

The Woman in Coach D

Sarah A. Denzil

A gripping page turner thriller, perfect for fans of Shari Lapena and Lisa Jewell.

THE PITCH

- **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
- **AN INCREDIBLE HOOK:** Unrelenting, claustrophobic storytelling for an unputdownable thriller
- **MIRANDA RIJKS BLURB:** Sarah Denzil writes clever and original plots, and *The Woman in Coach D* is one of her finest yet. - **Miranda Rijks, bestselling author of *The Visitors* and *Make Her Pay***
- **SHALINI BOLAND BLURB:** Sarah A. Denzil always delivers a gripping psychological thriller that keeps me turning the pages long into the night! - **Shalini Boland, author of *The Silent Bride***

THE BOOK

How did she survive, and what will she do next?

'Let the fear set you free.' It's been sixteen years since Jenny last heard those words, sixteen years since her best friend, Susie Patterson, plunged into the icy waters of Hangman's Cave, never to be seen again.

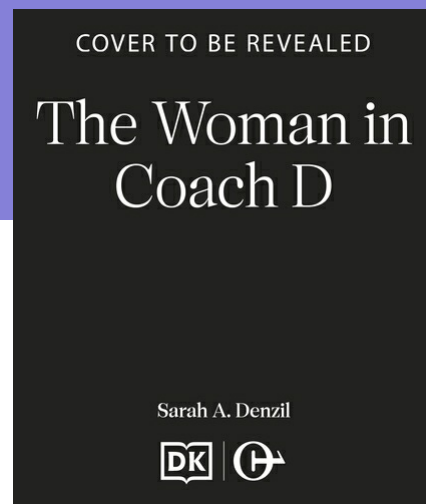
Since then, Jenny has spent every moment trying to come to terms with what happened – and trying to recover the memories she lost the night Susie died. Troubled by panic attacks, treated like a pariah and always certain people are whispering behind her back, Jenny has been wreck. Whoever she was before – brave, fearless, bold – died with Susie too.

That is, until she sees Susie again, alive and well, getting off the same train as her at Manchester Piccadilly station. It shouldn't be possible, and at first Jenny thinks her mind is playing tricks on her again. But then the letter arrives, containing pages from her old diary and a handwritten note. 'Are you ready to play our game again?'

An intense and addictive psychological thriller from bestselling author Sarah A Denzil. Perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn, Paula Hawkins and Freida McFadden.

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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Author Location: **Yorkshire, UK**

Book Locale: **TBC**

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Silent Child

Sarah A. Denzil

An unbelievable and heart-stopping thriller, loved by thousands of readers.

THE PITCH

- **SMALL-TOWN MYSTERY:** Ever-green in appeal as it invites readers to speculate how well you can truly know your neighbours
- **ENDLESS POTENTIAL:** Options for further backlist and frontlist works
- **OVER 58K GLOWING READER REVIEWS:** Measurable interest in the self-published novel with plenty more readers to be reached

THE BOOK

He holds all the answers, but he'll never tell the truth.

In the summer of 2006, Emma Price watched helplessly as her six-year-old son's red coat was fished out of the River Ouse. It was the tragedy of the year.

Ten years later, Emma has finally rediscovered the joy in life. She's married, pregnant and in control again... until her son comes back. Too traumatised to speak, Aiden's return raises endless questions with no answers to be found. Only his body tells the story of his decade-long disappearance. The historic broken bones and injuries cast a mere glimpse into the horrors Aiden has experienced. But despite his silence, one horrific truth can't be ignored: Aiden didn't vanish, he was taken.

As Emma tries to reconnect with her now teenage son, her once reclaimed joy quickly begins to give away to paranoia and suspicion. Who, in their tiny village, could be capable of such a crime?

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The Housemaid

Sarah A. Denzil

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

THE PITCH

- **FOR THE FREIDA FAN:** Domestic thriller more popular than ever as readers search for their next Freida read
- **GOTHIC AND VIVID STORYTELLING:** Lots of secret passageways in a grand historic house for a tense mystery
- **NASTY RICH PEOPLE AND THEIR COMEUPPANCE:** Readers love an eat-the-rich thriller
- **AJ WILLS BLURB:** Sarah is a **master of the unsettling twist**. Her psychological thrillers are **dark, intelligent, and deeply immersive**. Quietly haunting, they are the kind of stories that **burrow under your skin and linger long after the final page**. Her stories are twisted, original and impossible to put down. **One of the most compelling voices in psychological suspense.** - AJ Wills, author of *His Wife's Sister*

THE BOOK

The perfect job could turn out to be the perfect nightmare.

Highwood Hall, the stunning stately home owned by the Howard family, needs new help, and Ruby Dean is more than happy to step up to the plate. A recovering addict, Ruby is on a mission of rebuild her life, and as the family's new maid, she's soon on track to do just that.

At first the job is everything she could ask for. Great wages, accommodation provided and a beautiful place to call home. But it soon becomes clear that the new position isn't what she hoped for. The strict housekeeper keeps an ever-watchful eye on everything she does, the Lord's son takes an uncomfortable interest in her and, at the end of her first day, she finds a disturbing package left just for her.

But despite knowing what's bad for her, Ruby can't seem to leave.

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Author Location: **Yorkshire, UK**

Book Locale: **Yorkshire, UK**

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Blood Enemy

The shattering World War 2 historical crime thriller set during the Warsaw Uprising

Douglas Jackson

The shattering conclusion to the Warsaw Quartet, as double-agent Investigator Jan Kalisz braves Auschwitz and the Warsaw Uprising of 1944 to hunt down a killer...

THE PITCH

- **BLOCKBUSTER HISTORY:** Jan Kalisz's final investigation takes him into the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp for a brush with Josef Mengele, the "Angel of Death", before returning to Poland for the climactic Warsaw Uprising
- **AUTHOR CONNECTION:** Jackson's uncle, Kazimierz, was a soldier in the Polish army during WW2 and was decorated for bravery
- **A CRITIC'S FAVOURITE:** Series highly acclaimed by Ben Kane ('One of the UK's finest crime writers'), *Scotsman* ('Utterly compelling'), Andrew Taylor ('The natural heir to Bernie Gunther') and *Crime Time* ('Remarkable')

THE BOOK

As the Warsaw Uprising draws near, the city's residents must decide whether to fight or flee. Some things are more important than justice...

June 1944. When a Wehrmacht war crimes investigator and his escort are killed in an ambush, it looks like an opportunistic act of resistance by the *Armia Krajowa*, but Jan Kalisz of the Warsaw Kripo has his doubts.

Fortunately, with the Red Army just a few hundred kilometres away, Kalisz's boss, *Hauptsturmführer* Hoth finds his faith in the Fuhrer waning, and lets his Polish detective investigate.

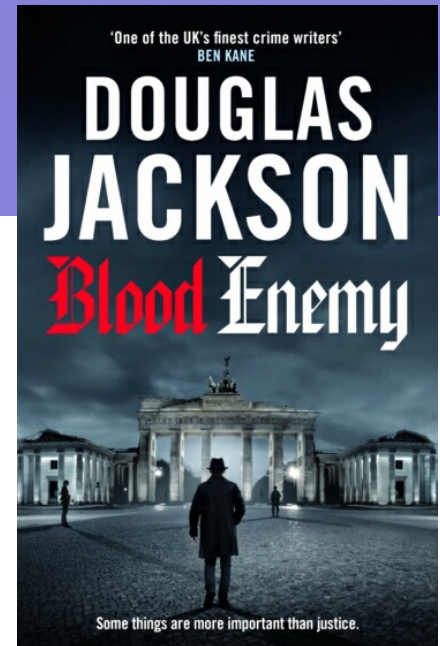
The hunt for the real killers takes Kalisz first to a battered Berlin and then within reach of the Russian guns, but the answer lies with a key witness who's now in a concentration camp. At Auschwitz-Birkenau, Kalisz is reacquainted with an old acquaintance, Doctor Josef Mengele.

By the time Kalisz escapes Mengele's clutches and returns to Warsaw, the city is a powder keg on the brink of exploding. After five years of reluctant collaboration, is it finally time for Jan Kalisz to show his true allegiance?

The shattering final instalment in the Warsaw Quartet, perfect for fans of Simon Scarrow and Chris Lloyd.

THE AUTHOR

Douglas Jackson is the author of twenty historical novels and mystery thrillers, including the critically acclaimed nine-book Hero of Rome series. He was born in Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders and now lives in Stirling. Originally a journalist by profession he rose to become Assistant Editor of the *Scotsman* before leaving to be a full-time writer in 2009.



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Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781804366219**

Thema: **Historical crime and mysteries, Historical fiction, Second World War fiction, Historical adventure fiction, c 1938 to c 1946 (World War Two period), Warsaw**

Author Location: **Stirling, Scotland**

Book Locale: **Warsaw, Poland**

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A Near Miss for the Flying Nightingales

The dramatic and compelling wartime saga

Vicki Beeby

A page-turning and emotional Second World War historical saga following an air ambulance nursing orderly with a secret inheritance and a murderous family

THE PITCH

- **UNIQUE CHARACTERS:** Features air-ambulance nursing orderlies and a medically-discharged soldier as a fresh perspective in the saga market
- **RENOWNED AUTHOR IN THE FIELD:** Vicki has sold over 350,000 books with rave reviews from many of the biggest names in the saga field, including Glynis Peters, Margaret Dickinson, Lesley Eames, Andie Newton and Johanna Bell
- **HUGELY ATMOSPHERIC WARTIME LONDON SETTING:** Between heart-racing scenes in the skies and pulse-pounding escapes on the city streets, there is plenty of history and drama to make for an insightful read
- **TWO MYSTERIES TO BE SOLVED:** The story centres around two mysteries which the characters and readers must solve - the first being who is burglarising houses during raids, and the other focuses on who is following Holly and why they want her dead

THE BOOK

With her life in danger, can she still protect those closest to her?

Holly Hardwick had a lonely childhood as an orphan raised by her aunt and uncle. Since joining the air ambulance crew at RAF Sarsden, she's collected a tight-knit group of friends, including Ruby and Meg, fellow nursing orderlies, and Adam Foster, who was invalided out of the army after Dunkirk.

Now, Holly has another new friend – ten-year-old orphan Sam, who she meets during an air raid. Inspired by tales of the Dead End Kids during the Blitz, Sam frequently helps put out fires during raids. But Holly soon learns that the houses he visits are later found to have been burgled.

Refusing to believe Sam has anything to do with the thefts, she and Adam work together to find the real culprit. What Holly doesn't know is that someone else is following her, determined to keep her from discovering the truth...

A gripping and romantic story of secrets, danger and betrayal, perfect for fans of Rosie Hendry, Maisie Thomas and Betty Walker.

THE AUTHOR

Vicki Beeby writes historical fiction about the friendships and loves of service women brought together by the Second World War. Her first job was as a civil engineer on a sewage treatment project, so things could only improve from there. Since then, she has worked as a maths teacher and education consultant before turning freelance to give herself more time to write. In her free time, when she can drag herself away from reading, she enjoys walking and travelling to far-off places by train. She lives in Shropshire in a house that doesn't contain nearly enough bookshelves.



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Bar Code: **9781835983928**

Thema: **Family saga / generational saga fiction, Historical romance, Romance in uniform, Historical fiction, Second World War fiction**

Author Location: **Shropshire, UK**

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Courage for the Flying Nightingales



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Treason and Plot

William Shakespeare turns detective in the Gunpowder Plot mystery

Howard Linskey

William Shakespeare, playwright-turned-sleuth, investigates the Gunpowder Plot, and is inspired to write *Macbeth*

THE PITCH

- **INTRICATE HISTORY THAT WILL DELIGHT SHAKESPEARE AFICIONADOS:** Shakespeare investigates the Gunpowder Plot around the death of Queen Elizabeth and ascension of James I
- **THE INSPIRATION BEHIND *MACBETH*:** The novel explores how James I's obsession with witches, and the febrile political atmosphere at the time around the new monarch, led to the creation of *Macbeth*, a play rife with the supernatural and, famously, the murder of a king
- **STANDALONE STORY:** Though third in a series, this novel works perfectly as a standalone. The first two novels have been widely acclaimed by authors and critics, including James Oswald and the *Sun* newspaper

THE BOOK

William Shakespeare, sleuth, investigates an explosive conspiracy...

Queen Elizabeth is dying without an heir. The Tudor dynasty is ending and the threat of civil war looms large, as contenders for the throne jockey for favour.

Robert Cecil, the queen's spymaster, is in secret talks, however, to make James VI of Scotland the next king of England, too, uniting the two oft-hostile kingdoms into one realm. But his agents in the negotiations are being murdered, one after the other.

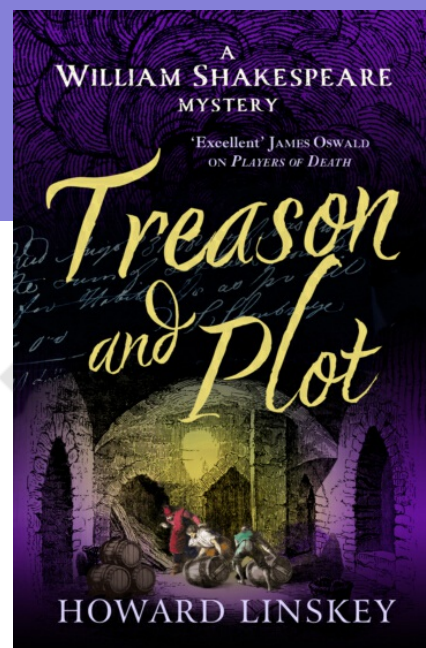
Whispers of a Catholic assassin, part of a conspiracy to seat a Catholic monarch on England's throne after decades of Protestantism, reach Cecil's ears. He needs someone to infiltrate the Catholic underground and identify the killer. Someone like William Shakespeare.

But for Will, James as king could spell disaster. There is no theatre in Scotland and no actors. The king believes fervently in witches. Would James spell the end of Shakespeare's livelihood? Could Will have more in common with the Catholic position than Cecil's?

A dark mystery set at the end of an era, as Shakespeare's life and loyalties are threatened, and the seeds for *Macbeth* are sown. A chilling tale you are sure to remember, remember.

THE AUTHOR

Howard Linskey is a former journalist whose works include crime series and standalones set in the north-east, including the DC Ian Bradshaw series published by Penguin, and two espionage novels. He also writes historical fiction and non-fiction. His books have been published in nine countries. Originally from County Durham, he lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and daughter.



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Bar Code: **9781804368879**

Thema: **Historical crime and mysteries, Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives, Espionage and spy thriller, Historical fiction, Relating to Shakespeare / Shakespearean**

Author Location: **Hertfordshire**

Book Locale: **London**

AI Last Updated: **02 July 2026**



Whip Crack

A Chilling British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

Described as 'Fast and ferocious' by James Patterson, the Alex Smith detective novels are dark, compulsive and utterly gripping.

THE PITCH

- **A STRONG FOUNDATION:** Over 150k reviews on Amazon a 4.6* average rating from ebooks alone
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THE BOOK

Every time you hear his voice, another child will die.

DCI Robert Kett's is a broken man. Suspended from duty, he takes his girls out of the city for a much-needed holiday on the Norfolk Coast.

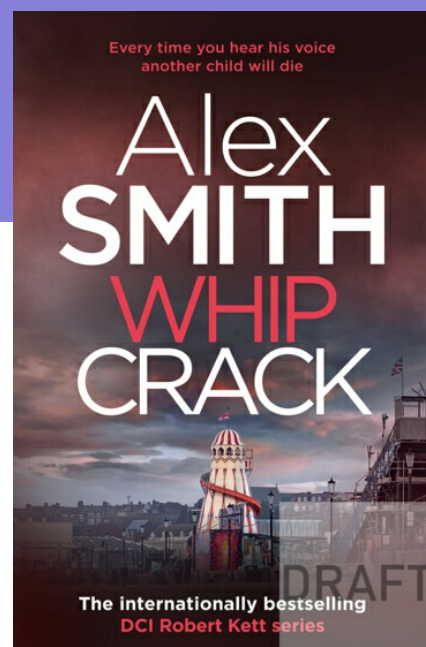
Instead of the peace he desperately needs, Kett finds a community in chaos. Four teenagers are missing and time is running out before they meet a horrific fate.

Kett must follow a deadly trail of clues left by the man who took them, the only person who knows where they are. There's only one problem.

The kidnapper is already dead.

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**

Book Locale: **East Anglia**

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Run Rabbit Run

A British Crime Thriller

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THE BOOK

The hunter becomes the hunted.

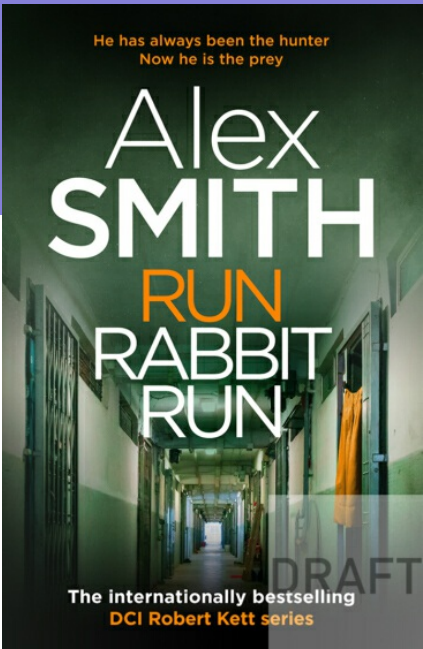
For years, DCI Robert Kett has tracked down the country’s most dangerous kidnappers and serial killers, earning a reputation as the best man to call to catch the worst men.

When somebody starts brutally murdering the people that Kett has put behind bars – and the ones that he wasn’t able to catch – it seems as if there is a vigilante on the loose.

Tasked with keeping one of these criminals alive, Kett starts to understand that something far more dangerous is going on. Because this killer isn’t just coming after the bad guys. He’s coming after Kett, too.

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Every Mother's Son

A Chilling British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

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THE BOOK

It's the mother of all crimes.

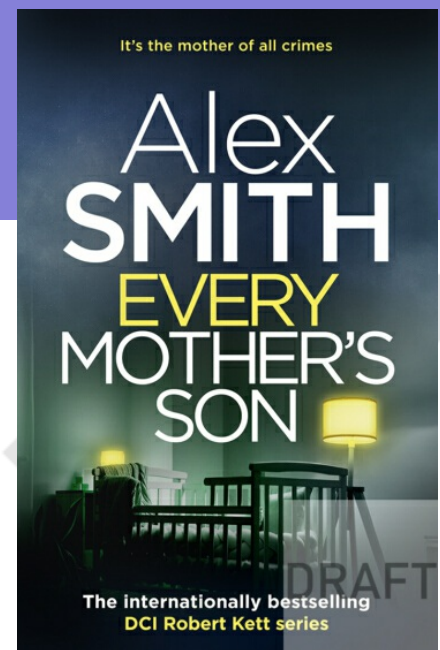
When DCI Robert Kett is invited to visit his mother, Mary – a woman he hasn't spoken to in almost two decades – he jumps at the chance to heal their fractured relationship.

But this is no family reunion. Mary Kett needs his help. A local couple have been brutally murdered and their newborn son is missing – a note left in his crib saying that the baby will die if the police are called.

Forced to go undercover, Kett discovers that somebody here has everything to hide and nothing to lose. And with time running out fast, Kett must solve one of the darkest and most terrifying mysteries of his life.

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Author Location: **Norwich**

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Stone Cold Dead

A Pulse Pounding British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

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THE BOOK

Getting blood from these stones will be all too easy.

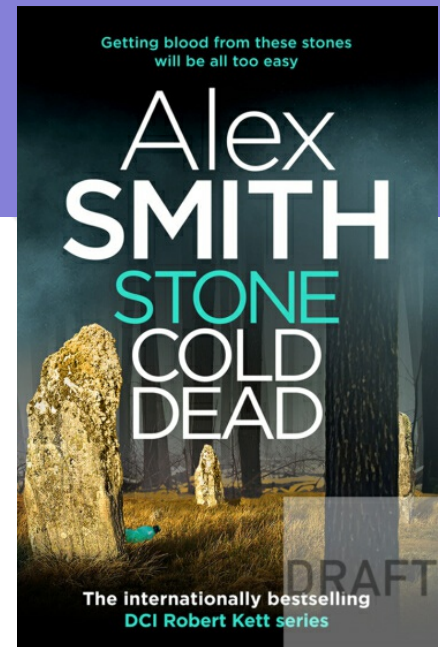
In the middle of one of Norfolk's most vicious winters a frozen body is discovered on the legendary Stone of Lyng. With DCI Robert Kett out of action the case falls to DC Kate Savage and DI Pete Porter. They discover the victim wasn't just killed, they were sacrificed.

Within a week, another dead man is found on an ancient stone with the same mutilations. Somebody is acting out a ritual.

If the stories of the stones are to be believed, the Hateful Thing is coming – a killer whose thirst for murder and mayhem knows no bounds. Savage and Porter must stop them before more people die.

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Her Final Hours

An unputdownable Irish crime novel from the international bestselling author

Anna McPartlin

The incredible new book from Anna McPartlin in the *Mary Shea Murders* series.

THE PITCH

- **INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS:** Anna McPartlin is an international bestseller and a former Richard & Judy and Simon Mayo Book Club pick for her bestseller *The Last Days of Rabbit Hayes*
- **MULTI-INDUSTRY SUCCESS:** Anna works is a scriptwriter and has worked on shows such as *Holby City*. The second of her New Zealand crime TV series *The Gone* is being filmed now
- **AN IMPORTANT VOICE:** *Her Final Hours* handles the mistreatment and disempowerment of women in Ireland with sensitivity and grace

THE BOOK

What really happened to her?

Newly arrived in Dublin city, Garda Mary Shea is eager to impress her boss, major crimes lead Matt Foley. He took a chance bringing her into his team and she wants to prove her mettle.

When a woman's battered body is found in the Wicklow mountains, Mary faces the assumptions and prejudices about the victim's fate that she hoped she'd left behind in County Kerry. She has to dig deep for answers, but the greater challenge is winning Matt's faith in her.

An emotionally charged police procedural story set against the backdrop of 1980s Ireland, from international bestseller Anna McPartlin.

THE AUTHOR

International bestselling author Anna McPartlin had her first novel published in 2006. In recent years she has turned her attention to scriptwriting for TV serial dramas featured on BBC UK, RTE Ireland and A&E America. She lives in Ireland with her husband and dogs.



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Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Thriller / suspense fiction, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Historical fiction, Narrative theme: health and illness, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: politics / economics, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: social issues / social problems, Narrative theme: sense of place, Family life fiction / Stories about family**

Author Location: **Dublin, Ireland**

Book Locale: **Dublin, Ireland**

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Better The Devil

A gripping Scottish crime thriller

JD Kirk

One of the biggest selling crime fiction authors in the world returns with a new instalment in his hugely popular Scottish detective series.

THE PITCH

- **AN ICONIC VOICE WITH AN EVER-GROWING FANBASE:** An unputdownable detective novel with a tight-knit police team and a trademark sense of humour that readers love, his millions of ebook readers are investing more and more heavily in these beautiful print editions
- **GOOD COMPANY:** Fans of Ian Rankin, Neil Lancaster and Stuart Macbride will love this
- **EVENT FAVOURITE:** JD Kirk is regularly invited to speak at events, having appeared at Bute Noir and Granite Noir, as well as speaking at a sell-out Waterstones event
- **TOP TEN SUNDAY TIMES AMBITION:** The last JD Kirk release just missed out on top ten bestseller status, with his ever-growing readership we are developing a campaign to guarantee top ten chart success this time around!

THE BOOK

After years behind bars, former drug kingpin Bosco Maximuke is back on the streets, insisting he's turned over a new leaf, and determined to win back the trust of his daughter.

But when members of the criminal network that replaced him start turning up dead, suspicion falls squarely on Bosco. With old enemies closing in, and a trail of bodies stretching from Inverness to the most remote corners of the Highlands, one thing is clear - someone is settling scores.

And then Bosco does the unthinkable. He asks DCI Jack Logan for help.

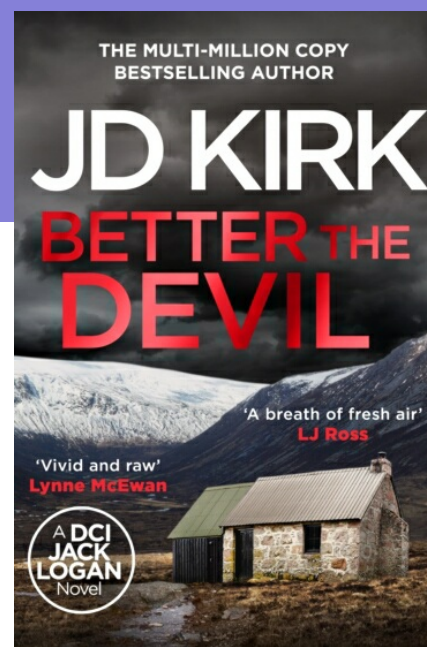
Logan wants nothing to do with him. Their history is bloody, bitter, and far from buried. But complicating matters is the fact that Bosco's teenage daughter, Olivia, now lives under Logan's roof.

With pressure mounting and the line between justice and revenge growing ever thinner, Logan must navigate a case where nothing is as it seems, and where trusting the wrong person could cost him everything.

Because in the Highlands, the devil you know might just be the most dangerous of all...

THE AUTHOR

JD Kirk is the author of the multi-million bestselling DCI Logan series, set in the Highlands of Scotland. He also does not exist. Instead, JD is the pen name of former children's author and screenwriter, Barry Hutchison, who was born and raised in Fort William. He still lives in the Highlands with his wife and children. He has no idea what the JD stands for.



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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835983034**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Comical (humorous) crime and mystery, Thriller: organised crime / gangland crime, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: sense of place**

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The Bangor Cathedral Killings

A Snowdonia Murder Mystery #24

Simon McCleave

An atmospheric murder mystery about broken systems and abuse of power from the multi-million copy bestseller.

THE PITCH

- **ATMOSPHERIC BRITISH CRIME:** Set in Bangor, Wales, this novel takes place in and around the moody, imposing background of Bangor Cathedral
- **DARK AND TENSE:** DI Ruth Hunter investigates a historic crime and abuse of power within the church, making for thought-provoking reading
- **WELL-LOVED AUTHOR AND STRONG SERIES:** Readers love Simon McCleave, coming back to the DI Ruth Hunter series book after book and leaving thousands of excellent reviews

THE BOOK

Only one detective can solve this impossible case...

Deacon Alun Griffiths is found murdered inside Bangor Cathedral. Respected by his community and devoted to his family, he appeared to have no enemies.

But as DI Ruth Hunter and her team peel back the layers of Alun's life, they discover there's far more to his story. He paid the price for a terrible injustice from many years ago.

With every new revelation, the line between victim and suspect begin to blur. Ruth must make sure the right person is held accountable - and stopped, for good.

THE AUTHOR

Simon McCleave is a multi-million copy bestselling author. Before writing crime novels, he worked in television and film. He was a Script Editor at the BBC, a producer at Channel 4 and a Story Analyst in Los Angeles. He worked on films such as *The Full Monty* and television series such as the BBC Crime Drama *Between The Lines*. As a script writer he wrote on series such as *Silent Witness*, *Murder In Suburbia*, *Teachers*, *Attachments*, *The Bill*, *Eastenders* and many more.

COVER TO BE REVEALED



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Price: **£16.99**

Format: **234mm x 153mm**

Binding: **Hardback**

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

Bar Code: **9781835988091**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Thriller / suspense fiction, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: sense of place, Narrative theme: politics / economics**

Author Location: **North Wales**

Book Locale: **Bangor, Wales**

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Princeweaver

The epic must-read slow-burn queer fantasy romance

Elian J Morgan

The spellbinding new queer romantic fantasy for fans of C.S. Pacat and TJ Klune

THE PITCH

- **ARTHURxMERLIN REIMAGINING:** With over 50K AO3 fanfictions shipping Arthur/Merlin, this queer fantasy romance has a built-in readership and huge market appeal
- **THE CONQUEST OF WALES RETOLD:** Explores colonialism through a Welsh lens and fantasy setting, delivering the societal mirror readers look for in romance and fantasy, but still with the hopeful escapism they also expect from the genre
- **FOLKLORIC MYTHOLOGY AND NATURE MAGIC:** On the rise across genres as readers looking for a return to simpler, more natural times and settings
- **MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATION:** Meilyr's anxiety is a core part of his character, with the author deftly showcasing the challenges and strengths that come with Meilyr's experiences
- **AN INCREDIBLY ENGAGED, PROACTIVE AUTHOR:** Elian has already secured spaces on panels at SFF events as well as garnered glowing endorsements from authors such as C.S. Pacat, Holly Race, Annabel Campbell, Tasha Suri and Kalie Reid

THE BOOK

Their marriage is to save a warring kingdom. But in the process, it might destroy them both

Born with forbidden, nature-infused magic in an occupied land, anxious apothecary Meilyr survives by keeping his head down. Until he ends up engaged to invading prince Osian in order to save his brother's life. Now, he is in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse to hide his true self.

When nobles in Osian's court are gruesomely murdered by the same magic that flows through his veins, Meilyr realises someone is seeking revenge for his homeland. As suspicion towards him grows, he and the prince work together to uncover the killer or risk losing the crown - or their lives.

Between court politics, unwieldy magic and a murderer on the loose, Meilyr must keep his wits about him. Especially as his feelings for Osian grow deeper with every passing day...

Combines the court intrigue and slow-burn yearning of *A Taste of Gold and Iron* with the folkloric grounding and lore that readers of Naomi Novik and Stephanie Garber will enjoy.

THE AUTHOR

Elian 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 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



Pub Date: **21 January 2027**

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Bar Code: **9781835983676**

Thema: **Romance: fantasy and paranormal, Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy, Epic fantasy / high fantasy, Fairy and Folk tales / Fairy tale retellings, Relating to LGBTQIA+ people, Adventure / action fiction, Crime and / or mystery fiction**

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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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Heartbreak for the Variety Girls

A heartwarming and inspiring historical romance, set in WW2

Betty Firth

An uplifting, emotional historical romance, following a troupe of ENSA entertainers as they cheer up the troops fighting in World War Two.

THE PITCH

- **A PROVEN TRACK RECORD:** Betty Firth's 'Made in Yorkshire' series is one of the most successful saga launches in recent years, with thousands of five-star reviews, and this new series is positioned to build on that performance
- **AUTHENTIC HISTORY:** Taken from real stories of the Entertainments National Services Association, who included George Formby, Vera Lynn and Frankie Howerd in their number
- **A DIGITAL AND SPECIAL SALES FAVOURITE:** This is an author who has regularly and consistently sold well into five figures for every book they release, in both ebook and with key customers including The Works

THE BOOK

June 1940. With the invasion of France, the so-called Phoney War has finally come to an end. While the jokes about 'Every Night Something Awful' persist as ever, the women of the Forces Follies ENSA troupe have come to realise that never has their work raising morale mattered more.

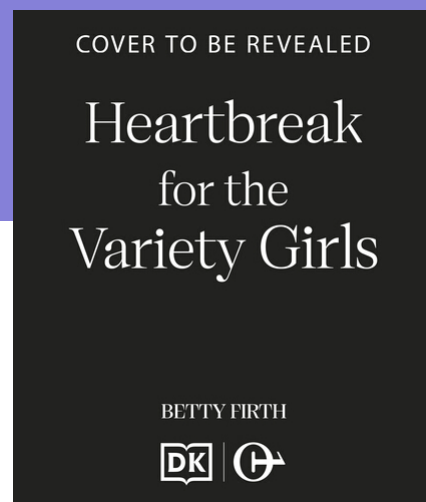
For nineteen-year-old acrobat and conjuror Pam Sheridan, entertainment is a way of life. As part of "The Sensational Sheridans" alongside her music hall parents, she made her stage debut at just six months old and has been performing ever since. Her sunny disposition and sweet nature buoys up her friends' spirits as the war suddenly becomes very real.

Pam is about to suffer her own wartime heartbreak, however, as her sweetheart Angelo and his Italian family are shipped off to Canada to be interned. As Pam agonises over the fact that it may be years until she sees the man she loves again, she finds it increasingly difficult to find a smile for the troops she is required to entertain. Then she gets word that Angelo's ship has been sunk before ever reaching Canada...

Can Pam and her friends keep smiling through now they're needed more than ever? Or will Pam be crushed under the weight of her grief for the man she loved?

THE AUTHOR

Betty Firth grew up in rural West Yorkshire in the UK, right in the heart of Brontë country... and she's still there. After graduating from Durham University with a degree in English Literature, she dallied with living in cities including London, Nottingham and Cambridge, but eventually came back with her own romantic hero in tow to her beloved Dales.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984536**

Thema: **Family saga / generational saga fiction, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Fiction: literary and general non-genre, Historical fiction**

Author Location: **Bradford, West Yorkshire**

Book Locale: **WW2 Europe**

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Wife Material

A spicy, funny and sex-positive romcom that will make you laugh and swoon

Alex Neve

A contemporary, spicy and emotional romance exploring sex positivity, female agency and finding yourself.

THE PITCH

- **THE PERFECT READ FOR MODERN CULTURAL TRENDS:** Timely, contemporary and emotional romance set in a world of online hook-ups, sex positivity and gender roles; guaranteed to provoke strong opinions amongst readers
- **BOOKTOK APPEAL:** Perfectly positioned for young Millennials and Gen Z readership
- **PROVEN MARKET OF HEAVY BOOKBUYERS:** Intelligent, funny and thought-provoking romance for smart women; fans of Dolly Alderton, Coco Mellors and Emily Henry will adore this

THE BOOK

Finding love is easy. Finding yourself is harder.

Kate has always known that Gavin is the love of her life. What she doesn't know is whether she's Wife Material.

That belief began at fifteen, courtesy of words from her best friend, Amber, but it's shaped Kate's life, always at the back of her mind when browsing Tinder for another casual hook-up, or wondering about her propensity for running away when faced with messy, deep emotions.

Now, twenty years later, Amber has died, and returning home for the funeral means resisting her feelings for Gavin and confronting shame from her past.

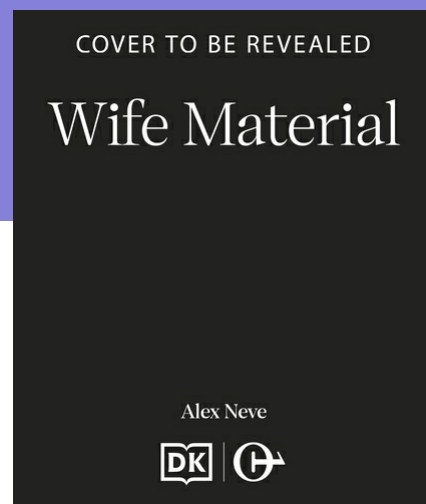
Determined to change herself from one-night-stand to lifelong commitment, Kate attempts a radical rebrand: fewer F bombs, no more sleeping around and way more floral dresses.

But as she searches for her movie happy ending, and as Gavin re-emerges in her life, will Kate decide whether becoming 'good' means becoming losing herself? Or will she finally accept the truth about who she is, what she wants, and who she chooses to love?

A hilarious, sex-positive and spicy contemporary romance that readers of Daisy Buchanan and Caroline O'Donoghue will love.

THE AUTHOR

Having whiled away the majority of her secondary education writing fan fiction about Leonardo DiCaprio, Alex Neve left school at sixteen after the first boy she slept with told everyone about it on MSN Messenger. She's been writing about sex ever since.



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Thema: **Modern and Contemporary romance**

Author Location: **Southampton, England**

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