

The River Warriors

Michael Arnold

The Roman invasion of Britain is over. The resistance has just begun...

THE PITCH

- Michael Arnold is the author of the Stryker Civil War series, published by John Murray, one title of which was selected as a *Sunday Times* Book of the Year
- An major addition to the Canelo historical fiction list, with a gripping story of defiant resistance in the face of overwhelming might
- First novel reviewed by *The Times*: 'The lost world of the ancient Britons is vividly and memorably recreated' *The Times* on *The Savage Isle*

THE BOOK

The Romans have landed in Britain. The invasion is over, but the war has just begun.

The legions march inland, but progress is slow, hampered by vast, ancient forests, swamps and treacherous rivers that must be crossed. But, guided by traitorous Celts blinded by self-interest, progress they do.

Marshalling the fractious tribes, Caratacos plans the first major battle for the only fording point of the mighty Vaga River.

Meanwhile, Cullen, now a warrior of renown, is dispatched by Aoife the Dread to seek out a mystic religious totem - the Whetstone of the smith god, Gobannos - which could help unite the bickering clans; a secret weapon of sorts.

But will he be able to find the stone and return it to Aoife before the two great armies clash?

The compelling second novel in the *Savage Isle* series, from the author of the *Stryker Civil War* novels.

THE AUTHOR

Michael Arnold lives in Hampshire with his wife and four children. His interest in British history is lifelong, and childhood holidays were spent visiting castles and battlefields – a passion he now inflicts on his own kids. He is the author of the acclaimed *Civil War Chronicles*; one of which, *Devil's Charge*, was chosen as a *Sunday Times* Book of the Year.



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Author Location: **Hampshire**

Book Locale: **Ancient Britain**

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Find Her

Sarah A. Denzil

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

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
- **ENDLESS POTENTIAL:** Options for further backlist and frontlist works

THE BOOK

Three weddings at one isolated venue. Three dead bodies. Three missing brides... And one of them is a murderer.

It’s Christmas Day at Wilder House, and three magical winter weddings are set to begin. But as the tables are arranged and the food is prepared, a perfect storm hits, cutting every guest from the rest of the world.

Most little girls dream of the perfect wedding. But this bride stumbles alone into the snow, her silk train dragging through dirt, her hands bloody from the murder she just committed...

Now there is at least one killer roaming the unforgiving landscape surrounding Wilder House.

Who else will die on Christmas Day?

This chilling psychological thriller by bestselling author Sarah A. Denzil is not one to miss. Set in the atmospheric Lake District, it’s the perfect winter read.

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.

QUOTES

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me turning the pages long into the night!' *Shalini Boland, author of The Silent Bride*

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The Broken Ones

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THE BOOK

Sophie thought Alzheimer's was stealing her mother. But what if it's all a lie?

Everyone believes Sophie is a devoted daughter, caring selflessly for her mother in a crumbling old house. They don't see the bruises. They don't hear the insults. They don't know about the shadow her mother claims visits her at night.

Sophie tries to dismiss it as part of the disease—until she places a recorder in her mother's bedroom and hears a second voice whispering in the dark.

Now Sophie is questioning everything.

The bruises. The paranoia. The fear creeping into every corner of their home.

What if her mother isn't losing her mind? What if she's playing a game?

A cruel, calculated game that Sophie can't escape.

Dark, twisted, and razor-sharp, The Broken Ones is a haunting psychological thriller where nothing is as it seems and trust may be the most dangerous illusion of all.

THE AUTHOR

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THE BOOK

An utterly gripping psychological thriller full of secrets, lies, and heart-stopping twists

Hannah Abbott never leaves her house. She keeps to herself, watching life unfold on Cavendish Street from behind her curtains. But when a new family moves in across the road, her quiet world begins to unravel.

Laura and Matt Mason seem like the perfect couple, but Hannah can hear the arguments through her open window. And their thirteen-year-old daughter, April, never smiles.

Then one evening, Hannah sees something that makes her question everything she knows about the people across the street when a chilling sign is placed in the window.

As the lines between truth and paranoia blur, Hannah must decide what’s real, what’s imagined, and how far she’ll go to uncover the truth.

A dark, twist-filled psychological thriller about obsession, guilt, and the secrets we keep. Perfect for fans of Freida McFadden, Lisa Jewell, and Shalini Boland.

THE AUTHOR

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Kill Story

The darkly funny thriller and hottest debut of 2026

JD 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

Some people will do anything to feel like they belong.

American ex-pat twenty-three-year-old Skye Sullivan is Influence Manager for Amsterdam's hottest startup. CoHab is a co-living community founded by charismatic Silas Hayes, and earmarked as the Next Big Thing. Everyone wants to work there.

But Skye has a front-row view of the chaos inside. Booze- and pill-fuelled parties after hours, a hotbed of sexual encounters and gossip it's no wonder the threat of bankruptcy looms even as the doors are just opening. As Skye becomes indispensable to Yelena, the director of marketing and Silas' right-hand-woman, Skye finds her job becomes less about influencing and more about covering up the messes threatening to burst open CoHab at the seams.

Overstressed, underpaid, but somehow still desperate to keep her job, Skye gets closer and closer to the dark heart of CoHab. How much will she sacrifice to the gods of good PR before her own neck is on the line?

A razor-sharp, insightful and wildly entertaining KILL STORY will be the most talked about book of the year. Perfect for fans of Alice Slater, Bella Mackie and Ellery Lloyd.

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



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The Soup Kitchen Girl

A BRAND-NEW Victorian Saga series by beloved author Libby Ashworth

Libby Ashworth

A gripping Victorian saga exploring class, feminism and female friendship during the Lancashire Cotton Mill crisis caused by the American Civil War

THE PITCH

- **Established author published by major presses with glowing reviews:** Libby Ashworth has previously been published by Michael Joseph and Cornerstone Digital.
- **Her previous series, *The Mill Town Lasses*, received a glowing review from Kitty Neale** - 'Engrossing tale of hardship, struggles, love and family'.
- **Endorsement from best-selling saga author, Emma Hornby:** 'This was such a good read...Sally, Ruth and Caroline grew on me very quickly and felt like friends - I could read a whole series about them!'
- **Thematic and topical:** With three driven female leads from very different social backgrounds, this series explores class, gender, regionalism, race, and emigration
- **Winter/Christmas setting popular with saga readers:** Themes of hardship during Christmas time is explored whilst whimsical, historically accurate details about how Victorians celebrated Christmas keep the book uplifting

THE BOOK

With the closure of the cotton mills, the rich become poor and the poor even poorer

Sally Grimes is a mill girl, the eldest of a family of six surviving children. When the mills stop work completely, they have nothing left to live on. The family decide to emigrate to America where the mills are looking for workers.

Ruth Hodgson's father has a confectionery business, but the workers are not buying luxuries and his business is in ruins. He is given the job of supervising the soup kitchen, but when he falls ill, it is up to Ruth to persuade the relief committee that she is capable of taking on the work in his place.

Caroline Haworth is the daughter of a local mill owner. She volunteers at the soup kitchen but they are running out of money. The only solution is accepting a loan from the wealthy Dutton family, but it comes with strings attached.

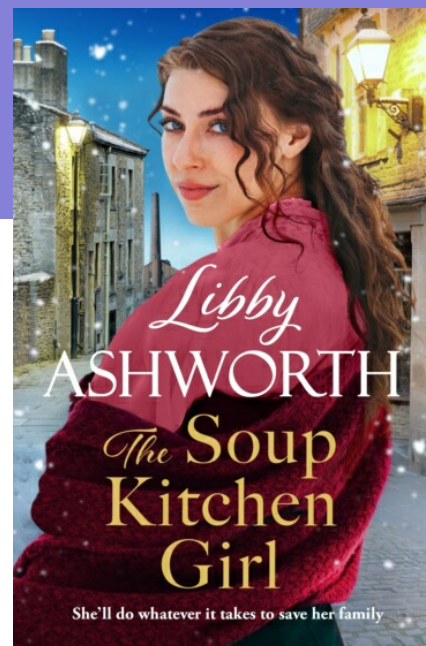
Can the three women from different classes come together in difficult times?

A captivating Victorian Saga filled with love, female resilience and friendship for readers of Dilly Court and Mollie Walton.

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.

QUOTES



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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**

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'This was such a good read...Sally, Ruth and Caroline grew on me very quickly and felt like friends - I could read a whole series about them!' Emma Homby, bestselling saga author of the Worktown Girls at War series



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Muse of Fire

William Shakespeare turns detective in this Tudor historical crime thriller

Howard Linskey

The Bard turns sleuth once more to find a murderer at the court of Queen Elizabeth I

THE PITCH

- **WORLD FAMOUS PROTAGONIST:** A gripping historical mystery series focusing on the life of the most influential, beloved figures in British literary history
- **LOVINGLY RESEARCHED AND CRAFTED:** Rooted in detailed research, each novel revolves around the creation of one of Shakespeare's plays
- **ACCESSIBLE FICTION:** Whether you are a Bard aficionado or new to the world of Shakespeare, this series caters to all. A perfect introduction to this fascinating historical period

THE BOOK

The more he gains, the more he has to lose...

William Shakespeare is now both a man at court and a man of the theatre. Accepted into **Elizabeth I's** world, he is trusted to write plays for her. But his position is insecure, based entirely on the queen's whims.

When one of the her ladies-in-waiting is found dead, almost everyone suspects it was murder. But who stood to gain by her death? Were the rumours that she was with child when she died true, or was she merely a pawn in a greater game?

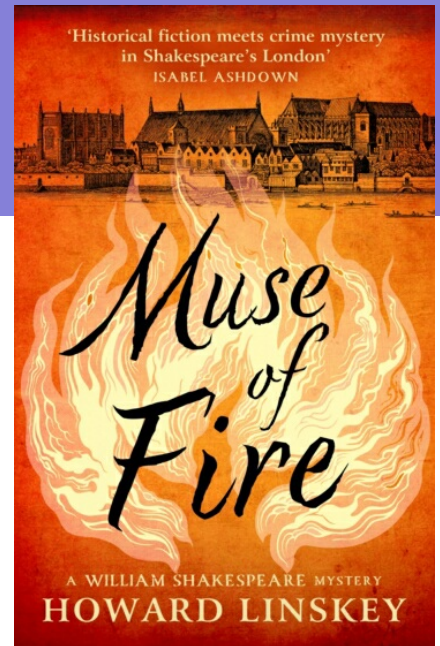
Sir Robert Cecil senses an opportunity at last to rid himself of his bitter rival, the **Earl of Essex**, who was seen with the girl before she died, and enlists Will to discover the truth.

But Will knows that the **Earl of Southampton**, his patron, already allies himself to the Earl of Essex. Once again he is caught between two powerful foes. But this time, he must choose a side if he is to survive.

A captivating and thoroughly researched crime thriller that paints a rich portrait of the life of the greatest of writers.

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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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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First Act

A DI Kelly Porter prequel from the million-copy bestselling author

Rachel Lynch

THE PITCH

- With a new take on Kelly Porter, there is an opportunity to attract a new readership as well as please old fans who will enjoy learning more about the detective before her move to the Lakes
- *First Act* explores historical crimes, allegations and accountability, themes that have been highly topical in recent years
- Fans of Angela Marsons, Patricia Gibney and LJ Ross will love this series, led by a strong female detective

THE BOOK

A new detective. Tested like never before.

London, 2008. Kelly Porter has been in London for six years. She's 28 years old and has passed her detective exams, working for Bethnal Green CID. Now she's landed her dream job in the Met's Major Investigation Team the murder squad. And she is immediately thrown into the deep end.

Work on the Olympic Park is underway, and human remains are found on Kelly's former patch. When a link to children's toys is found, Kelly seeks help from a curator at the Museum of Childhood.

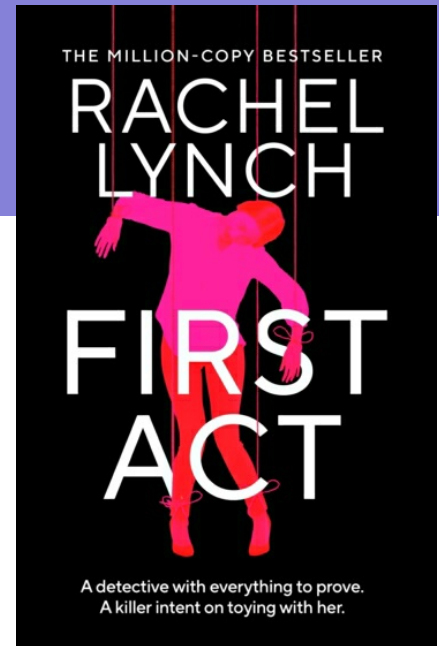
A legacy of horror and killer with an unexpected motive are about to be revealed but can Kelly stop them?

The breathtaking, fast-paced prequel to the million-copy bestselling DI Kelly Porter series. Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Patricia Gibney and LJ Ross.

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. After teaching History in London and living across the globe as an Army wife, Rachel eventually returned to her greatest passion: writing. Travel and the shared human experience comprise the fabric of her work. She explores the darkest corners of humanity with empathy and edge, weaving gritty realism with unforgettable characters. Alongside multiple standalone novels, she now brings her stories to life in a whole new way, through her podcast *The Killer Storyteller: A Podcast with Rachel Lynch*, where she unpacks every twist and turn, book by book.



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A Cold Harbour

A fast-paced Scottish crime thriller full of mystery and suspense

Lynne McEwan

THE PITCH

- The DI Shona Oliver series is growing rapidly in popularity with over 150,000 copies sold
- A senior police officer's murder draws attention to institutional corruption in the force and misogyny within the workplace
- In this book, Shona's birth mother is at last revealed and this character and relationship is used to sensitively explore themes of motherhood and childhood trauma

THE BOOK

Rocky seas lie ahead...

DI Shona Oliver is at a professional and personal crossroads. The National Crime Agency is coming for her over the murder of her former boss, determined to charge someone. Her current boss insists she keeps a low profile, sending her to Galloway.

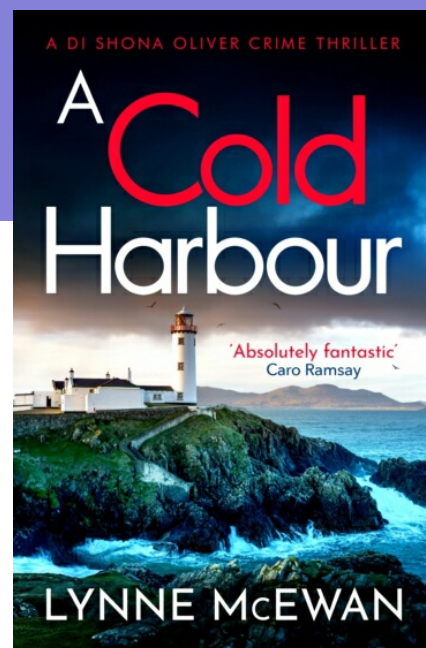
There, she meets DI Kenneth Dalrymple who is on compassionate leave to care for his terminally ill wife, Isobel. He asks Shona to look into a cold case the murder of his wife's sister, Ailsa. A talented young artist, she was killed while painting at the nearby lighthouse in Portpatrick. All leads led to dead ends. Isobel desperately wants to know the truth about her sister's death, before it's too late.

But with the NCA closing in and a sudden active murder case to investigate, Shona has to put her cold case on hold. Can she deliver justice and bring answers, and maybe closure, to a dying woman?

An atmospheric and gripping Scottish detective novel. Perfect for fans of Neil Lancaster, JD Kirk and Val McDermid.

THE AUTHOR

Glasgow-born Lynne McEwan is a former newspaper photographer turned crime author. She's covered stories including the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the first Gulf War in addition to many high profile murder cases. She currently lives in Lincoln and is in the final year of an MA in Crime Fiction at the University of East Anglia.



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No Place Left

A chilling detective novel from a new voice in British crime fiction

Sean Watkin

THE PITCH

- Set in the author's hometown of Liverpool, the city and surrounding area comes to life with Sean's local knowledge and keen understanding of the dialect
- Sean has been shortlisted for the Bristol Short Story Prize and more recently the McDermid Debut Prize
- Sean is an emerging voice in crime fiction, receiving excellent reviews in the media and high praise from his fellow authors

THE BOOK

Sometimes the end is just the beginning.

A young girl is found dead on Southport Pier. Less than an hour later, a patient who recently vanished from a secure mental health facility is discovered in the sand and February snow.

DCI de Silva and DS Barclay are back, but they find themselves pulled back into an all-too familiar nightmare. Is this a tragic series of coincidences, or is it inextricably linked to a conspiracy they once thought contained?

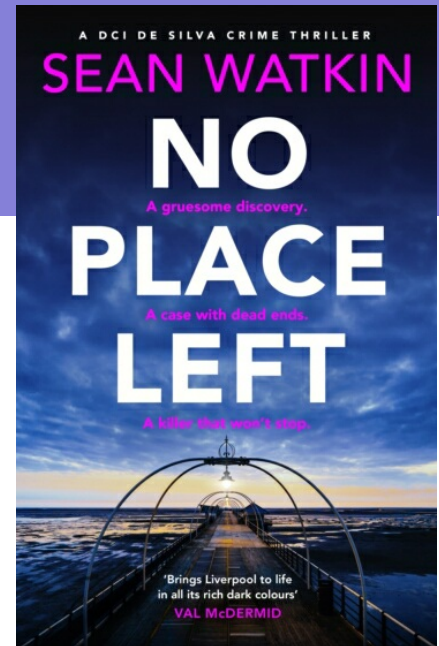
As the snow falls, the duo must navigate a trail that is rapidly growing cold. But when the case hits devastatingly close to home, de Silva and Barclay realise the truth will demand a price neither of them is prepared to pay.

In a heart-pounding race against an unknown enemy, they are headed for a confrontation that will change everything.

A dark and gritty crime thriller, perfect for fans of Luca Veste, M. W. Craven and Russ Thomas.

THE AUTHOR

Sean Watkin was born and raised in Liverpool and studied a BA and MA in Creative Writing at Liverpool John Moores University. He has been shortlisted for Fresher Writing Award, Book a Break Prize, Bristol Short Story Prize and the McDermid Debut Award. His writing has been featured in *The Gay UK* magazine, and *The Content Wolf* e-zine, as well as other LGBT+ publications. Sean lives in Liverpool with his partner and two dogs.



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ISBN: **9781835981344 / 1835981348**

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Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **384 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835981344**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Thriller / suspense fiction, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: politics / economics, Narrative theme: social issues / social problems, Narrative theme: sense of place, Contemporary lifestyle fiction**

AI Last Updated: **05 May 2026**



The Liverpool Killings

Simon McCleave

The unputdownable, epic new instalment in the DI Ruth Hunter crime thriller fiction series from the multi-million copy bestseller.

THE PITCH

- **RELATABLE AND INSPIRATIONAL LEAD CHARACTER:** DI Ruth Hunter is an intelligent, resourceful, strong woman at the top of her field who readers love
- **FAST-PACED AND EMOTIONAL:** The race is on to save DI Ruth Hunter's mentee and friend, DC Jade Kennedy, from death. Readers will be on the edge of their seats and may even shed a tear as the action heats up
- **FOR LOVERS OF BRITISH CRIME:** Fans of JD Kirk, LJ Ross, Neil Lancaster and M.W. Craven will enjoy this pulse-pounding read

THE BOOK

Someone must suffer the consequences...

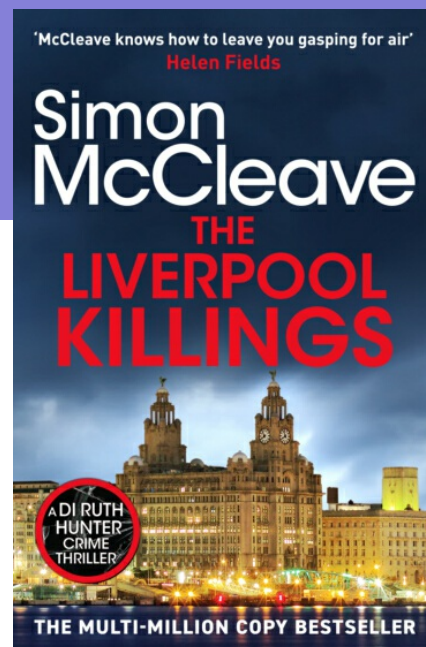
When DC Jade Kennedy – a prized member of DI Ruth Hunter's team – is kidnapped, all hands are on deck to track down the perpetrator. It doesn't take long for Ruth to find out that the person responsible is an old enemy; one she hoped she'd seen the last of.

But knowing who they are doesn't make it any easier to track them down. Ruth races across the country in pursuit of her colleague. Every time she gets within reaching distance, another obstacle is thrown in her path.

Bent on revenge, it's only a matter of time before the violent individual makes Jade pay the ultimate price – and Ruth will do whatever it takes to stop them.

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.



Pub Date: **17 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835986318 / 1835986315**

Price: **£16.99**

Format: **234mm x 153mm**

Binding: **Hardback**

Extent: **256 pages**

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

Bar Code: **9781835986318**

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, Liverpool**

Author Location: **North Wales**

Book Locale: **North Wales and Liverpool**

AI Last Updated: **09 June 2026**



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Head Over Skis

An addictive, spicy, one-night stand to lovers, escapist winter rom-com

Sophie Davies

She has a one-night stand with a stranger who turns out to be her ski instructor. A steamy rom-com for fans of Catherine Walsh and *A Jingle Bell Mingle*

THE PITCH

- **FANTASTIC FRENCH SKI RESORT SETTING AND BELOVED TROPES:** Offers cosy, escapist winter holiday setting that is perfect for Christmas time, as well as featuring love triangle, forced proximity and jealous ex tropes
- **THEMATIC AND TOPICAL:** Explores themes that readers of this age group will resonate with, including deciding between a 'sensible' and steady job or pursuing creative dreams and worrying about aging parents
- **HIGHLY MARKETABLE AUTHOR:** Sophie works for a major international publisher, overseeing their Waterstones account. She also makes popular Tiktok videos reaching well over 100,000 likes, as readers love her inside scoop on publishing
- **EARLY BUY-IN INTEREST:** American Book Center in Amsterdam invited Sophie to 'Spicy & Steamy Book Event' in September, and A Lot of Books in Zwolle asked her to do a signing. She is also arranging signing events in Paris

THE CAMPAIGN

- Collaborative social media posts featuring author content and teaser quotes alongside Canelo Collective activity
- Giveaways online with the author
- Partnership with Book Lovers
- Review coverage in media, eg., Debut Digest, That's Life, Book Brunch, local media, Writers Online. NB: Sophie is booked for the Dartmouth Book Fest & is doing events in The Netherlands.
- Christmas promotions - Xmas shopping events, Xmas books round-ups

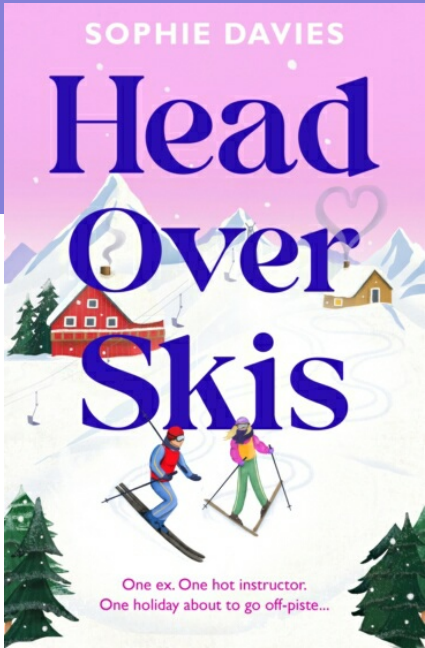
THE BOOK

One ex, one ski-instructor and one holiday that's about to go off-piste...

The trip finally made it out of the group chat! Lottie and her friends have been planning – and saving – for their ski trip for ages and everything is going to be perfect. Until it isn't.

After her boyfriend, Adam, cheats on her, Lottie can't think of anything worse than being stuck on the slopes with him. The night before the trip Lottie decides to do something crazy to distract herself from thinking about Adam. A hot hookup with someone she'll never have to see again seems like just the solution.

Except her one-night stand turns out to be her ski instructor, Rory. Adam is oblivious, Rory is interested, and Lottie is left asking not only if she should forgive Adam, but what is love, actually?



Pub Date: 03 September 2026
ISBN: 9781835986509 / 1835986501
Price: £9.99
Format: 198mm x 129mm
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 304 pages
Territory: World (English Language) (with restrictions)
Bar Code: 9781835986509
Thema: Modern and Contemporary romance, Romantic comedies, Romance: cosy / cozy, Romance: love triangles, Seasonal interest: Winter, Christmas, Romance: unintentional or forced proximity
Author Location: London, UK
Book Locale: French Alps

AI Last Updated: 18 June 2026

A totally gorgeous, swoon-worthy romantic comedy, perfect for fans of Catherine Walsh, Lindsey Kelk and Hannah Grace.

THE AUTHOR

Sophie Davies works in UK Sales at one of the Big 5 publishing houses. She is based in London, and when she's not writing she's jumping between romance and fantasy books, with a cup of tea in hand, playing Stardew Valley with her cat covering most of the screen, or posting bookish content on her BookTok account (@sophie_davies_author 3.6k followers, 87k likes).



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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 steamy 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.



Pub Date: **17 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835982631 / 1835982638**

Price: **£18.99**

Format: **234mm x 153mm**

Binding: **Hardback**

Extent: **368 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835982631**

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

AI Last Updated: **24 June 2026**

The Endless One

the epic and seductive conclusion to the USA
Today bestselling dark romantasy series

Emma Hamm

THE PITCH

- With witchcraft at its heart, this book is perfectly timed for the resurgence of interest in witches - think *Agatha All Along* meets *Throne of Glass*
- Edgy and dark with a morally grey love interest, this romantasy delves straight into the darker side of human nature and poses the question: if you can't beat evil, should you become evil?
- Emma is a huge Booktok name in romantasy, with an established following worldwide who are excited by a new offering from her

THE BOOK

Jessamine survived betrayal, death, and the gods themselves. But survival was only the beginning.

Her kingdom lies in ruins. Her throne has been stolen. And the man who once murdered her has succeeded in doing the unthinkable: binding himself to a god.

To reclaim her crown, Jessamine must defy ancient powers and betrayals alike – and face the enemy who once slit her throat. But now, she isn't the innocent bride who fell to her death. She is the Gravesinger.

Captured and forced to confront a fate far worse than dying, Jessamine must decide how much of herself she is willing to sacrifice to end a war. Bound to Elric, the god who loves her, she must choose between the humanity that shaped her and the power required to tear divinity down at its source.

Because this time, she isn't just ready to kill a man.

She's ready to kill a god.

The thrilling, dark and sexy conclusion to the trilogy, perfect for fans of Sable Sorensen and Alex Aster.

THE AUTHOR

USA Today bestselling author Emma Hamm grew up in a small town surrounded by trees and animals. She writes strong, confident, powerful women who aren't afraid to grow and make mistakes. Her books will always be a little bit feminist, and are geared towards empowering both men and women to be comfortable in their own skin.



Pub Date: **24 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835983768 / 1835983766**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **400 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835983768**

Thema: **Dark romance, Fantasy romance / Romantic fantasy, Dark fantasy, Epic fantasy / high fantasy, Fairy and Folk tales / Fairy tale retellings**

AI Last Updated: **19 June 2026**

Another Round?

A Post-War History of Britain in Twelve Drinks

Steven Parissien

A short history of post-war Britain through twelve alcoholic drinks from the G&T to the Aperol Spritz.

THE PITCH

- An accessible and engaging history written by an Oxford University scholar.
- Includes iconic drinks such as G&T, Doom Bar, Guinness, Babysham, WKD, Bacardi Rum, Blue Nun, margarita cocktail, Pinot Grigio and Aperol Spritz.
- Perfect for fans of Mark Forsyth's *A Short History of Drunkenness*, or *Cork Dork* by Bianca Bosker

THE BOOK

Raise a glass to the Great British tradition of booze, and the twelve drinks that made it what it is today Cheers!

The history of Britain, perhaps more so than any other country, is defined by its drinking culture. Built on a foundation of pubs, clubs and watering holes, the UK has remained in the global top five for alcoholic intake per capita since 1700. It doesn't matter how it comes nip, schooner, pint or yard we will always gladly have another.

But of such a vast and varied drinks menu, which are Britain's favourites? Which have stood the test of time? And what do they say about our wider culture?

Steven Parissien's *Another Round?* uncorks contemporary Britain's relationship with booze in twelve very different drinks. From the 1950's classic Babysham, to the house party favourite WKD, these flagship brands reflected and redefined British culture and politics.

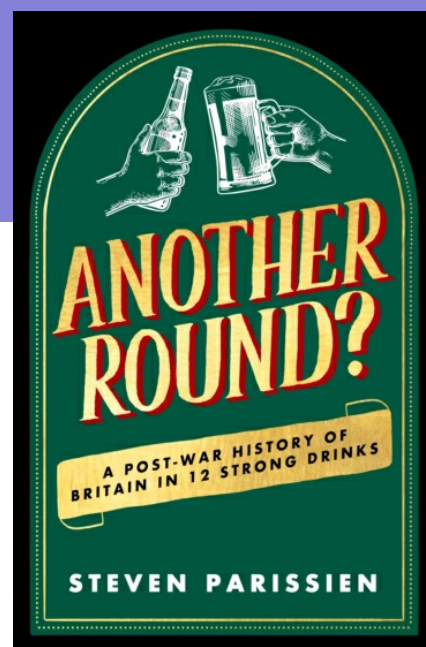
For better or worse, the story of postwar Britain can be found at the bottom of every glass.

THE AUTHOR

Dr Steven Parissien is Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford and a lecturer in Architectural History at Oxford University. Steven worked in senior management in arts and education for over thirty years, including ten years as CEO of Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park in Warwickshire. He has written extensively on cultural history and his fourteen books to date range from *Regency Style* (1992) to *Interiors* (2014), *Building Britannia* (2023) and the forthcoming *Another Round* (2025). He lives in Oxfordshire and has a daughter, Julia.

QUOTES

"It has dad present written all over it..." *The Spectator*



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ISBN: **9781835981566 / 1835981569**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **304 pages**

Territory: **World (English Language)**

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835981566**

Thema: **Food and drink: alcoholic beverages, Cultural studies: food and society, Consumerism, Social and cultural history, Popular culture**

AI Last Updated: **12 May 2026**

JFK

Public, Private, Secret

J. Randy Taraborrelli

THE PITCH

- An instant New York Times Bestseller
- Groundbreaking revelations include previously unreported affairs, the truth about his relationship with Marilyn Monroe, the role of the Mafia in his rise to power and a presidency tested by betrayal and crisis.
- For readers of *Ask Not* by Maureen Callahan and *The Kennedy Curse* by James Patterson.

THE BOOK

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

From the New York Times bestselling Kennedy historian and author of *Jackie: Public, Private, Secret* comes the other side of the story—her husband's: *JFK: Public, Private, Secret*.

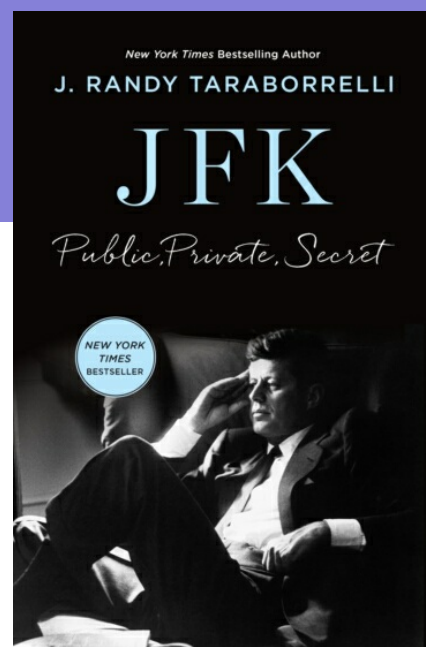
In this definitive portrait of John Fitzgerald Kennedy—one of America's most consequential and enigmatic presidents—J. Randy Taraborrelli delivers a deeply researched and authoritative biography. More than the story of a presidency, this is an intimate study of a man whose public triumphs were shaped—and at times overshadowed—by the complex realities of his private life, from his legendary family to his marriage to Jacqueline Kennedy.

Drawing from hundreds of interviews conducted over twenty-five years—as well as candid, first-hand oral histories from the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Presidential Library, rare internal reports from the Secret Service, detailed files from the National Archives, and intelligence documents from both the CIA and FBI. This is JFK as never before captured by history: brilliant yet fallible, revered yet human—a figure whose legacy continues to shape America and the world.

The JFK presented in Taraborrelli's definitive biography is a complex and endlessly fascinating historical figure—despite, and perhaps even because of, his many flaws.

THE AUTHOR

J. Randy Taraborrelli is the bestselling author of more than 20 biographies, including *Jackie*, *Ethel*, *Joan: Women of Camelot* and *The Kennedys: After Camelot*—both adapted for television—as well as *Jackie*, *Janet Lee* and *Jackie: Public, Private, Secret*. His books have become go-to sources for producers, journalists, and readers alike, known for delivering page-turning stories grounded in deep reporting and never-before-heard details.



Pub Date: **10 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835985120 / 1835985122**

Price: **£14.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **592 pages**

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

Publisher: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985120**

Theme: **Biography: historical, political and military, Political leaders and leadership, c 1954 to c 1968 (era of the American Civil Rights Movement)**

AI Last Updated: **24 June 2026**

An Ordinary House

A dark, horrifying thriller that you won't be able to put down

Rae Starling

An unforgettable, horror-adjacent thriller about survival, perfect for fans of *Girl A*, *Room* and true crime.

THE PITCH

- An original and dark thriller which will tap into true crime trends and hit growing appetite for horror-adjacent psychological crime fiction
- Rae Starling is a pseudonym for Rachel Sargeant, a Top 10 Kindle author who has previously sold 100,000 copies of her books
- Global simultaneous publication planned, supported by a wide print proof campaign

THE BOOK

'A deeply emotive and disturbing psychological thriller...will stay with you long after the final page.' Michael Wood, author of *Evil in the Family*

We lived in a house on Beech Avenue.

Outside-People say we're safe now.

But one of us wants to go back.

Back to that house and the darkness it held.

Police raid an ordinary house in a quiet suburban street and find a traumatised teenager held captive with his family. They call him a survivor, but he doesn't know what to believe. His memories don't match what his siblings and the press tell him about his home.

As he struggles to make sense of his new world, he must find and face the truth.

With one of his siblings set on revenge, should he forget his family, or turn from victim to killer?

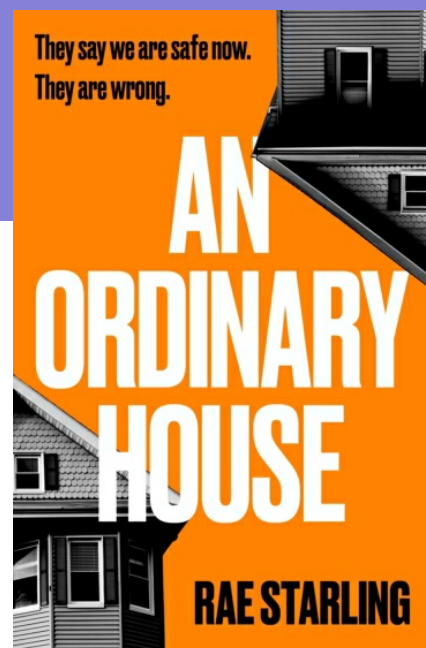
A dark, compelling and twisty thriller, perfect for fans of *Room*, *Girl A* and Alice Feeney

THE AUTHOR

Rae Starling is the pseudonym of Rachel Sargeant, a bestselling suspense author from Gloucestershire. Her novels are sold worldwide, including in translation in Europe. She writes about captivity, control and manipulation. After time out to study these topics in depth for a PhD, she returns with a dark, compelling thriller about survivor exploitation and resilience, featuring a unique, unforgettable narrator.

QUOTES

'Dark, gripping and imaginative, An Ordinary House explores the kindness and



Pub Date: **03 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835984680 / 1835984681**

Price: **£9.99**

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Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **368 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984680**

Thema: **Psychological thriller, Crime and / or mystery fiction, Narrative theme: coming of age, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: interior life / psychological fiction, Narrative theme: identity / belonging, Narrative theme: sense of place, Narrative theme: social issues / social problems**

AI Last Updated: **01 June 2026**

cruelties of ordinary people. Starling delivers a deeply unsettling read that spans the worst and best of humanity, the horror and the hope, and these extremes won't let you put it down. A truly psychological thriller. ' Jo Furniss, *Jo Furniss*



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Land Girls of the Highlands

A captivating, romantic World War Two saga set in the rolling hills of Scotland

Carol MacLean

Two sisters from Glasgow join the WW2 Land Army, finding love, heartbreak and friendship as they settle into rural living.

THE PITCH

- The launch of a brand new saga series, the Made in Scotland series will see the impact of WW2 on areas across Scotland, from city to countryside
- For readers of *The Highland Girls at War* by Helen Yendall, *Dream a Little Dream* by Rosie Archer, and *The Blitz Girls* by Johanna Bell
- Impeccably researched and full of Scottish idioms, the series has huge global appeal and shines a light on women's history

THE BOOK

In love and war, these sisters stay strong

In WW2 Scotland, headstrong Molly Robinson decides to help the war effort and sign up for the Women's Land Army but is none too pleased when her mother insists she takes along her older sister, Maisie.

At their new home in a remote Perthshire farm, the sisters find the heavy labour a shock to the system, but the long days are lightened by their friendship with local Land Girl, Shona, and attending dances at the local RAF base.

But when Maisie and Molly unwittingly fall for the same man, the sisters' relationship is thrown into turmoil made worse when one of them discovers she is pregnant, and that their charming man is far from what he seems.

With an airplane crash on the moors throwing the rural community into shock, bringing the battle closer to home, can Molly and Maisie heal their rift and find their sisterhood again, even in the sadness of war?

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: **10 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835984376 / 1835984371**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **320 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984376**

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**

AI Last Updated: **28 April 2026**

Truth Will Out

A fast-paced, read-in-one-sitting thriller that will have you hooked

N. J. Hatton

A propulsive white-knuckle read that asks 'What would YOU do?' by the breakout thriller voice of 2026.

THE PITCH

- **PERFECTLY POSITIONED FOR THE HIGH-CONCEPT STANDALONE THRILLER READER:** High octane read-in-one-sitting thriller perfect for fans of Harlan Coben, T M Logan and C M Ewan
- **A RISING STAR IN MYSTERY AND THRILLER FICTION:** *Truth Will Out* has been endorsed by Claire Douglas, Liz Nugent, Sarah Clarke and John Marrs, amongst many others
- **A BOOK THAT FEELS AS BINGEWORTHY AS YOUR FAVOURITE NETFLIX BOXSET:** NJ Hatton is an experienced screenwriter and brings his skills to this explosive, immersive read

THE BOOK

'The **tension never lets up** in this twist-filled thriller....**An exciting new name in crime fiction.**' Claire Douglas

'**Compulsive, with a relentless pace** that becomes almost **unbearably tense.**' Liz Nugent

A hit and run. A deadly secret. An accidental killer playing both sides.

Rushing his pregnant wife to hospital, Jack's perfect family life is shattered when, after accidentally hitting a child on a bicycle, he panics and races off to save his unborn baby.

At twenty-three-weeks pregnant, Jack's wife must avoid stress or risk losing their daughter. As a criminal defence lawyer, Jack knows that's impossible once he owns up to his crime.

Torn between his family's survival and his need to do the right thing, Jack ultimately decides to confess, until close friend, DCI Clara Higgins, accidentally reveals another suspect has been detained.

So begins Jack's ever-increasing web of deception. By defending the man he knows is innocent, he can infiltrate the police investigation and buy his wife and baby the time they need. But as the lines of innocence and guilt blur, he finds himself lead down an even darker road heading for a deadly outcome.

A twisty, race-against-time thriller that you will devour in one sitting. Perfect for fans of T.M. Logan, Harlan Coben and Alice Feeney.

THE AUTHOR

Nick is an award-winning screenwriter and director who founded and ran his own media company for over fifteen years, where he created short films, drama projects and worked with some of the biggest kids' brands. His work has screened on Netflix, BBC, Sky, and Disney+. Nick is a recent alumnus of the prestigious Faber Academy Writing a Novel course.



Pub Date: **10 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835985403 / 1835985408**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **352 pages**

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

Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985403**

Thema: **Psychological thriller, Political / legal thriller, Crime and / or mystery fiction, Crime and mystery: police procedural, Family life fiction / Stories about family**

Author Location: **Worcester, UK**

Book Locale: **Worcestershire**

AI Last Updated: **26 June 2026**



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Clearly Charmed

An enchanting small town enemies-to-lovers romance

Amy True

The first in an enchanting new small-town romance trilogy with more than a sprinkling of magic. When charmed vet Dani meets journalist Bryce sparks fly - but can they find their way from enemies to lovers?

THE PITCH

- MEETS TREND for resurgence in popularity of 90s witchy stories such as *Charmed* and *Practical Magic* among younger women readers, and publication is timed to coincide with the sequel to *Practical Magic* starring Nicole Kidman which hits cinemas in September 2026
- BURSTING WITH POPULAR TROPES including enemies-to-lovers and small-town , it perfectly combines cosy and spicy romance
- AMY TRUE has garnered praise from authors including New York Times bestseller Jennifer Ryan, Amy Pine and Kelly Siskind, among many others

THE BOOK

Dandelion "Dani" McGuire loves her quiet mountain life in Harvest Moon, Colorado even if she and her sisters are part of the town's magical lore.

As the only veterinarian for miles, Dani spends her time caring for the animals she loves with an instinct and touch many consider supernatural.

While hiking in the woods, Dani finds a wayward dog that belongs to Bryce O'Dell, an out-of-town journalist.

He is there to explore the story of the McGuire girls and their witchy heritage and Dani wants nothing to do with him.

But she can't deny the chemistry and it is hard to avoid someone in this tiny town.

Could she trust him? Or will he expose her and her sisters' secrets to the world?

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.



Pub Date: **17 September 2026**

ISBN: **9781835984666 / 1835984665**

Price: **£9.99**

Format: **198mm x 129mm**

Binding: **Paperback**

Extent: **384 pages**

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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835984666**

Thema: **Modern and Contemporary romance, Family life fiction / Stories about family, Modern and contemporary fiction: literary and general, Narrative theme: love / relationships, Narrative theme: identity / belonging, Narrative theme: sense of place**

AI Last Updated: **07 May 2026**

The Wives

An absolutely nail-biting mystery thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat

Alex Khan

When two husbands are brutally murdered by their seemingly loving wives, DS Mumtaz 'Moomy' Ali and DCI Sarah Heaton of the Met police have to solve a complex case and expose a dark conspiracy involving some very powerful - and wealthy - players, putting their own lives on the line.

THE PITCH

- A zeitgeisty plot that could be ripped from the headlines, with a Muslim detective working in the Met and a radical weightloss injection causing women to turn murderous
- British Asian crime fiction is ever-growing in market share - perfectly positioned to tap into this genre, with endorsements from authors like Vaseem Khan and Imran Mahmood anticipated
- For readers of *The Cook* by Ajay Chowdhury, *The Mercy Chair* by M.W. Craven and *The Kill List* by Nadine Matheson.

THE BOOK

**They took their wedding vows.
Now they're taking lives.**

Rose Cromwell, is a mother of two, grandmother to four and has just celebrated her thirty-fifth wedding anniversary to husband Mike.

An ordinary, enviable marriage... until the night that Rose wakes up to see Mike stabbed to death in their marital bed, and the murder weapon in her hand.

Close by, Divya Sharma is happily planning a lavish meal for her devoted husband, Karthik. But their special night ends in horror when she butchers him to death with the meat cleaver she used to lovingly prepare his meal.

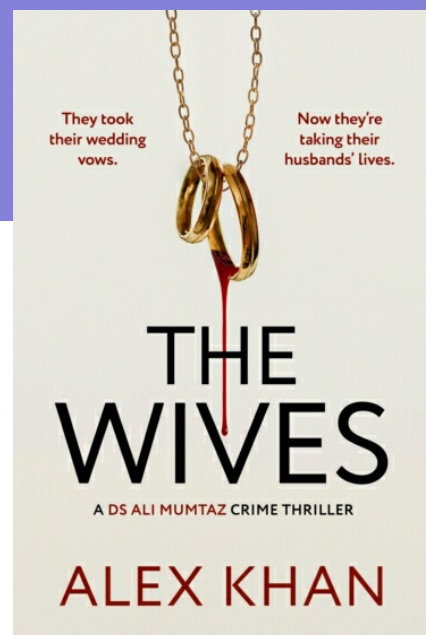
Two perfect marriages, cut short by unimaginable bloodshed, pull Detective Mumtaz 'Moomy' Ali of the Met Special Crime Unit and DCI Sarah Heaton into a perplexing investigation with no clues to follow.

As Mumtaz circles closer to the heart of the case, she finds a connection that might be responsible for turning these gentle, loving wives into brutal murderers. But exposing the truth brings Moomy into the sights of some powerful people who will stop at nothing to stay in the shadows. Can she solve the case, without becoming the next victim on the list?

A fast-paced, heart-racing, dark and sinister mystery novel, set in London. Fans of M.W. Craven, Ajay Chowdhury and M.J Arlidge will be hooked.

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