at least one suspicious death, she realises something dark and awful lies at the heart of CoHab. Behind the slick branding and attractive workforce is a sickening secret, and Skye must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice to feel like she finally belongs somewhere.

Razor-sharp, insightful and wildly entertaining, this is the satirical thriller of the year.

THE AUTHOR

A pen name of Jennifer van der Kwast, an American writer who has been living in the Netherlands for over 14 years. While living in New York she worked in the film industry, as well as publishing. Her writing appeared in the *New York Magazine*, *New York Times*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *Time Out*, and the *Washington Post*.



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Bar Code: **9781835985182**

Thema: **Crime and / or mystery fiction, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general, Contemporary lifestyle fiction, Satirical fiction and parodies, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: social issues / social problems, Thriller / suspense fiction**

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An unputdownable thriller from one of the UK's greatest writers

THE PITCH

- **SMALL-TOWN SECRETS:** The perfect vibes for any reader who loves gossip and eavesdropping on badly behaved neighbours.
- **A PAGE TURNING MYSTERY:** Plenty of strangeness and questions to keep readers hooked until the very end.
- **BUILDING A BRAND:** An opportunity for the Canelo list to have a print opportunity akin to the staggeringly successful Freida McFadden publishing in the UK under Sourcebooks/DK

THE BOOK

There are no secrets between friends. Or neighbours.

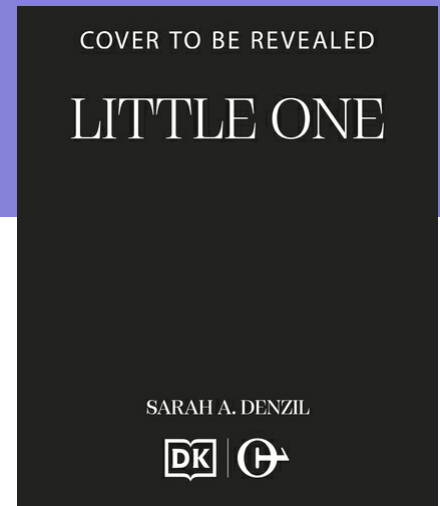
Fran lives the ideal life. Retired by forty, married to a rich man and free as a bird. Her life in Leacroft is undisturbed. But when her path crosses with the new family's daughter at five a.m., a sudden obsession takes over her life.

The Whittakers are new and different; they're from America, Elijah has a new job in the village, Mary is too young to be a mother and their daughter, Esther, is waiting for Father.

As Fran gets to know the young family more, she begins to worry about the wellbeing of both Mary and Esther. Then the family vanishes, their possessions left behind, and Fran fears the worst: a young girl is in grave danger, and only she can help her.

THE AUTHOR

Sarah A. Denzil is a million copy bestselling author of psychological suspense novels. Her books include number one bestseller *Silent Child*. Sarah lives in Yorkshire with her husband and cats, enjoying the scenic countryside and rather unpredictable weather. She loves to write moody, psychological fiction with plenty of twists and turns.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835987704**

Thema: **Thriller / suspense fiction, Psychological thriller, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general**

Author Location: **Yorkshire, UK**

AI Last Updated: **24 August 2026**

My Perfect Daughter

Sarah A. Denzil

A dark and twisty material psychological thriller with an unpredictable twist.

THE PITCH

- **BUILDING A BRAND:** A print opportunity for the Canelo list akin to the staggeringly successful Freida McFadden publishing in the UK under Sourcebooks/DK
- **FURTHER GROWTH:** Options for further backlist and frontlist works
- **A MASTERCLASS OF CHARACTERISATION:** Crafting a mother-daughter relationship that is both realistic and unsettling
- **MIRANDA RIJKS BLURB:** 'Sarah A. Denzil's books are the epitome of great psychological thrillers packed with fast action, compelling characters and gasp out aloud twists.' - **Miranda Rijks, bestselling author of *The Visitors* and *One Little Mistake*.**

THE BOOK

A mother always knows her child. Right?

The bond between Zoe and her adopted daughter, Maddie, is stronger than blood. It was forged twelve years earlier on the night five-year-old Maddie helped Zoe escape the torture and imprisonment of her brutal, serial killer father.

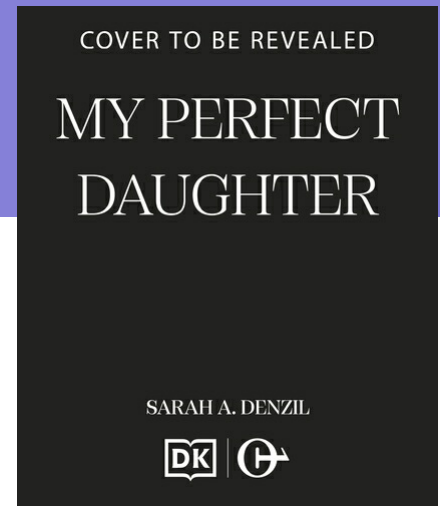
But you can't erase the past, and when the police call Zoe late at night to tell her that one of Maddie's classmates has died during a school camping trip, her first thoughts aren't for the safety of her daughter. Instead, Zoe is ashamed to find herself wondering if Maddie could have killed her.

As hard as she's tried to raise the perfect daughter, Zoe can't ignore that Maddie comes from a bad seed - and judging by her recent behaviour, perhaps the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

A powerhouse psychological thriller from the 'mistress of twists' Sarah A. Denzil - a must-read author for fans of Gillian Flynn, Frieda McFadden, and Paula Hawkins.

THE AUTHOR

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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835987711**

Thema: **Thriller / suspense fiction, Psychological thriller, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general**

Author Location: **Yorkshire, UK**

Book Locale: **Cornwall, UK**

AI Last Updated: **24 August 2026**

Stolen Girl

Sarah A. Denzil

A dark and thrilling mystery about a mother's love for her child, sequel to the million-copy bestseller *Silent Child*.

THE PITCH

- **A GRIPPING FOLLOW UP:** *Stolen Girl* is the sequel to the highly praised *Silent Child*, returning to the characters from the first title with another dark twisted mystery sure to satisfy returning readers.
- **HORRIFYINGLY RELATABLE:** A story that's sure to pull on the worst fears of any parent, making for a gripping experience.
- **RAVE REVIEWS:** With over three thousand reviews on Amazon and 4.4 star rating, readers are obsessed with *Stolen Girl*.

THE BOOK

A new chance, a new life, a new nightmare.

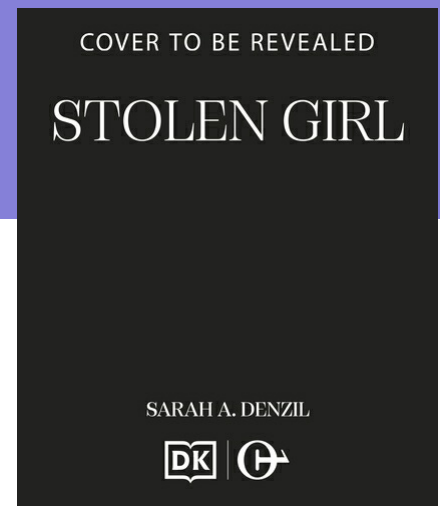
Emma, Aiden and Gina stand on the brink of a new life. After the trauma of Aiden's abduction and return, they are slowly healing and returning to a fragile normality. Emma is desperate to protect her children, but the world is fascinated by Aiden, the silent child who is finally finding his voice.

Just as they're adjusting to this new life, Emma's worst nightmare comes true when Gina is snatched away and a chilling game begins. Emma is convinced the answers lie in the darkest corners of the family's past and that only Aiden can work out the puzzle, if he can face the horrors of his memories.

The emotional and heart racing sequel to the million-copy bestseller *SILENT CHILD*.

THE AUTHOR

Sarah A. Denzil is a million copy bestselling author of psychological suspense novels. Her books include number one bestseller *Silent Child*. Sarah lives in Yorkshire with her husband and cats, enjoying the scenic countryside and rather unpredictable weather. She loves to write moody, psychological fiction with plenty of twists and turns.



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Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835987780**

Thema: **Thriller / suspense fiction, Narrative theme: interior life / psychological fiction, Psychological thriller, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general**

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The Sewing Class Girl

An unforgettable Victorian saga about resilience, love and class-defying friendship for fans of Rosie Goodwin

Libby Ashworth

A gritty, emotional Victorian series for fans of Kitty Neale, Anna Jacobs and Katie Flynn

THE PITCH

- **ESTABLISHED AUTHOR:** Alongside her success with Canelo, Libby Ashworth has also been published by other major presses including Michael Joseph and Cornerstone Digital
- **GLOWING REVIEWS:** Her previous series, The Mill Town Lasses, received a glowing review from Kitty Neale - 'Engrossing tale of hardship, struggles, love and family'. Currently awaiting endorsement from Emma Hornby for this series
- **POPULAR 19th CENTURY SETTING WITH TIMELY INTRIGUE:** Industrialisation and looming cotton mills in Northern England, featuring a thrilling combination of Lancaster gaol and the US-civil war and public outcry against slavery
- **PERSONAL AUTHOR CONNECTION AND REAL HISTORICAL FACTS:** This is a compelling and dramatic saga with plenty of local detailing from the author's own ancestry

THE BOOK

The winter might be over but their hardship is not.

The cotton crisis continues and the towns people are out of work and living on relief. The mayor of Blackburn realises that employment must be found or there is a danger of disturbances and rioting as anger and frustration grows. Classes are formed for the men to teach them to read and write, and for the women a sewing class is set up to teach basic skills and to provide cheap clothing for the townsfolk.

Sally, Ruth and Caroline continue in their individual struggles to keep their families afloat, navigating hard work, romance and heartbreak.

Bessie and Joshua Anderton are new to Blackburn. Joshua is a former cotton plantation slave and Bessie is a dressmaker. Bessie has to tread a careful path between the gentry who are supporting the workers with their charity and the workers who, although grateful for the help, would much rather be self-reliant.

THE AUTHOR

Libby was born and raised in Lancashire and comes from many generations of mill workers. It was while researching her family history that she realised there were so many stories about ordinary working people that she wanted to tell.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984796**

Thema: **Family saga / generational saga fiction, Lancashire, New South Wales, 1837–1901 (Victorian period), c 1760 to c 1840 (period of the British Industrial Revolution)**

Author Location: **Lancashire, UK**

Book Locale: **Blackburn, Lancashire**

AI Last Updated: **05 July 2026**

Sweet Briar Rose

A British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

Dark, compulsive and gripping, this novel is yet another success from the international bestselling author.

THE PITCH

- **READER FAVOURITE:** The DCI Robert Kett series has over 150k reviews on Amazon with a 4.6* average rating. Fans often say this is one of their favourite crime fiction series
- **WHIP-SMART, WISE-CRACKING DETECTIVE:** DCI Kett has a very Scottish, black sense of humour that readers love. He's also a single dad to three daughters and his struggle to juggle home life and work makes him a loved and relatable character
- **ON THE TAIL OF A KILLER:** This book whisks the reader across East Anglia as Kett pursues a trail of gruesome clues. The chase makes for exciting reading and it's impossible to put down

THE BOOK

Extreme crime needs extreme measures.

The body of a woman bound in thorns has been discovered in Norwich's historic Cow Tower. In her mouth is a severed finger wrapped in a scrap of red cloth, and the first few lines of a fairy tale.

The finger isn't hers. It belongs to someone else, someone Kett hopes is still alive. To find the missing victim, he must follow a chain of blood-drenched riddles, each victim leading to the next. Each crime more horrific than the last.

The killer is telling a story – and this one won't have a happy ending.

THE AUTHOR

Alex Smith wrote his first book when he was six. It wasn't particularly good, but it did have some supernatural monsters in it. His latest books, the DCI Robert Kett thrillers, have monsters in them too, although these monsters are very human, and all the more terrifying for it. In between, he has published fourteen novels for children and teenagers under his full name, Alexander Gordon Smith – including the number one bestselling series *Escape From Furnace*, which is loved by millions of readers worldwide and which is soon to become a motion picture. He lives in Norwich with his wife and three young daughters.

COVER TO BE REVEALED

SWEET BRIAR ROSE

ALEX SMITH



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Author Location: **Norwich**

Book Locale: **East Anglia**

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Knock Knock

A Chilling British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

A dark and gruesome serial killer thriller from the international bestselling author.

THE PITCH

- **INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER:** With over one million copies sold across the globe, Alex Smith has a dedicated group of worldwide fans, always hungry for the next DCI Kett instalment
- **A TEAM TO ROOT FOR:** Readers love DCI Kett and his close-knit team. Together they share ups, downs and plenty of banter, all making for a thoroughly enjoyable read and characters that stay with you long after the final page is turned
- **TWISTY AND FAST-PACED:** Knock Knock keeps readers hooked with its many red herrings and twists and turns. The ending is completely unpredictable and will have your heart in your mouth

THE BOOK

Whatever you do, don't open the door...

When a severed foot is delivered to the unsuspecting residents of a student house in Norwich, DCI Kett begins one of the most gruesome investigations of its career.

And it's not just a foot. More packages begin to appear at random on people's doorsteps, all of them containing body parts that have been surgically removed and meticulously wrapped.

Kett is in a race against the clock to identify the victims and their killer, who shows no sign of stopping.

This monster isn't just delivering corpses – they're sending a message.

THE AUTHOR

Alex Smith wrote his first book when he was six. It wasn't particularly good, but it did have some supernatural monsters in it. His latest books, the DCI Robert Kett thrillers, have monsters in them too, although these monsters are very human, and all the more terrifying for it. In between, he has published fourteen novels for children and teenagers under his full name, Alexander Gordon Smith – including the number one bestselling series *Escape From Furnace*, which is loved by millions of readers worldwide and which is soon to become a motion picture. He lives in Norwich with his wife and three young daughters.

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Author Location: **Norwich**

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King Rat

A Relentlessly Terrifying British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

A dark and propulsive ticking-clock thriller from the international bestselling author.

THE PITCH

- **PROLIFIC AND WELL-LOVED AUTHOR:** Alex Smith is an international bestseller and his crime books frequently feature highly in Amazon charts. He has tens of thousands of reviews, averaging above four stars on each of his books.
- **PUBLICITY:** Alex has excellent endorsements from bestselling and highly-respected authors in the genre; 'Fresh and ferocious' **James Patterson**; 'A gripping debut' **JD Kirk**.
- **PACY, PAGE-TURNING FICTION:** This book sees Kett locked in a battle of skill and wits against a returning enemy from the series. Readers won't be able to turn the page fast enough! The perfect book to devour in one sitting.

THE BOOK

When you find yourself in hell, it pays to be a devil.

DCI Kett's worst nightmares have finally come true – the mysterious group known as Hollenbeck have resurfaced. After being violently abducted, Kett wakes inside a labyrinthine warehouse with no apparent way out. And he's not alone.

On the outside, DI Porter, DC Savage and PC Aaron Duke face a race against time to locate Kett. But Hollenbeck are smart, and this case may prove too much even for this brilliant and dedicated police team.

Kett must use every skill he has if he ever wants to see his family again. And the team must track him down before it's too late – before Kett faces the greatest evil of them all...

THE AUTHOR

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Jaw Breaker

A Terrifying British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

A workplace retreat turns sour in this thrilling mob crime novel from the international bestselling author.

THE PITCH

- **MULTI-MILLION COPY BESTSELLER:** The DCI Robert Kett series has sold exceptionally well across the globe and the books regularly chart highly on Amazon
- **LIVING, BREATHING CHARACTERS:** Fans love DCI Kett and his team; they're relatable, well-crafted and have great banter. Readers say picking up a DCI Kett book is like catching up with old friends and family
- **CONSISTENTLY STRONG SERIES AND UNWAVERING FAN SUPPORT:** Each book in the DCI Kett reviews extremely well, averaging at least 4.5*. Readers say the series goes from strength to strength, with each book being better than the last

THE BOOK

This case will be a bitter pill to swallow...

DCI Kett and his team are sent on a team building exercise in the middle of a quiet Norfolk village.

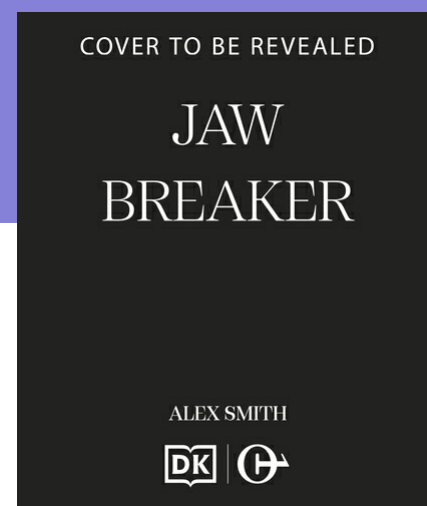
But what was supposed to be a weekend of recovery and fun soon becomes something much more sinister. Two local men turn up dead. They've been poisoned by a horrific new designer drug nicknamed Jaw Breaker.

Kett is dragged into the middle of a bloody civil war between gangs, cultists, coppers and some very angry locals.

And they learn that R&R doesn't always stand for Rest and Relaxation. Sometimes it's all about Revenge and Retribution.

THE AUTHOR

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Author Location: **Norwich**

Book Locale: **East Anglia**

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Cold Shadow

The next miss-read crime thriller in the DI Kelly Porter series

Rachel Lynch

British crime fiction sensation and million-copy bestseller Rachel Lynch is back with a high-octane addition to her hugely popular Detective Kelly Porter series.

THE PITCH

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Sales of Rachel Lynch's books exceed one million copies and there is no sign of her popularity slowing down. Each new release in the hugely successful Detective Kelly Porter series is a major event for crime fiction fans
- **THE PERFECT SETTING:** Undoubtedly one of the biggest draws to this series along with compelling plots is the brilliant evocation of the Lake District. Cumbria is one of the most beautiful parts of England, but some ugly deeds occur there in Rachel's fiction
- **BACKLIST ACTIVITY:** Preceding this new instalment, there has been extensive work to promote the series. A repackage programme and new print release for the earlier books in the series plus a stunning prequel *First Act* have whet the appetite for a new Kelly Porter tale

THE BOOK

You can run, but you can't hide.

It's the end of November and bitterly cold in the Lake District and a frozen decomposed body is found in a peat ditch up on Bampton Common high above Haweswater reservoir. DI Kelly Porter is called to investigate, but right away she's puzzled by the arrows found around the body – not your average murder weapon.

By digging into missing persons reports from across the country, Kelly is able to trace an ID. However, this brings more questions than answers when links to other cases across the UK come to light. The area has always been a favourite with hunters – could they have turned to human prey? Kelly skirts closer to the truth, but a betrayal wounds her deeply and she needs all the support she can get to defend her team and uncover some sinister secrets.

THE AUTHOR

Rachel Lynch is a million-copy bestselling author of crime fiction, best known for her gripping DI Kelly Porter series, as well as several standalones and the Major Helen Scott military police thrillers.

Raised in Cumbria, the haunting beauty of the Lake District seeps into every story she tells.



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Author Location: **Hertfordshire, UK**

Book Locale: **Lake District, UK**

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A Perfectly Plotted Murder

The new cosy and light-hearted murder mystery from Hannah Hendy

Hannah Hendy

Cosy crime sensation Hannah Hendy returns with another mysterious murder. 'At the top of the tree of modern whodunnits' Ian Moore.

THE PITCH

- **SALES SUCCESS:** Hannah Hendy's novels have sold more than 325,000 copies, and have become a firm fan favourite in the competitive cosy crime space. They have been finding homes and readers on retailer shelves across the country
- **BRITISH CHARM AND LOCAL FLAVOUR:** The fictional world of Dewstow, and its inhabitants, are described with flair and quintessential charm that brings the characters to life. This vivid and colourful aspect brings readers back to the series time and again.
- **AUTHOR ENGAGEMENT:** In the past year, Hannah Hendy has been invited to take part in major fiction events including Crime Cymru, Brighton Book Festival and Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival.
- **LESBIAN DINNER LADIES SOLVING CRIME:** Following married couple Margery and Clementine, this series is warm-hearted and humorous with twists readers won't see coming

THE BOOK

Someone has been meddling with malicious intentions...

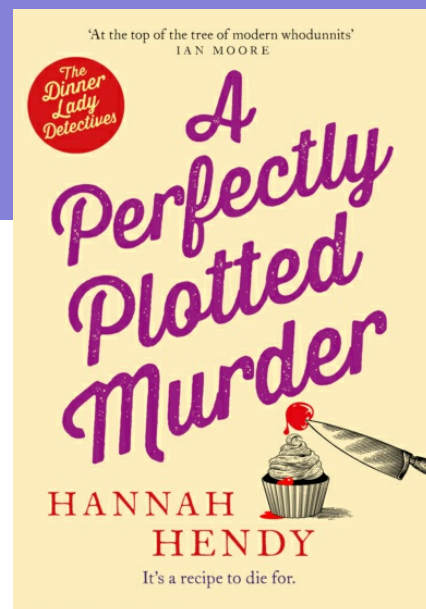
Margery receives an award for forty years of service to the school and begins to wonder if it's time for a change. She doesn't have long to dwell on it because the next day, she arrives at work to find that a science teacher, Mr Blake, is dead in the school's canteen.

It is revealed that he died after being electrocuted by a faulty piece of kitchen equipment, which Margery knows for certain was working the day before. The headmistress has no choice but to suspend Margery while an investigation takes place. This causes uproar amongst the dinner ladies, and they go on strike while they help Margery and Clementine clear Margery's name.

Although banned from school grounds, Margery and Clementine begin digging for clues. As they uncover tampered maintenance records it seems as though someone has it out for Margery. Can the dinner lady detectives clear her name?

THE AUTHOR

Hannah Hendy lives in a small town in South Wales with her wife, their daughter, and two spoilt cats. A professional chef by trade, she started writing to fill the time between shifts. She now writes cosy crime fulltime, a dream job! She is the author of the bestselling cosy crime series, The Dinner Lady Detectives, published by Canelo Crime and Canelo US. Hannah is represented by Francesca Riccardi at Kate Nash Literary Agency. Instagram - @hannahhendywrites Facebook - @hannahhendywrites Twitter - @hendyhannah Website - hannahhendywrites.com



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Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **320 pages**

Territory: **World (All Languages)**

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835981702**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: cosy mystery**

AI Last Updated: **24 August 2026**



Princebreaker

The captivating queer fantasy, packed full of yearning and adventure

Elia J Morgan

The devastating and dramatic sequel, with higher stakes than ever, packed full of yearning, adventure and betrayal

THE PITCH

- **EVEN MORE MM YEARNING:** Readers will love Meilyr and Osian's romance as the heat and swooning ramps up with the two reunited after a devastating tragedy
- **POLITICAL INTRIGUE GALORE:** Amid the drama of action and adventure between two battling forces, Meilyr and Osian must also untangle who to trust in a world of dastardly royals and conniving courtiers
- **TOPICAL AND INSPIRATIONAL:** The war for peace and independence against invading forces is even more present in this instalment, holding up a mirror to real-world events, both past and present, with a nuanced and magical exploration of themes
- **SPECIAL LIMITED AND SPRAYED EDGE EDITIONS AVAILABLE:** Exclusive designs and content will be available for any customers wanting a bespoke run

THE BOOK

Meilyr wakes, five years later, to find his homeland a snow-strewn battlefield.

Cyngalon is not as it once was, with Meilyr's brother leading the resistance against Khaim and the isles teetering on the edge of all-out bloodshed.

Osian rides the wildlands like a ghost, hunting his quarry – haunted and grieving.

Reunited with Meilyr, the two return to Khaim to prepare for their royal wedding as a show of unity across the kingdoms.

Meilyr and Osian must fight for a land that is stirring with dark forces and pain.

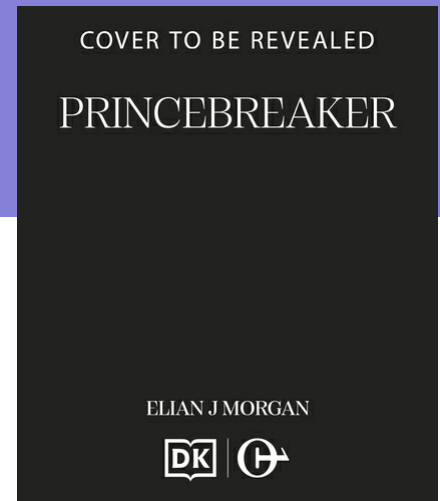
Their journey will take them from the gilded halls of Khaim to the deep and perilous wilds of Cyngalon, entreating with forces – both human and mythical – that they never could have imagined.

Meilyr's magic has never been so powerful, and an ancient voice speaks to him through his blood as he begins to uncover the truth of the prophecy that brought him back from death. And Osian struggles to piece back together his heart, which shattered in his chest five years ago...

In the fight for freedom and peace, what sacrifices are they willing to make - and what promises are they willing to break?

THE AUTHOR

Elia J Morgan was born amidst the flat farmlands of the Netherlands, but spent substantial time in their father's familial homeland of rugged Wales. They



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Price: **£18.99**

Format: **234mm x 153mm**

Binding: **Hardback With Jacket**

Extent: **416 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language) (with restrictions)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985748**

Thema: **Heroic fantasy / Sword and sorcery, Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy, Historical fantasy, Romance: fantasy and paranormal, Relating to LGBTQIA+ people**

Author Location: **Hastings, UK**

Book Locale: **Second world fantasy**

AI Last Updated: **24 August 2026**

studied bones, folklore, history, and death at universities around the world, and followed their love of mountains to Japan, where they worked as an English Language teacher. They now live by the sea with their partner and dog, writing queer SFF with a focus on language and identity.



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A Crown of Blood and Magick

Follow up to the addictive slow-burn romantasy A KISS OF HAMMER AND FLAME

Amy de la Force

The thrilling and streamy follow up to the new romantasy powerhouse series

THE PITCH

- **ALL HAIL OUR NEW ROMANTASY QUEEN:** Amy de la Force ensures the slow-burn, forbidden romance really heats up in this crucial second instalment, as Cahra and Hael deepen their bond both magically and emotionally
- **FIERY COURT POLITICS AND SHOCKING BETRAYALS:** Featuring diabolical cross-kingdom politics with twists and turns you won't see coming
- **HIGHLY MARKETABLE AUTHOR:** Amy is incredibly proactive on socials and has built a dedicated following, as well as having been invited to speak on a number of panels, including Ready Set Romance in Paris, MeetCute Festival and British Fantasy Society

THE BOOK

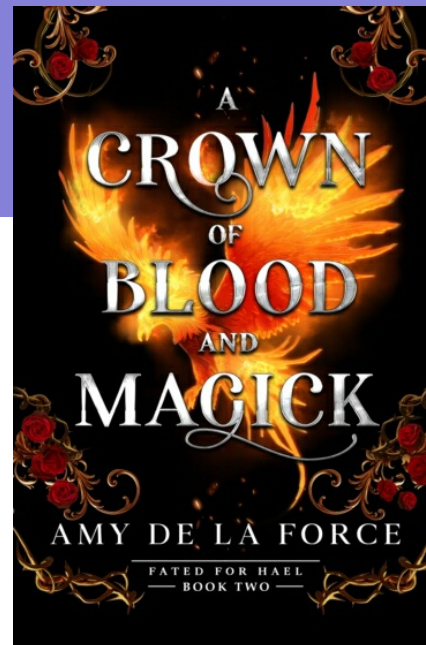
Now Empress of Hael'stromia, Cahra is supposed to be ruling the three kingdoms. But Ozumbre is seceding, Kolyath's nobles sow division, and King Thierre of Luminaux is lost to grief. Her only solace is Hael, their bond growing dangerously romantic despite being forbidden.

When Kolyath and Luminaux are attacked by an unknown enemy, Cahra dispatches Hael, leaving her powerless and pining for his dark magicks. Hael never returns, and Wyldaern is granted a vision: Hael, beaten within an inch of his immortality, has been captured.

Cahra must master her own dark magick if she's to save Hael in time...

THE AUTHOR

Amy de la Force is a bi writer of romantasy, and Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize shortlistee. Drawing on her expertise as an ex-Apple copywriter and medieval sword fighter, *A Kiss of Hammer and Flame* is her debut novel in the Fated for Hael trilogy. Amy is an Aussie expat who lives in London. Connect on X or TikTok at @amydelaforce.



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Price: **£10.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

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Territory: **World (English Language) (with restrictions)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835982648**

Thema: **Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: coming of age, Narrative theme: journeys and voyages, Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy, Epic fantasy / high fantasy**

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Roses: How to Keep This Alive

A no-fuss guide to keeping your plants alive, one pot at a time

Julianne Robertson

A no-fuss guide to keeping your roses alive, one pot at a time

THE PITCH

- **ROSES ARE HUGELY POPULAR:** Roses plants are hugely popular, and in fact sit at the top of the list of most popular garden plants year on year
- **DESIGNED TO BE GIFTED ALONGSIDE ROSE PLANT:** Written with warmth and humour, this accessible guide is the perfect accompaniment to a rose plant gifted to a plant-care beginner
- **EXPERT HORTICULTURALIST AUTHOR:** The author is a qualified horticulturalist and gardening journalist, whose work has been featured in *The Guardian*, *The People's Friend* and *My Weekly*
- **TARGETS BEGINNER GARDENER MARKET:** The book sits in a beginner-friendly series targeting the novice gardener market with a suitable price point and individual species focus

THE BOOK

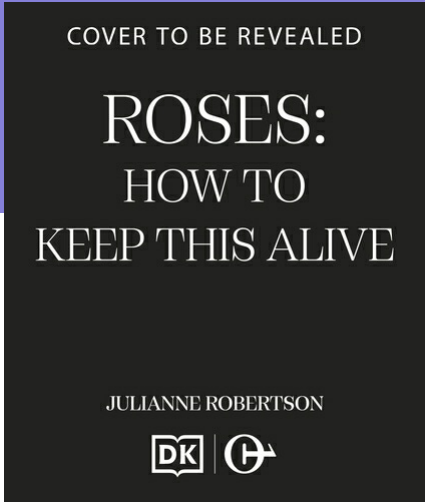
Got a new rose? What a treat!

There's nothing so timeless as a rose. With its stunning blooms and delicate scent, it's easy to see why this romantic flower has been the centerpiece of gardens for centuries.

However, rose plants come with a reputation for being a little bit fussy. Black spot, hungry aphids and confusing rules about pruning can deter green-fingered novices, who may be intimidated by the garden's ultimate diva.

Never fear – there's no rose without the thorns, as they say. If you're an absolute beginner to rose-care, we have put together this simple guide to give you everything you need to keep your roses healthy, happy, and continually blooming—and keep you out of thorny territory.

This is how to keep your roses alive.



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Binding: Hardback
Extent: 352 pages
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Publicist: Kate Shepherd
Bar Code: 9781835982617
Thema: Indoor gardening
Author Location: Dundee, Scotland
Book Locale: Global

AI Last Updated: 24 August 2026



American Men

Stories of Modern Masculinity

Jordan Ritter Conn

An intimate portrait of modern manhood

THE PITCH

- **INDEPTH RESEARCH:** Based on five years of interviews with the men, gaining a close personal relationship with them and following them through their daily lives
- **URGENT TOPIC:** A compelling and compassionate exploration of the state of contemporary western masculinity
- **FOR READERS OF:** *Three Women* by Lisa Taddeo, *Of Boys and Men* by Richard Reeves and *Men Who Hate Women* by Laura Bates

THE BOOK

What does it really mean to be a man today?

Between the weight of expectation and the restrictive force of the patriarchy, it is no wonder that so many men today feel stuck. But these debates on modern manhood often fail to consider the actual lives of men themselves: how do they live their lives day to day? Who do they love? What are their dreams?

Jordan Ritter Conn's *American Men* is an exploration of the rarely-discussed details of men's real lives. Written from the perspectives of four very different men, Ryan, Gideon, Joseph and Nate, the book explores the male psyche as each of them experiences trauma and recovery, violence, sex, power and powerlessness, as well as the difficulties of forming relationships in the context of contemporary life.

In part a condemnation of its faults, as well as a celebration of its virtues, *American Men* presents a truthful, balanced portrait of manhood and masculinity, as it exists today.

THE AUTHOR

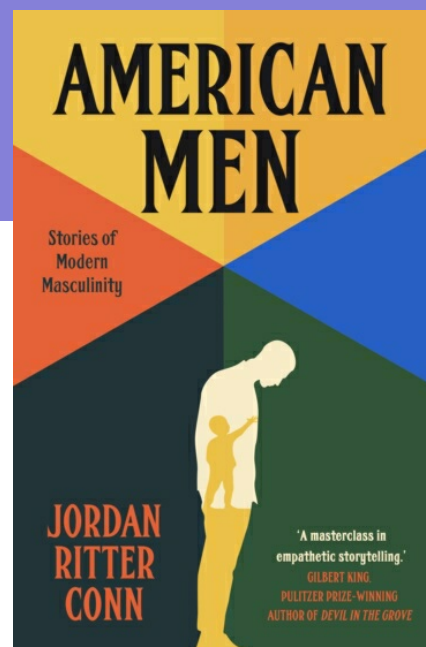
Jordan Ritter Conn is the author of *The Road From Raqqa: A Story of Brotherhood, Borders, and Belonging*, runner-up for the 2021 Dayton Literary Peace Prize. He is a Senior Staff Writer for The Ringer and the host of the narrative podcasts "What If: The Len Bias Story" and "Sonic Boom," named by The Atlantic as one of the best podcasts of 2019.

QUOTES

'This is journalism that listens deeply and writes with a rare generosity of spirit' Gilbert King, Pulitzer prize-winning author of *Devil in the Grove*

'Wise, insightful, and harrowing, *American Men* will leave readers both shattered and inspired.' Jennifer Finney Boylan, author of *Cleavage: Men, Women, and the Space Between Us*

'A deeply immersive, intimate look into the lives of four men from vastly different backgrounds and experiences.' Wright Thompson, New York Times bestselling author of *The Barn*



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Price: **£12.99**

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Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **384 pages**

Territory: **Exclusive UK,IE,CW; ROW open mkt excluding US,PH,CA (with restrictions)**

Bar Code: **9781835985786**

Thema: **Gender studies: men and boys, Psychology of gender, Narrative theme: identity / belonging, Collected biographies, Social and cultural history**

Author Location: **USA**

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Thrive to Survive

The Unfiltered Behind-the-Scenes Story of F1's Ultimate Underdog Team

Nathan Saunders

THE PITCH

- **UNFILTERED NARRATIVE:** The larger-than-life story of F1's smallest team, Thrive to Survive features everything from near-fatal crashes, to million-dollar fraud, to the truth behind Guenther Steiner's infamous time in charge
- **SUPERSTAR CONTRIBUTORS:** Includes chapters penned by Haas drivers Oliver Bearman, Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen, and team principal Ayao Komatsu
- **UNPARALLELED ACCESS:** This is an unprecedented insight into how an F1 team really works, with unrestrained and exclusive access to team records, documents and data
- **FOR READERS OF:** *Surviving to Drive* and *Unfiltered* by Guenther Steiner; *The Mechanic* by Marc Priestley; *Moneyball* by Michael Lewis; and *Inside Mercedes F1* by Matt Whyman

THE BOOK

Formula 1 is a world of giants – global manufacturers, billion-dollar budgets and corporate empires. And then there is Haas.

Founded by an American industrialist with a conviction that the old model was broken, Haas entered the most unforgiving championship in motorsport with fewer resources, fewer allies and far less margin for error than its rivals. What followed was a decade defined by audacity, upheaval and survival.

Thrive to Survive is the unfiltered story of F1's smallest team. It is a tale of near-fatal crashes that shook the paddock, of million-dollar sponsorship scandals that threatened to destroy the operation, and of the volatile, headline-making tenure of team principal Guenther Steiner – told here in full for the first time. This is not sanitized; it is the story as it happened.

With exclusive chapters from drivers including Oli Bearman, Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen, and current boss Ayao Komatsu, the book brings readers inside the cockpit. Drawing on unprecedented access to internal records, strategy documents, technical data and private correspondence, *Thrive to Survive* reveals how a modern F1 team actually functions.

This is a story of risk. Of reinvention. Of stubborn belief. And of a team that refuses to disappear.

THE AUTHOR

Nate Saunders is an FIA-accredited Formula 1 journalist, lead contributor to ESPN's coverage of the sport, and the author of *Forza Ferrari*. He features on two podcasts, *ESPN Unlapped* and *The Pad-Hoc*, a show with fellow F1 journalists Chris Medland and Lawrence Barretto. Saunders has worked with most the F1 grid, with high-profile interviewees including Keanu Reeves, Daniel Ricciardo and Christian Horner.

COVER TO BE REVEALED

THRIVE TO SURVIVE

NATHAN SAUNDERS



Pub Date: **29 April 2027**

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Territory: **World (All Languages) (with restrictions)**

Publisher: **Megan Brown**

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Thema: **Car racing, United States of America, USA**

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Technosexual Intimacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Kaamna Bhojwani

A groundbreaking book exploring how AI could help to increase connection and intimacy

THE PITCH

- **EMERGING AND CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC:** AI is already a hot topic but blended with sexuality it is even more compelling and ripe for publicity opportunities
- **TRAILBLAZING:** This will be the first book exploring this topic in a comprehensive way blending research, social theory and genuine compassion
- **STELLAR AUTHOR:** Kaamna is an absolute expert in the field with lived experience of having her own AI boyfriend. She has her own column in *Psychology Today*, a podcast and a growing social media platform

THE BOOK

When Artificial Intelligence becomes your confidant, therapist, friend and lover, what happens to you?

From teens addicted to AI companions to adults seeking romance and sexual exploration with digital partners, the tech revolution is moving into our bedrooms. As AI evolves from a mere productivity tool into a teacher, mentor, friend, and lover, a critical question emerges: how will this affect our humanity?

In her transformative new book, *Technosexual*, renowned sexologist **Kaamna Bhojwani** has an answer.

Although the ways in which we seek connection are being rewired, artificial companions do not create this disconnection – they reveal it. Bhojwani argues that AI, VR, and robotics act as a digital mirror to the sexual shame, emotional wounds and chronic loneliness that we have left unresolved, amplifying them rather than healing them.

In *Technosexual*, Bhojwani blends her expertise and lived experience to reveal the startling truth about our changing relationship with technology, and ultimately offers a framework for readers to strengthen their internal resources and forge genuine connections in the age of AI.

In an increasingly artificial world, it is critical that we protect and reaffirm our humanity, so that we can embrace the future as it comes.

THE AUTHOR

Kaamna Bhojwani is a certified sexologist whose work has been featured by Reuters, NBC, Business Insider, Al Jazeera, and NPR affiliates. She holds degrees in clinical psychology, organizational psychology, and spiritual psychology. Her *Psychology Today* column introduces lay readers to the evolving world of AI intimacy, and her podcast, 'Sex, Tech and Spirituality', explores everything from sexless marriages to humanoid robots.



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Price: **£20.00**

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Extent: **256 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language) (with restrictions)**

Bar Code: **9781835987889**

Thema: **Psychology: sexual behaviour, Sex and sexuality, social aspects, Digital and information technologies: social and ethical aspects**

Author Location: **USA**

Book Locale: **Global**

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AUGUST

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Entirely Enchanted

A cozy, small-town, magical romance to capture your heart

Amy True

Laurie Gilmore meets Erin Sterling in this small-town witchy romance with a touch of spice.

THE PITCH

- **RIGHT ON TREND:** Cosy witchy romance that taps into current revival of 90's witchy TV shows (including the movie sequel to *Practical Magic* starring Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock, due in cinemas Fall 2026) as well as the popular paranormal romance genre
- **TROPE LADEN, WITH A TOUCH OF SPICE:** Featuring enemies-to-lovers, second-chance romance, a Bad Boy love interest and some on the page spice, this small-town romance will appeal to a wide section of romance readers
- **A SETTING TO DREAM ABOUT:** Set in Harvest Moon, Colorado, this is *Gilmore Girls* meets Erin Poston with a gorgeously described backdrop and a host of lovable townsfolk

THE BOOK

Her job is her world and she has no time for love. Can Lia find happiness in the small town of Harvest Moon?

Everyone in Harvest Moon knows three things about Lia McGuire: she's the town's best wilderness tracker, she's devoted to her firefighting crew, and she wants absolutely nothing to do with love. She'd much rather lose herself in the quiet of the woods, trying to outrun the one rescue that still haunts her.

Then Aiden Pelphrey ruins everything.

Not only is he vying for the promotion Lia's worked years for, but he's also the arrogant, four-alarm-blaze-hot guy who broke her heart ten years ago. Now he's back, driving her crazy with smug smirks that heat her blood in ways she's tried desperate to forget.

When a teammate goes missing, Lia and Aiden are forced into the deep woods together. As their guards start to drop, it looks like their bond may strengthen again. But with lives on the line, Lia must decide if she can risk her heart on the kind of magic she's convinced herself is already broken...

A cosy small-town witchy romance for fans of Laurie Gilmore and Ashley Poston.

THE AUTHOR

After stints working in entertainment and advertising, Amy True turned to chasing her one dream: writing romance. She can often be found in her local writing spot sipping her favorite iced tea (with a touch of lemonade) and putting together playlists for her next books. When she's not daydreaming about her next cinnamon roll hero, Amy is traveling with her family, reading good books, and plotting her next small-town romance. While she grew up only ten minutes from Disneyland, which inspired her love for storytelling, she now calls Arizona home.



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Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **352 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984659**

Thema: **Modern and Contemporary romance,**
Romance: 'western', rural or 'outback',
Romance: workplace

Author Location: **Arizona**

Book Locale: **Colorado**

AI Last Updated: **24 August 2026**



An Edinburgh Girl

A captivating wartime tale of courage and hope

Carol MacLean

An uplifting wartime saga, full of hope and courage, set in the tram system of WW2 Edinburgh

THE PITCH

- **SERIES WITH HUGE GLOBAL APPEAL:** Follows the women of Scotland from city to countryside, as they help their country navigate the turmoil of World War II
- **PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN THE GENRE:** Carol MacLean's Kiltie Street Girls series, set in a Glasgow tenement in WWII, launched her name in the Scottish saga market, and this far-reaching series is poised to widen her appeal even further
- **ATTRACTIVE SETTING AND PLOT:** Set in the fledgling tram system of WWII Edinburgh, this novel features Rosie, a young woman who secures a job as a clippie (female conductress) when war calls the young men to battle
- **AUTHENTIC AND WELL-RESEARCHED:** The author lives in Glasgow and consults historical archives and museums to authenticate her narratives

THE BOOK

When war changes the world, her courage stands strong

Rosie Gallagher has always dreamed of being a conductress on Edinburgh's trams, and when WW2 calls the men away, she finally gets her chance. Rosie finds friendship among her fellow clippies as they settle into their new jobs, even as they are viewed with suspicion for taking on men's jobs.

But when a bomb strikes her tram, Rosie risks her life to save a trapped mother and baby, earning the admiration of kind-hearted fireman Andy. The two grow closer, and when Rosie is asked to start driving the trams, she is thrilled at how her life is changing.

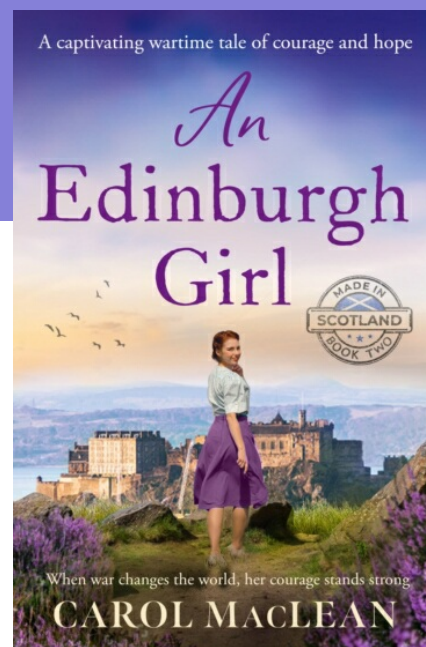
But danger still stalks the streets, and when Rosie uncovers a sinister black-market operation, she must find the courage to do what's right.

As the city pulls together in the dark days of war, will Rosie find that love and courage will be enough to light the way to a hopeful future?

A captivating and heart-warming romantic saga set in World War Two, perfect for fans of Donna Douglas, Daisy Styles and Johanna Bell.

THE AUTHOR

Carol MacLean lives in the Glasgow area. She began by writing pocket novels, having 18 published before deciding to write historical saga. When she's not writing, Carol can be found visiting museums or walking around the city looking for traces of old Glasgow to inspire her next novel.



Pub Date: **08 April 2027**

ISBN: **9781835984307 / 1835984304**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **320 pages**

Territory: **World (All Languages) (with restrictions)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984307**

Thema: **Historical romance, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Family saga / generational saga fiction, Romance: wholesome / clean, Romance in uniform, Romance: medical, Second World War fiction, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Historical adventure fiction**

Author Location: **Glasgow, Scotland**

Book Locale: **Edinburgh, Scotland**

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