

A Thief's Revenge

A compelling Georgian Britain historical adventure

Douglas Skelton

Jonas Flynt returns from the Caribbean to London to claim revenge against an old enemy...

THE PITCH

- The series has received rave reviews from major authors of crime fiction, including Ian Rankin, Laura Shepherd-Robinson, Ambrose Parry and James Oswald
- Blending crime, adventure and espionage elements to create a novel with huge crossover appeal, this is the final novel in the series
- A seasoned and respected author of crime fiction, the first novel in the Company of Rogues series, *An Honourable Thief*, was longlisted for the McIlvanney Prize in 2023

THE BOOK

A murder cries out for vengeance. A rogue answers the call.

For six long years, fired by cold rage, Jonas Flynt has hunted the man who paved the way for the murder of his son the Caribbean and American Colonies. Many a pirate was delivered to justice during the chase, but Dan Hawke proved elusive.

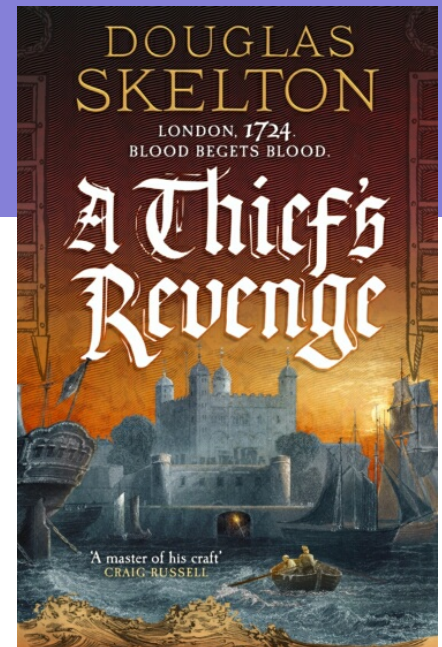
Learning that his quarry has now returned to London, Flynt races across the Atlantic in pursuit.

There, he reunites with old allies and older enemies. But, in streets where lies and betrayal are the norm, alliances have shifted, and it's hard to tell friend from foe.

Will Flynt be able track Hawke down at last in this web of intrigue? Or will his years-long quest for revenge have been in vain?

THE AUTHOR

Douglas Skelton has published numerous non-fiction books and crime thrillers. He has been a bank clerk, tax officer, shelf stacker, meat porter, taxi driver (for two days), wine waiter (for two hours), reporter, investigator and local newspaper editor. He has been longlisted for the McIlvanney Prize six times, most recently in 2025. Douglas has contributed to true crime shows on TV and radio and is a regular on the crime writing festival circuit.



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Thema: **Historical crime and mysteries, Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives, Thriller: serial killers, Espionage and spy thriller, Historical adventure fiction, Sea stories, Historical fiction, Caribbean islands**

Author Location: **Ayrshire, Scotland**

Book Locale: **London**

AI Last Updated: **22 July 2026**

The Case of the Unknown Woman

A thrilling historical crime mystery set in Georgian England

P.D. Lennon

A gripping Georgian-era historical murder mystery following Black barrister's clerk, Isaiah Ollenu, in a just-post-emancipation Britain

THE PITCH

- **STANDALONE SEQUEL:** A gripping standalone sequel to *The Case of the Mad Doctor*, following unlikely investigators Isaiah Ollenu and Ruben Ashby
- **ARRESTING THEMES:** Set in 18th century Bristol, the book explores the plight of women at the height of the British Empire
- **DAZZLING RISING VOICE:** P. D. Lennon is an exciting new voice in historical crime

THE BOOK

A highwayman hunts unchecked on Bristol's misty downs...

Bristol, 1773. A string of highway robberies on the Clifton Downs above Bristol has gone unchecked for months. There is no sign of the highwayman being caught, and with insurance claims for stolen valuables piling up at Ashby's door, he decides to take matters into his own hands.

So, when there is a report one morning of a fresh attack the night before, he rushes to investigate, calling upon his accomplice, Isaiah Ollenu.

The victim of the robbery is unknown, but shots were heard in the area and a woman was found unconscious, though apparently otherwise unharmed, at the scene. She was taken to a nearby church rectory to recover but, before Ollenu and Ashby can question her, she dies.

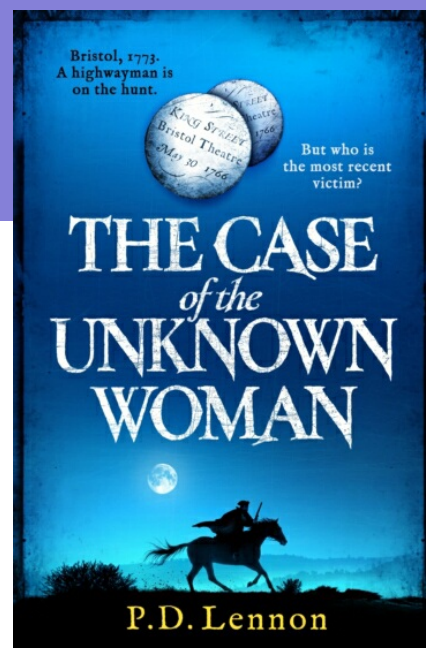
All that was found with her was a blue dress, a pair of shoes, and a pocketful of coins.

Will this be enough to track down the elusive highwayman? Or is there more going on in the shadows of Bristol's alleyways than meets the eye?

A fascinating insight into the repressed lives of women in 18th century Bristol, and the counter-culture that sprung up in violent opposition to the staid norms society demanded.

THE AUTHOR

Paula Lennon was born to Jamaican parents in England. She lived in Jamaica during her teens and developed a great affinity for the island. Although Paula came back to England to study law and was once a London commercial lawyer, she eventually saw sense and returned to live where the weather is more conducive to smiling.



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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835980880**

Thema: **Historical adventure fiction, Historical crime and mysteries, Historical fiction, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general**

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Scorpion Palace

A thrilling crime mystery set in Victorian India

Shylashri Shankar

An Christie-esque historical crime novel set in Victoria India from a rising star of the crime genre

THE PITCH

- **IN THE STYLE OF AGATHA CHRISTIE:** *Gosford Park* meets *And Then There Were None* in Victorian India
- **A RISING STAR:** Shylashri was invited to attend both Harrogate and Bloody Scotland festivals in 2025 around the launch of *Blood Caste*.
- **AN INCREDIBLE PERIOD OF HISTORY:** A fascinating, deft and timely examination of the consequences of British colonial rule in India around the time of the independence movement

THE BOOK

Nobody is safe. Everyone's a suspect.

Hyderabad, 1895. Nine desperate people find themselves marooned at a house party in Faluknama Palace during a devastating storm.

News soon reaches them of a dreaded revolutionary in the area, as well as an escaped panther on the loose... and then the murders begin.

Can Chief Inspector Soobramania, an outcast Brahmin policeman arrested on charges of treason, convince his prickly British rival, Inspector Wilberforce, to help him end the killing spree?

An utterly compelling historical locked room mystery with a sting in the tail.

THE AUTHOR

Shylashri Shankar is an award-winning author, researcher, food historian, and political scientist. Her non-fiction book, *Turneric Nation: A Passage Through India's Tastes*, received the AutHer Award for best nonfiction in 2021. Her debut *Blood Caste* won the 2022 Spotlight First Novel Award and was also longlisted for the 2022 CWA Debut Dagger. She lives in New Delhi with her husband and cat.



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ISBN: **9781835981979 / 1835981976**

Price: **£18.99**

Format: **234mm x 153mm**

Binding: **Hardback**

Extent: **304 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835981979**

Thema: **Historical crime and mysteries, Crime and mystery: police procedural, Classic crime and mystery fiction, Thriller: serial killers, Historical adventure fiction, Historical fiction, Hyderabad**

Author Location: **New Delhi, India**

Book Locale: **Hyderabad, India**

AI Last Updated: **22 July 2026**

The Lying Dead

A fast-paced murder mystery book from the million-copy bestseller

Nick Louth

THE PITCH

- Nick Louth is a million copy bestselling author
- The sixth book in a major new series set in Devon

THE BOOK

The helpless hold all the secrets.

In the stroke ward of QE Hospital, Barnstaple, a nurse is held at gunpoint as a patient is shot by two masked men. The assailants are gone as quickly as they came, leaving a shellshocked witness and a dying victim.

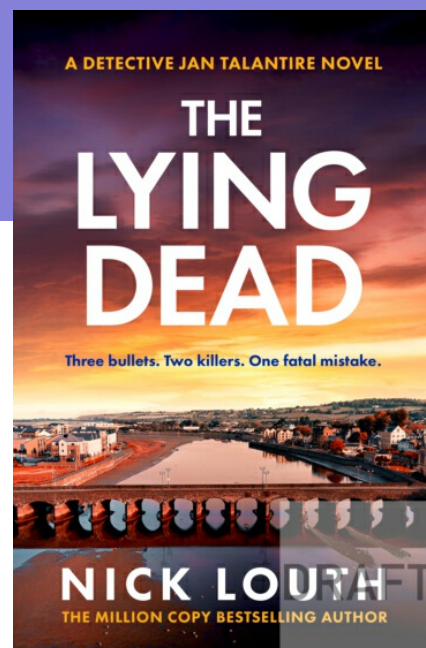
For DI Jan Talantire the crime is baffling. There's no obvious reason why the victim – a respected pillar of the community – was targeted. But as Talantire and her team dig deeper they discover eighteen current patients have a criminal record. Was this a case of mistaken identity?

With the threat of another attack looming, Talantire must uncover who the real victim is before the shooters have a chance to fix their mistake.

A dark, page-turning crime thriller from the million-copy bestseller. Perfect for fans of Kate Ellis, Sally Rigby and Elly Griffiths.

THE AUTHOR

Nick Louth is a million-copy bestselling thriller author, and an award-winning journalist. After graduating from the London School of Economics, Nick was a foreign correspondent for Reuters, working in New York, Amsterdam, London and Hong Kong. He has written for the *Financial Times*, *Investors Chronicle*, *Money Observer* and *MSN*. His debut thriller, *Bite*, was a Kindle No. 1 bestseller and has been translated into six languages. The DCI Craig Gillard series and DI Jan Talantire series are published by Canelo, and in audio by WF Howes. He is married and lives in Lincolnshire.



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Extent: **304 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781804368961**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Thriller / suspense fiction**

AI Last Updated: **21 July 2026**

Until Death

An Explosive British Crime Thriller

Alex Smith

The explosive latest novel in the much-loved DCI Kett crime series by an international bestseller.

THE PITCH

- **AN AUTHOR TO WATCH:** Alex Smith is a million-copy, internationally bestselling author with over 150k reviews on Amazon with a 4.6* average rating
- **EXCELLENT ENDORSEMENTS:** The author is a regular at crime writing festivals and is friendly with other authors. He has amazing blurbs; 'Fresh and ferocious' James Patterson; 'A gripping debut' JD Kirk
- **DARKLY FUNNY:** This novel combines gripping, propulsive writing, gritty themes and Alex Smith's trademark dark Scottish humour which readers love

THE BOOK

Death comes for us all.

In the glorious heat of a Norfolk summer, DCI Kett and his team are facing their biggest case yet: organising DS Kate Savage and PC Aaron Duke's wedding.

It should be a joyous escape after months of heartbreak. But the celebrations are interrupted by the discovery of a young woman, bloodied and barefoot, who claims she has just escaped from hell.

The only thing the girl can tell them about the person who took her? His name: Mr Death.

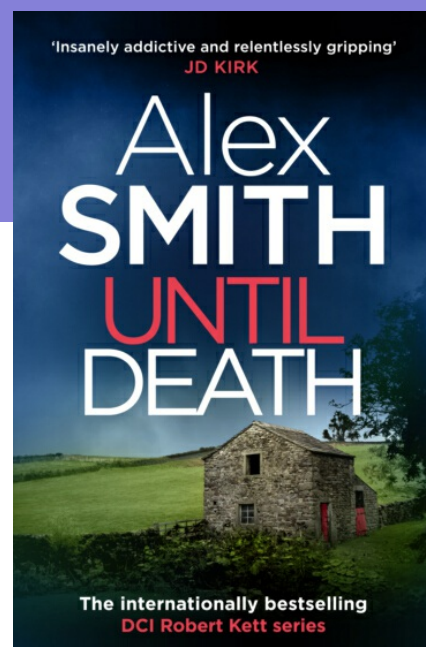
DCI Kett must hunt down a killer as clever as he is ruthless, and as creative as he is sadistic. And what should be a summer of love quickly becomes the season of murder...

THE AUTHOR

Alex has been a writer for almost all his life, having spent most of his twenties and thirties writing horror books for children and teenagers under his full name, Alexander Gordon Smith, including the award-winning series *Escape From Furnace*. It was only after he had three daughters that he thought about writing a series of thrillers about a detective with young children, and DCI Robbie Kett was born.

QUOTES

'Fresh and ferocious' *James Patterson*



Pub Date: **03 December 2026**

ISBN: **9781835986288 / 1835986285**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **320 pages**

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

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835986288**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: sense of place, East Anglia**

Author Location: **Norwich, UK**

Book Locale: **East Anglia, UK**

AI Last Updated: **21 July 2026**

At the Mercy of Midnight

The must-read rivals to lovers dark academia romantasy

Chloe Cullen

The hottest new dark academia romantasy for fans of Tori Bovalino and VE Schwab

THE PITCH

- **DRAMIONE FANFIC:** We're seeing a surge of Draco x Hermione-inspired romantasies gaining popularity as the ultimate enemies-to-lovers coupling. This is the #8 most popular couple ranked on global fanfiction site Archive of Our Own, with over 38K works dedicated to the pairing.
- **DARK ACADEMIA IS STILL HOT:** Features our two scholarly protagonists in a *The Mummy*-reminiscent opening which romance girlies will love
- **AUTHOR FANFIC PLATFORM:** Much like SenYinLu, Chloe has an established Fanfiction following (over 600K reads, and 12K 'likes') who will be excited to support her trad published work and organically promote online through their own channels. Chloe has over 12K Instagram followers. This was self-published originally with readers excited to buy a revised edition.
- **OLDER PROTAGONISTS:** Readers have been crying out for non-teen protagonists and this series offers two 27-year-olds as an enticing point of difference

THE BOOK

Two rival scholars.

Amelia and Silas have spent years trying to outsmart one another to unlock the secrets of their world's unstable magic. Until a fateful discovery ties them together.

Bound by fate.

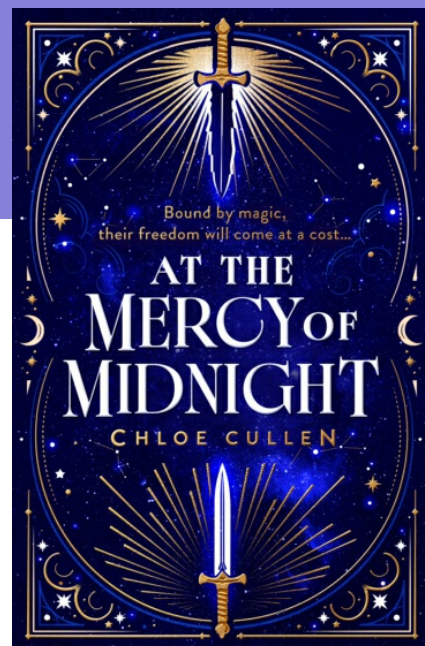
When an archaeological dig goes awry and they awaken an ancient magical force, Amelia and Silas find themselves transported to each other at midnight. Every night.

Desperate to break their bond, their research uncovers dark and dangerous truths about the magic that sustains them. Hunted by a secret order and racing against time, Amelia and Silas must work together or risk losing more than their freedom.

If they fail, midnight may never come again.

THE AUTHOR

Chloe Cullen is a Tauranga, New Zealand based author and mum of two who writes addictive fantasy romance for readers who crave immersive, heart-pounding stories. Her recent novel, *At the Mercy of Midnight*, delivers rivals to lovers tension, soul bonding magic, with emotional stakes and impactful twists that keeps you turning the pages!



Pub Date: **05 November 2026**

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Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **416 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835986202**

Thema: **Romance: fantasy and paranormal, Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy, Romance: enemies to lovers, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Romance: unintentional or forced proximity, Dark fantasy**

Author Location: **Bay of Plenty, New Zealand**

Book Locale: **Second world fantasy**

AI Last Updated: **24 July 2026**



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Troubling Times for the West End Nannies

Pam Weaver

An uplifting 1960s London saga set in the world of trainee nannies, from a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

THE PITCH

- Pam Weaver has a huge and loyal saga readership and bestseller status
- Set in the ever popular Swinging Sixties, this series captures the glamour of the decade and the changes it brought to women's lives
- Bursting with *Call The Midwife* Appeal, The West End Nannies series is perfect for fans of Ginny Bell and Jean Fullerton

THE BOOK

Bernice has worked hard to fight for her career as a nanny in the face of her mother's disapproval. Despite her upper-class upbringing, she knows she is made for this job and loves the children she cares for.

But when her family starts to crumble and her mother falls sick, the pressures mount, especially as her mother wants her daughter at her beck and call.

As if things could not be worse, Bernice falls under suspicion in her work placement, threatening her beloved job. Can Bernice break free of her family and hold on to everything she has fought so hard for?

An emotional and uplifting saga that will make you laugh and cry. Fans of Jean Fullerton, Kitty Neale and *Call the Midwife* will love this.

THE AUTHOR

Pam Weaver has written more than fifteen books and is a Sunday Times bestselling author. Her new series, The West End Nannies, is based on her own experience in the 1960s, working in children's residential care, day nurseries and as a Hyde Park nanny. She began writing in the 1990s and likes to say that it only took her sixteen years to become an overnight success. She lives in Worthing and apart from writing, enjoys recycling gifted material into bags that are sold for charity.



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Binding: **Paperback**

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Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

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Thema: **Family life fiction / Stories about family, Family saga / generational saga fiction, Historical fiction, Historical romance, Romance: wholesome / clean**

AI Last Updated: **20 July 2026**

The Love Code

A spicy secret-enemies-turned lovers STEM romance

Connie Kitson

***The Love Hypothesis* meets *You've Got Mail* in this modern, secret enemies debut STEM romance set in the corporate tech world.**

THE PITCH

- A unique, forbidden love story featuring the popular contemporary workplace romance trope, this time in the growing STEM market.
- Made hugely popular by Ali Hazelwood, *The Love Code* is perfect for BookTok readers and brimming with great publicity opportunities from an author who has direct knowledge of the industry and working in tech as a woman.
- Accessible and inclusive, this series has an great USP for female readers age 18-30.

THE BOOK

She can hack anything. But can she hack him?

Jenna, a talented web designer by day and a cyber vigilante by night, wages a covert cyberwar against Belmayer, a giant oil company she believes was responsible for her father's death while at work on a rig eight years ago.

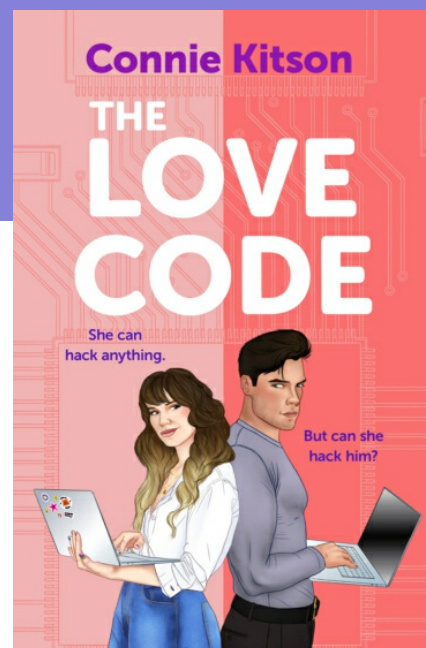
But unbeknown to her, Kieran, her childhood friend and long-time secret crush, now heads up Belmayer's cybersecurity team.

When their paths collide at a family wedding, their old feelings are rekindled. However, Jenna's double life and relentless pursuit of justice put their relationship to the test, and she must face the fact that bringing down Belmayer makes her the secret enemy of the man she loves...

Fans of Ali Hazelwood and Helen Hoang will adore this spicy STEM romance, featuring the ultimate forbidden access love story.

THE AUTHOR

Connie Kitson has worked alongside developers and within app teams as a digital marketing manager for over ten years, which has honed her ability to translate technical jargon into compelling narratives and provided the inspiration for *The Love Code*. Connie's love for romance novels and films – the meet-cutes, the raw exploration of relationships, and that unmistakable fuzzy feeling – has inspired her to bring her own ideas to life, diving into the complexities of love with the same passion and excitement.



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Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985397**

Thema: **Romance: workplace, Contemporary lifestyle fiction, Romance, Romantic comedies, Modern and Contemporary romance, Romance: unlikely or unexpected lovers, Romance: the rich / famous / powerful**

Author Location: **United Kingdom**

Book Locale: **London**

AI Last Updated: **21 July 2026**

Alpha Female

A wickedly funny, deliciously dark psychological thriller

Carrie Hughes

Kara and Josie are former best friends, now mortal enemies. But when their rivalry spills over to their teenagers' relationship, who will triumph?

THE PITCH

- Perfectly placed to hit red-hot trend of darkly humorous psych thrillers for fans of Bella Mackie
- Carrie Hughes has recently garnered a fabulous review in the Daily Mail 'Brilliant, funny drama... Don't read it on the train - you'll miss your stop.'
- The author has previously been shortlisted for the CWA New Blood Dagger award and the Richard & Judy Search for a Bestseller award.

THE BOOK

Two friends turned enemies. One dangerous secret. May the best woman win...

She used to be your best friend. Then she was your worst enemy.

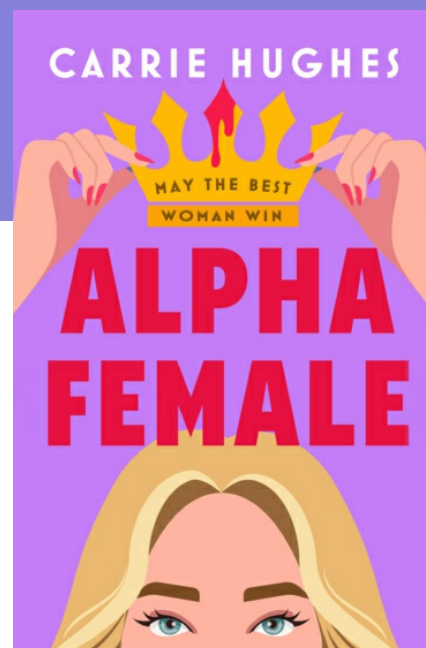
Now your teenage son is dating her daughter, who, along with her mother, is turning him against you. Your old friend knows your darkest secret - and she won't hesitate to use it against you.

How far will you go to keep her away from your son? And in the battle to come out on top, can you use dirty tactics but still stay clean?

A darkly humorous thriller about Queen Bees and toxic female friendship that fans of Katy Brent and Bella Mackie will adore.

THE AUTHOR

Carrie Hughes lives in West Sussex, where she is a copywriter and guest lecturer in creative writing. She can often be found dreaming up stories, communing with dogs and visiting the dark side. She loves creating female characters who are stronger than they appear and forcing them into difficult situations.



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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835983553**

Thema: **Crime and / or mystery fiction, Crime and mystery: private investigator / amateur detectives, Humorous fiction, Thriller / suspense fiction, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general, Family life fiction / Stories about family**

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