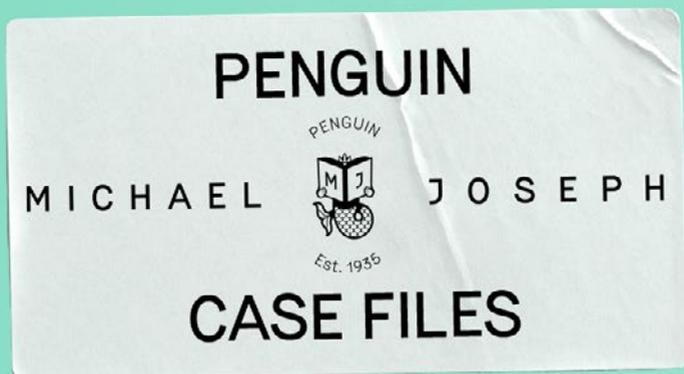


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Dear Reader,

There's nothing quite like a good thriller to get us talking. Whether it's that breath-taking twist we never saw coming, the villain we most love to hate or a fiendish mystery we're desperate to solve (before the detective does!), we at Penguin Michael Joseph love nothing more than getting together to discuss our favourites. And the fact these stories are never far from the charts shows that our appetite for books that keep us guessing isn't going anywhere.

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Maxine Hitchcock

Publishing Director, Penguin Michael Joseph

LIE BESIDE ME

GYTHA LODGE

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'A KILLER PREMISE, RAZOR-SHARP WRITING, AND TWISTS TO DIE FOR... LODGE IS A BRILLIANT STORYTELLER, AND *LIE BESIDE ME* IS HER BEST YET' CHRIS WHITAKER

'GRIPPED ME FROM THE FIRST PAGE AND KEPT ME TURNING THE PAGES LONG INTO THE NIGHT' ERIN KELLY



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE MAN IN YOUR BED ISN'T YOUR HUSBAND, AND ISN'T BREATHING? A GRIPPING, TWIST-FILLED NEW THRILLER FROM THE R&J BESTSELLING AUTHOR

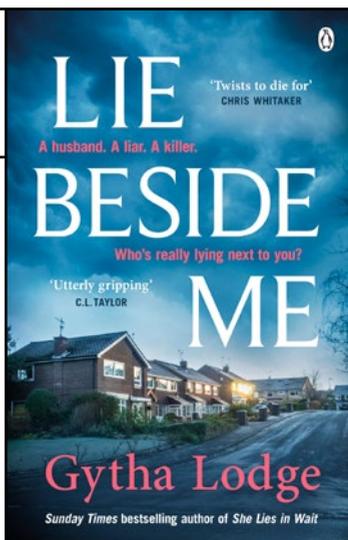
Louise wakes up. Her head aches, her mouth is dry, her memory is fuzzy. But she suspects she's done something bad.

She rolls over towards her husband, Niall. The man who, until recently, made her feel loved. But it's not Niall who's lying beside her. In fact, she's never seen this man before.

And he's not breathing . . .

As Louise desperately struggles to piece her memories back together, it's clear to Detective Jonah Sheens and his team that she is their prime suspect - though they soon find she's not the only one with something to hide.

Did she do it? And, if not, can they catch the real killer before they strike again?



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Gytha Lodge is a *Sunday Times* bestselling writer and multi-award-winning playwright who lives in Cambridge. After studying creative writing at UEA, she was shortlisted for the Yeovil Literary Prize and the Arts' Council England fiction awards, and developed a large online following for her young adult and children's writing, with over seven million reads accrued on platform Wattpad.

She Lies in Wait, her debut novel, was a Richard & Judy Book Club Pick. With nail-biting cases that hook you in, and heart that keeps you coming back for more, Lodge's highly-acclaimed Jonah Sheens series – which also includes *Watching from the Dark* and *Lie Beside Me* – has kept readers gripped from beginning to end, and Lodge has been acclaimed as 'a gifted writer' by *Daily Mail*.

FAST ICE

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'THE ADVENTURE KING' *SUNDAY EXPRESS*
'CUSSLER IS HARD TO BEAT' *DAILY MAIL*

Missing Suspect

**THE RIP-ROARING NEW THRILLER IN THE NUMA SERIES FROM
THE NO. 1 *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING GRAND MASTER OF
ADVENTURE, CLIVE CUSSLER**

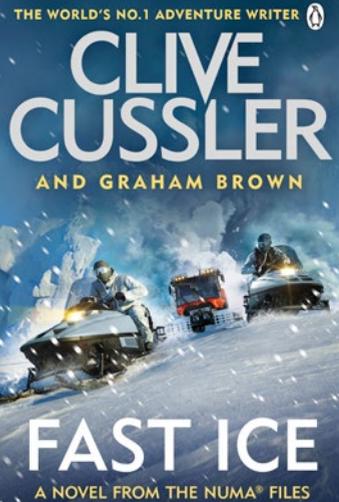
A research ship is adrift off the coast of Antarctica...

Weeks earlier, one of the crew messaged NUMA
claiming to have made a world-shattering discovery.
Followed by silence.

Despatched to the icy waters Kurt Austin finds a
sinking ship, crew murdered, vessel ransacked – and
one research scientist missing.

What was discovered? Who wanted it badly enough to
kill everyone? And where did they vanish to?

One way or another, Kurt's heading for Antarctica to
learn the truth. Because someone is preparing to turn
this secret discovery into a weapon of chilling power
– unless Kurt finds them first...



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Clive Cussler was the author and co-author of a great number of international bestsellers, including the famous Dirk Pitt® adventures, such as *Celtic Empire*; the NUMA® Files adventures, most recently *Fast Ice*; the *Oregon Files*, such as *Marauder*; the Isaac Bell historical thrillers, which began with *The Chase*; and the recent Fargo Adventures, which lastly included *Wrath of Poseidon*. Cussler died in 2020.

Graham Brown is the author of *Black Rain* and *Black Sun*, and the co-author with Cussler of *Devil's Gate*, *The Storm*, *Zero Hour*, *Ghost Ship*, *The Pharaoh's Secret*, *Nighthawk* and *The Rising Sea*. A pilot and an attorney, he lives in Arizona.

THE ANOMALY

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'A MIND-BENDING, PRIZE-WINNING SPECULATIVE THRILLER' *GUARDIAN*

'THE BUZZ AROUND THIS GONCOURT PRIZE-WINNER IS RICHLY DESERVED, AND JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE WORKED IT OUT...WELL, YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T' *DAILY MAIL*

A RUNAWAY BESTSELLER, AND THE WINNER OF FRANCE'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS LITERARY PRIZE, *THE ANOMALY* IS THE BESTSELLING INTERNATIONAL SENSATION THAT ASKS: WHAT WOULD YOU DO, IF THERE WERE TWO OF YOU?

When Air France flight 006 departed from Paris, the route to New York was just as it had always been. The skies were clear. The passengers were safe. Everything was going to plan.

Until the event that would change everything.

Amidst terrifying turbulence, the plane – somehow – was doubled. For every one person on board that day, there were now two. A double with the same body, the same mind, the same memories.

When it's time for the doubles to meet, they must confront their extraordinary fate. And only one thing is certain: life as they know it, will never be the same.

THE MILLION-COPY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

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'Phenomenal'
HARRIET TYCE

THE ANOMALY

"You won't want to put this book down"
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HERVÉ LE TELLIER

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**ROYAL OCTAVO
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Hervé Le Tellier is a writer, journalist, mathematician, food critic, and teacher. Since 1992, he has been a member of the prestigious and experimental Oulipo group of writers and mathematicians, who work to push against the boundaries of form and structure.

At the age of 64, with a decades-long career and several novels, essay and short story collections to his name, *The Anomaly* is his breakout hit. In 2020, it was awarded the prestigious Prix Goncourt, and has sold over a million copies.

FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

SAMANTHA DOWNING

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'DARK, SLY AND DELICIOUS...TOTALLY ORIGINAL – AND TOTALLY COMPELLING'

JP DELANEY

'AN IRRESISTIBLY DARK TALE OF PARENTS, PUPILS AND POISON: THE AMERICAN DREAM TURNED SUBURBAN NIGHTMARE' TM LOGAN



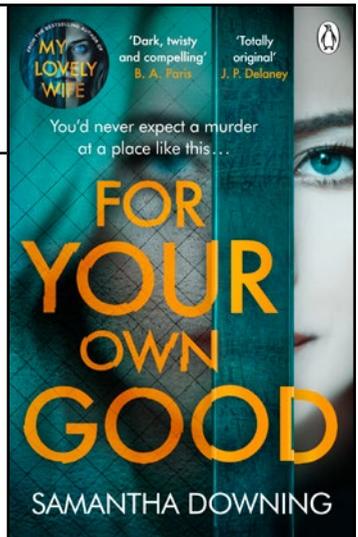
**THE DARKER IT GETS, THE HARDER IT IS TO PUT DOWN:
THE DELICIOUSLY TWISTED THIRD NOVEL FROM THE DOUBLE
SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING SAMANTHA DOWNING**

Teddy Crutcher has won Teacher of the Year at the prestigious Belmont Academy. Everyone thinks he's brilliant. Only you know the truth.

They all smile when he tells us his wife couldn't be more proud – though actually, no-one has seen her in a while. They're impressed when he doesn't let anything distract him – even the tragic death of a school parent. Even when the whispers start, saying it was murder.

You're sure Teddy is hiding something. You're sure you can prove it.

It's just that when it comes to catching a killer, there's no place more dangerous than just one step behind . . .



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Samantha Downing was born in the Bay Area, and currently lives in New Orleans. Her debut novel, *My Lovely Wife*, was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and a *Sunday Times* bestseller, and has been published in thirty languages. It won a Dead Good Reader Award, and was shortlisted for four other major awards: The CWA John Creasey Dagger, The Edgar Award for Best First Novel, The ITW Thriller Award for Best First Novel and The Macavity Award for Best First Mystery. Amazon Studios and Nicole Kidman's Blossom Films have partnered to produce a feature film based on the novel. Her second novel, *He Started It*, was also a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

THE PERFECT ESCAPE

LEAH KONEN

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'THIS ADDICTIVE READ HAS ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A PERFECT THRILLER – ACTION PACKED, CREEPY AND FULL OF TWISTS, IT'S UNPUTDOWNABLE!' MY WEEKLY

'A FAST-PACED, EDGE-OF-YOUR-SEAT THRILLER' MEGAN MIRANDA



THREE FRIENDS. ONE MUCH-NEEDED GETAWAY. WHO COULD HAVE EXPECTED IT TO END IN MURDER?

When her husband Harry walks out after just six months, a girls' weekend away with two friends seems like just what Sam needs.

But they aren't even halfway to their destination when things start to go wrong: car trouble that just happens to leave them stranded in the town where Harry lives.

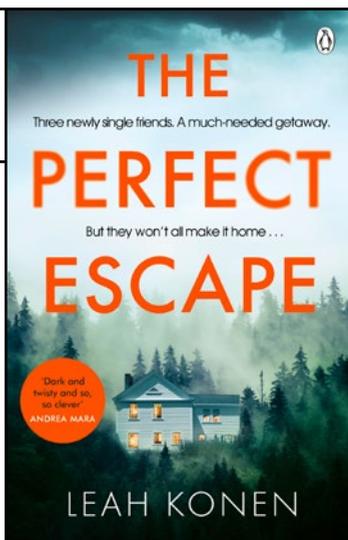
And that's only the beginning.

Because there are three things Sam doesn't yet know:

One of her friends is lying about what happened.

One is lying about who she is.

And one of them will never make it home . . .



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Leah Konen is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied journalism and English literature. She's the author of several young adult novels, including *Love and Other Train Wrecks* and *The Romantics*. *One White Lie* was her adult thriller debut.

She lives in Brooklyn and Saugerties, NY, with her husband, their daughter, Eleanor, and their dog, Farley.

THIS NOWHERE PLACE

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'STERLING WORK' *GUARDIAN*

'AN INTELLIGENT, TAUT THRILLER...BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN AND COMPELLING'

CLAIRE DOUGLAS



***THE GIRLS MEETS THE DRY* IN THIS TENSE AND
ATMOSPHERIC DRAMA ABOUT LOYALTY, LIES AND
OBSESSION**

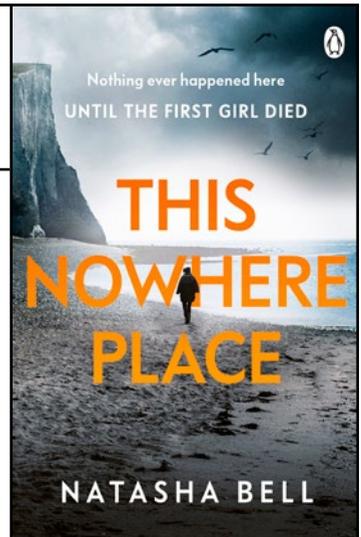
Mo, Cali, Jude.

Three teenagers who befriend each other on the white cliffs, thinking they'll save each other.

Within months, two of them are dead and the third is scarred for life.

Ten years later, documentary-maker Tarek Zayat and his film crew are in town, asking difficult questions, looking for secrets in the silence around that fateful summer.

Because in the shadow of the white cliffs it's easy for stories, histories and people to get lost. And in a small town, the truth is something that must be carefully unburied – in case it buries you.



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Natasha Bell grew up in Somerset and has lived in York, Massachusetts and Chicago. She moved to London in 2015 to take an MA in Creative and Life Writing at Goldsmiths, where she is now pursuing a PhD. She writes from her home in southeast London and teaches Creative Writing at City Lit. Natasha's debut *His Perfect Wife* was published by Penguin Michael Joseph in 2018.

BREATHLESS

AMY McCULLOCH

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'HAD ME ON THE EDGE OF MY SEAT...A MUST READ FOR 2022' SARAH PEARSE

'A HIGH-ALTITUDE, HIGH-STAKES THRILLER – I LOVED IT' MATT HAIG

'CHILLING, VIVID AND ENTIRELY UNIQUE' ABIGAIL DEAN



**WHEN YOU'RE THIS HIGH UP, NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM:
AN ICE-COLD THRILLER FROM AN EXPERT MOUNTAINEER
TURNED BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

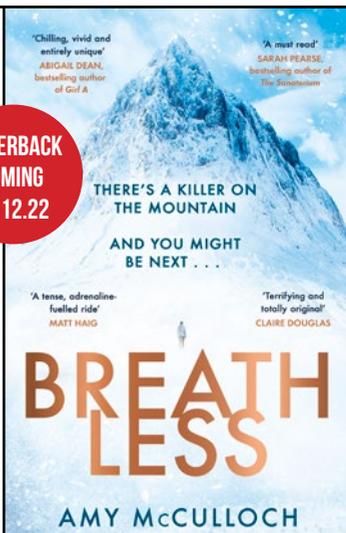
At the top of the world's tallest mountains, there literally isn't enough oxygen to breathe. In the space of hours your body will begin to shut down. Any longer, and death is inevitable.

What better place for a serial killer to find their next victim?

Struggling journalist Cecily Wong is delighted to be invited to interview famed mountaineer Charles McVeigh, conditional on joining his team on one of the Himalayas' toughest peaks.

But on the mountain, it's clear something is wrong. It begins small – a theft, an accidental fall. And then a note, pinned to her tent in the night: there's a murderer on the mountain...

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**ROYAL OCTAVO
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Amy McCulloch is the Chinese-White author of eight novels for children and young adults, including the #1 bestselling YA novel *The Magpie Society: One for Sorrow*. In September 2019, she became the youngest Canadian woman to climb Mt Manaslu in Nepal – the world's eighth highest mountain. She also summited the highest mountain in the Americas, Aconcagua, in -45C and 90kmph winds, and has visited all seven continents. *Breathless* is her adult fiction debut.

DARK HORSE

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'WEAPONS-GRADE THRILLER WRITING' *GUARDIAN*
'OUTSTANDING IN EVERY WAY' LEE CHILD



**EVAN SMOAK AKA ORPHAN X IS BACK AT BREAK-NECK SPEED
IN A THRILLING NEW ADVENTURE**

THE HERO

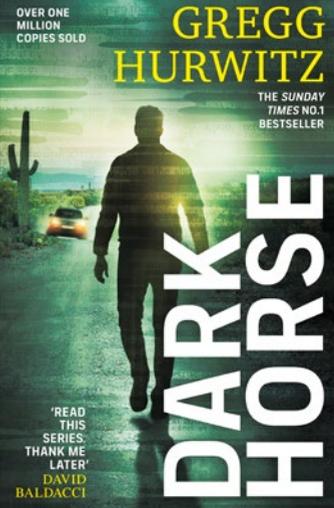
Evan Smoak: former off-the-books assassin – code name Orphan X. His world is divided into those who deserve his help and those who've brought his singular brand of justice upon themselves.

THE VICTIM

A desperate father reaches out. His teenage daughter Anjelina has been kidnapped by a brutal criminal cartel and spirited over the border into Mexico. And while money is no object, Evan soon realises that his prospective client's past is as clouded and compromised as his own.

THE MISSION

If Evan is going to put his life on the line to rescue Anjelina, he must first decide whether he can act on behalf of a bad man. And even then, up against the men who are holding his daughter, there will be no guarantee of success . . .



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ROYAL OCTAVO
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Gregg Hurwitz is the No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the Evan Smoak thrillers *Orphan X*, *The Nowhere Man*, *Hellbent*, *Out of the Dark*, *Into the Fire*, and *Prodigal Son*. He is also the author of *You're Next*, *The Survivor*, *Tell No Lies* and *Don't Look Back*. He lives with his family in LA, where he also writes for the screen, TV and comics.

THE PUSH

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'A GRIPPING DEBUT THAT EXPLORES AND MANIPULATES THE FEARS AND INSECURITIES OF MOTHERS EVERYWHERE' *GUARDIAN*

'AN INVENTIVE TWIST ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER FORMULA' *SUNDAY TIMES*



IF SHE IS A MONSTER THEN WHAT AM I?
THE HAUNTING *SUNDAY TIMES* TOP 10 BESTSELLER

**'I THINK SHE PUSHED HIM,' I SAID TO YOU QUIETLY.
'I THINK SHE PUSHED HIM ...'**

The arrival of baby Violet was meant to be the happiest day of my life. But as soon as I held her in my arms I knew something wasn't right.

I had always known that the women in my family aren't meant to be mothers. My husband Fox says I'm imagining it. He tells me I'm nothing like my own mother, and that Violet is the sweetest child.

But something feels very wrong. Is it her? Or is it me?
Is she the monster? Or am I?

'Like *The Girl on the Train* – but better'
DAILY MAIL

'Compulsive'
VOGUE

'Gripping'
GUARDIAN

THE PUSH

'Set my nerves jangling. Not to be missed'
LISA JEWELL

ASHLEY AUDRAIN
INTERNATIONAL NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER

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Ashley Audrain's debut novel *The Push* is a *New York Times*, *Sunday Times* and #1 international bestseller, and a *Good Morning America* book club pick. It's been translated into 36 languages, and a limited television series is currently in development. Ashley previously worked as the publicity director of Penguin Books Canada, and prior to that, worked in public relations. She lives in Toronto, where she and her partner are raising their two young children. Ashley is currently working on her second novel *The Whispers*.

A QUESTION OF GUILT

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'TENSE, FAST-PACED...COMPELLING' SUNDAY EXPRESS
'RELENTLESSLY EXCITING... CREATES A SENSE OF REAL MENACE' THE TIMES



A KILLER CAUGHT. A MURDER SENTENCE SERVED. BUT DID THEY ARREST THE WRONG MAN?

In 1999, seventeen-year-old Tone Vaterland was killed on her way home from work. Desperate for a conviction the police deemed the investigation an open-and-shut case and sent her spurned boyfriend, Danny Momrak, down for murder. But twenty years later William Wisting receives a puzzling letter. It suggests the wrong man was convicted for Tone's death and the real murderer is still out there.

Wisting is quickly thrown into a terrifying race against time where he must find the sender, decipher this mysterious letter and catch the real killer before they strike again.

WISTING IN A QUESTION OF GUILT

**'Up there
with the best
of the Nordic
crime writers'**
The Times

A CHILLING LETTER.
A WRONG CONVICTION.
A LAST CHANCE TO FIND
THE REAL KILLER.

JØRN LIER HORST
THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER 

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Jørn Lier Horst worked as a police officer and head of investigations before becoming a full-time writer and has established himself as one of the most successful authors to come out of Scandinavia. His books have sold over two million copies in his native Norway alone and he's published in twenty-six languages.

The Wisting series, produced by the team behind *Wallander* and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, was a hit BBC series in 2019 with a second series due to air soon.

Anne Bruce (translator) studied Norwegian and English at the University of Glasgow and now lives on the Isle of Arran, Scotland. She has translated a number of crime novels by Anne Holt and Jørn Lier Horst, including the Petrona-Prize-winning *The Caveman* and *When It Grows Dark*, which was longlisted for the CWA International Dagger in 2017.

THIS MIGHT HURT

STEPHANIE WROBEL

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'WORTHY OF PATRICIA HIGHSMITH AT HER FINEST: QUITE SUPERB' *DAILY MAIL*
'A TOTAL PAGE-TURNER' LISA JEWELL



A STORY OF SISTERS, SECRETS AND A SANCTUARY WITH A DARK AGENDA FROM AUTHOR OF *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER *THE RECOVERY OF ROSE GOLD*

WELCOME TO WISEWOOD. WE'LL KEEP YOUR SECRETS, IF YOU KEEP OURS.

High-flier Natalie Collins always has a plan. Her younger sister Kit rarely does.

Until she finds Wisewood. When Kit joins the self-help retreat on a secluded Maine island, Natalie has concerns. Why does it forbid contact with the outside world? Is it a cult?

Then, after months of silence, she receives a message:

Would you like to come tell your sister what you did – or should we?

Who is digging into the Collins' past? Natalie will have to go to Wisewood to find out.

**PAPERBACK
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Welcome to Wisewood

THIS

We'll keep your secrets

MIGHT

If you keep ours . . .

HURT

STEPHANIE WROBEL

The *Sunday Times* Bestseller

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Stephanie Wrobel is the author of *The Recovery of Rose Gold*, a *Sunday Times* and international bestseller that has sold in twenty-two countries. *This Might Hurt* is her second novel, an attempt to answer the questions: what sort of person joins a cult? And what sort of person leads one?

Wrobel grew up in Chicago but has lived in London for five years with her husband and her dog, Moose Barkwinkle.

SUSPECTS

LESLEY PEARSE

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'STORYTELLING AT ITS VERY BEST' *DAILY MAIL*

'GRIPPING AND SUSPENSEFUL' *DAILY EXPRESS*



**THE GRIPPING NEW *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLING NOVEL.
WELCOME TO WILLOW CLOSE, WHERE EVERYONE IS A
SUSPECT...**

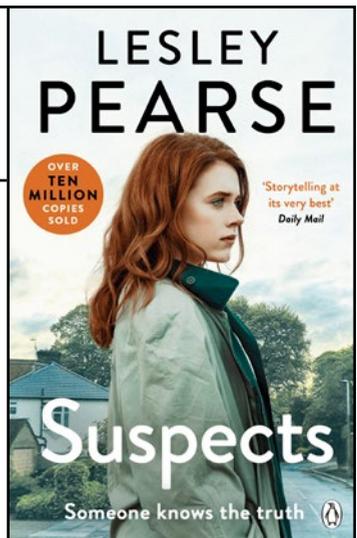
On the day Nina and Conrad Best move into their new home in picture-perfect Willow Close, a body is discovered.

The residents gather around a police cordon – one of their neighbours has been brutally killed in the woods.

As police interview witnesses, they soon discover each resident hiding their own secrets. Because few in the Close are exactly who they seem.

Nina and Conrad thought they'd found their dream home.

But have they moved into a nightmare?



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International bestselling author Lesley Pearse has lived a life as rich with incidents, setbacks and joys as any found in her novels. After her mother died, Lesley spent three years in an orphanage before she was taken home when her father remarried.

Resourceful, determined and willing to have a go at almost anything, Lesley left home at sixteen. By the mid Sixties she was living in London, sharing flats, partying hard and married a trumpet player in a Jazz rock band. She has also worked as a nanny, a Playboy bunny and designed and made clothes to sell to boutiques.

It was only after having three daughters that Lesley began to write. The hardships, traumas, close friends and lovers from those early years were inspiration for her beloved novels. She published her first book at 49 and has not looked back since.

Lesley is still a party girl.

DAMAGE

CAITLIN WAHRER

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'UTTERLY AUTHENTIC AND FULL OF TWISTS. A REMARKABLE DEBUT' *SUNDAY TIMES*

'ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS YOU'LL READ THIS YEAR' SHARI LAPENA



SET TO IGNITE DEBATE AND AS GRIPPING AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOXSET, THIS IS A COMPULSIVE DRAMA ABOUT A FAMILY TORN APART BY AN ALLEGED ASSAULT

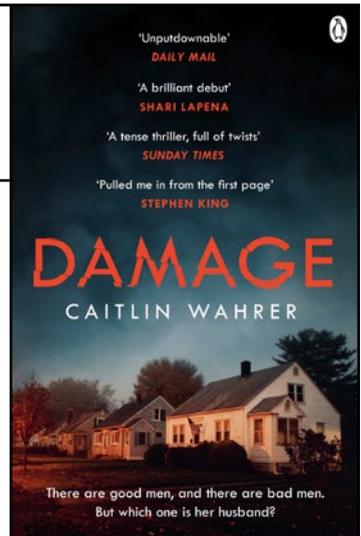
Julia Hall just wants to hold her family together. But the day her brother-in-law Nick is brutally assaulted is the day everything she's worked so hard to build starts to topple.

Julia's husband Tony can't let go of his anger about Nick's attack.

Or the police's inability to give him the justice he seeks. He's tempted to take matters into his own hands.

Julia knows the man she married. But she fears what this is doing to him – and their family.

Even more than that: she fears where saving her husband will take her . . .



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Caitlin Wahrer is a Maine girl through and through.

She was born to two hippies who raised her in Canaan, a small town in central-southern Maine without a single stoplight in it. Caitlin left the state for four years to study criminal justice and marriage and family studies at a college in Pennsylvania. She returned to Maine after graduation to attend law school. She practices civil litigation in Portland. She and her husband, also a lawyer, live in South Portland with their dog.

TOM CLANCY'S TARGET ACQUIRED	
DON BENTLEY	
<p>'A BRILLIANTLY CONSTRUCTED THRILLER THAT PACKS A PUNCH LIKE SEMTEX' <i>DAILY MAIL</i></p> <p>'A VIRTUOSO DISPLAY OF PAGE-TURNING TALENT' <i>SUNDAY EXPRESS</i></p>	

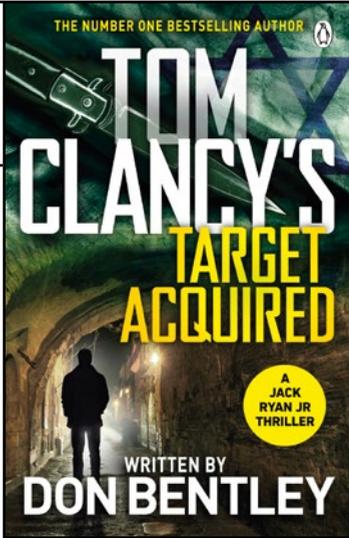
ANOTHER HEART-RACING THRILLER FROM THE JACK RYAN JR SERIES

Jack Ryan Jr. lands in Israel. A few hours of simple spycraft for an old friend in the CIA then he's off the hook. Espionage has never been so easy.

Then in a crowded market, he spots the glint of a knife. Without a thought, he throws himself in front of the targets – an American woman and her young son.

Suddenly, Jack is facing a team of trained international killers and two very big questions. Who wants this mother and child dead that badly? And why?

Cover blown, alone and outgunned on foreign soil, Jack will need all his wits to find out – and then to somehow stop them...



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Don Bentley spent a decade as an Army Apache helicopter pilot, and while deployed in Afghanistan was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Medal with "V" device for valor.

Following his time in the military, Bentley worked as an FBI special agent focusing on foreign intelligence and counterintelligence and was a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team member.

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'AN ELECTRIFYING NEW VOICE' LOUISE O'NEILL
'IT GRIPS LIKE A VICE' WILL DEAN



MY DARK VANESSA MEETS GONE GIRL IN THIS POWERFULLY GRIPPING DEBUT THRILLER ABOUT A TOXIC COUPLE – WHO BOTH HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE...

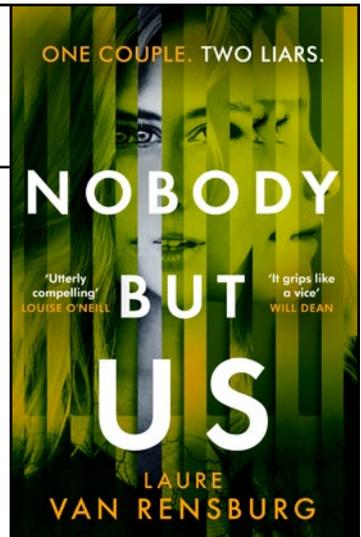
Steven Harding is a handsome, well-respected professor.

Ellie Masterson is a wide-eyed young college student.

Together, they are driving south from New York, for their first holiday together: three days in an isolated cabin, far from the city. Ahead of them, the promise of long, dark nights – and the chance to explore one another's bodies properly, away from disapproving eyes.

It should be a perfect, romantic trip for two.
Except that he's not who he says he is.

But then again, neither is she...



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Laure Van Rensburg is a French writer living in the UK and an Ink Academy alumna. Her stories have appeared in online magazines and anthologies such as *Litro Magazine*, *Storgy Magazine*, *The Real Jazz Baby* (2020 Best Anthology, Saboteur Awards 2020), and *FIVE:2:ONE*. She has also placed in competitions including 2018 & 2019 Bath Short Story Award.

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'THIS STUNNING DEBUT THRILLER WILL HAVE YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT' *SUNDAY EXPRESS*



I AM PILGRIM MEETS MINORITY REPORT— A GRIPPING INTERNATIONAL CAT-AND-MOUSE THRILLER WITH AN ENORMOUS MIND-BENDING TWIST

All over the world, random people are being brutally assassinated.

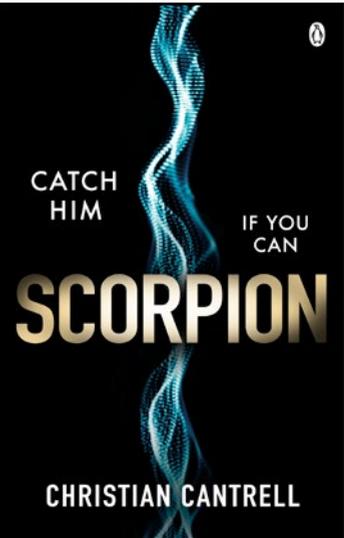
Each death is unique, but they all have one thing in common: four numbers branded or carved into the victims' flesh.

What does it mean?

For the brilliant and haunted CIA analyst Quinn Mitchell, it means leaving a safe and predictable desk job as she tries to track down a global serial killer.

What she doesn't know is that nothing about this mission – her handlers, the intelligence, even the laws of cause and effect – can be trusted.

And her target has saved his most shocking murder for last . . .



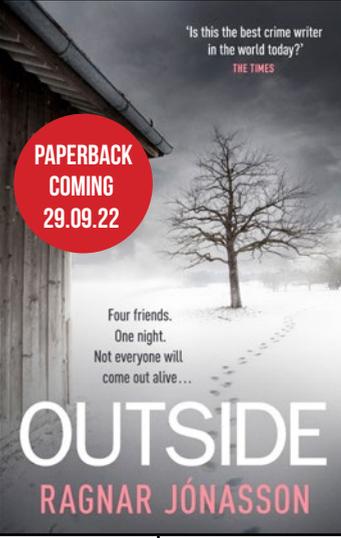
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Christian Cantrell, a software engineer living outside of Washington, D.C. His fiction titles have sold more than a quarter of a million copies, and three of his stories have been optioned for film or TV. Beyond his writing, he leads a team of designers and engineers who prototype the future of creativity at Adobe.

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<p>FOUR FRIENDS. ONE NIGHT. NOT EVERYONE WILL COME OUT ALIVE . . . THE ICE-COLD NEW STAND-ALONE MYSTERY FROM 'WORLD-CLASS CRIME WRITER' RAGNAR JÓNASSON</p>	
<p>In the swirling snow of a deadly Icelandic storm, four friends seek shelter in a small abandoned hunting lodge. Miles from help, and knowing they will die outside in the cold, they break open the lock and make their way inside, hoping to wait out the storm until morning.</p> <p>But nothing can prepare them for what they find behind the door . . .</p> <p>Outside, certain death from exposure awaits. So with no other option, they find themselves forced to spend a long, terrifying night in the cabin, where lurks a dangerous presence that chills them to their core.</p> <p>But as the evening darkens, old secrets are beginning to find their way to the light. And as the tension escalates between the four friends, it soon becomes clear that the danger they discovered lurking in the cabin is far from the only mystery that will be uncovered tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nor the only thing to be afraid of . . .</p>	
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Ragnar Jónasson is an international number one bestselling author who has sold over two million books in thirty-two countries worldwide. He was born in Reykjavík, Iceland, where he also works as an investment banker and teaches copyright law at Reykjavík University.

He has previously worked on radio and television, including as a TV news reporter for the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service, and, from the age of seventeen, has translated fourteen of Agatha Christie's novels. He is currently writing a novel with the Icelandic Prime Minister, Katrín Jakobsdóttir. His critically acclaimed international bestseller *The Darkness* is soon to be a major TV series.

LITTLE SISTER

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'A GIFTED WRITER' *DAILY MAIL*

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**TWO SISTERS WENT MISSING. ONLY ONE OF THEM CAME BACK...
AN INTENSELY GRIPPING NEW THRILLER FROM THE
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Detective Jonah Sheens is enjoying a moment of peace and quiet, when a teenage girl wanders out of the wood.

She's striking, with flame-red hair and a pale complexion. She's also covered in blood.

Jonah quickly discovers that Keely and her sister, Nina, disappeared from a children's home a week ago. Now, Keely's here.

She insists she's fine. It's Nina he needs to worry about.

Keely knows where her sister is – but before she tells, she wants Jonah's full attention.

Is she killer, witness, or victim? And will Jonah find out what Keely's hiding, in time to save Nina?



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Gytha Lodge is a *Sunday Times* bestselling writer and multi-award-winning playwright who lives in Cambridge. After studying creative writing at UEA, she was shortlisted for the Yeovil Literary Prize and the Arts' Council England fiction awards, and developed a large online following for her young adult and children's writing, with over seven million reads accrued on platform Wattpad.

She Lies in Wait, her debut novel, was a Richard & Judy Book Club Pick. With nail-biting cases that hook you in, and heart that keeps you coming back for more, Lodge's highly-acclaimed Jonah Sheens series – which also includes *Watching from the Dark* and *Lie Beside Me* – has kept readers gripped from beginning to end, and Lodge has been acclaimed as 'a gifted writer' by *Daily Mail*.

Little Sister is her fourth novel.

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When the Van Dorn Agency's top detective, Isaac Bell, thwarts a plot to kill a US Senator, the race is on to uncover who was behind it and what they hoped to gain.

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He just doesn't know yet how big . . .

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A KISS AFTER DYING

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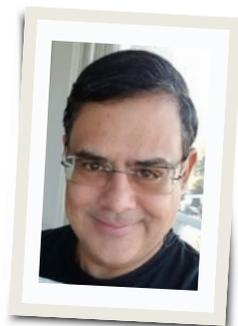
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'INGENIOUS AND THRILLING, THIS NOVEL WILL HAVE YOUR HEAD SPINNING'

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Charming and handsome, Ricky Manfredi is living an idyllic playboy life when, out of the blue, he bumps into a shy pretty girl named Hannah.

That's not her real name.

Ricky has always had his pick of women. But when chance brings them together a second time, he finds himself irresistibly drawn in.

Which is exactly how she planned it.

It's not long before, to the surprise of them both, Ricky and Hannah are falling for each other. But Hannah knows that can't be allowed to happen.

Because murder is only the first stage of her plan...

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Ashok Banker has previously written over eighty bestselling and internationally acclaimed books spanning genres ranging from children's fiction to mythological epics. Originally from Mumbai, he is now based in Los Angeles. *A Kiss After Dying* is his debut thriller.

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

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FIND OUT THE LENGTHS ONE WOMAN WILL GO TO SAVE
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Your happy, funny, innocent son commits a terrible crime: murdering a complete stranger.

You don't know who. You don't know why. You only know your teenage boy is in custody and his future lost.

That night you fall asleep in despair.
Until you wake. . .

. . . and it is yesterday.

Every morning you wake up a day earlier, another day before the murder. Another chance to stop it.

Somewhere in the past lie the answers, and you don't have a choice but to find them . . .

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FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

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Gillian McAllister has been writing for as long as she can remember. She graduated with an English degree before working as a lawyer. She lives in Birmingham, where she now writes full-time. She is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Everything But the Truth*, *Anything You Do Say*, *No Further Questions*, *The Evidence Against You*, *How To Disappear* and the Richard & Judy Book Club pick *That Night*. She is also the creator and co-host of the popular *Honest Authors* podcast.

SUMMER FEVER

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'INTIMATE, INTENSE AND UTTERLY ADDICTIVE, *SUMMER FEVER* IS A RARE TREAT OF A NOVEL' EMMA STONEX



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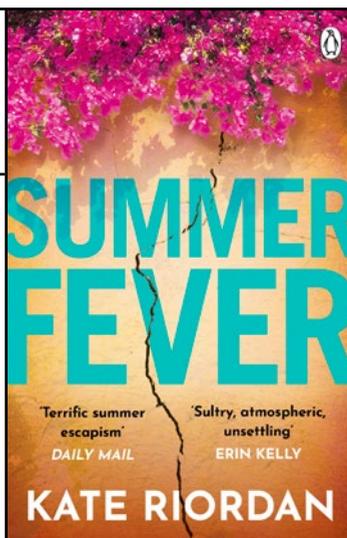
Laura made them buy Villa Luna Rossa in the hot Italian hills – and husband Nick went along with it. Anything to save their marriage.

Now their first guests arrive: Madison and Bastian. A picture-perfect couple – until the cracks begin to show.

Is it the summer heat? What is drawing Laura to Bastian? And why is Nick too distracted to see it?

Days pass. The sun climbs higher. Secrets are swept from shadows. And for Laura and Nick, Madison and Bastian, the lines between truth and lies, fidelity and infidelity have never felt so easy to cross.

The heat is intoxicating – as is betrayal...



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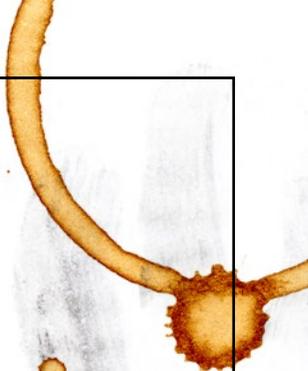
Kate Riordan is a writer and journalist. She is an avid reader of Daphne du Maurier and Agatha Christie, both of whom have influenced her writing. She lives in the Cotswolds, where she writes full-time. Her previous novels include *The Girl In The Photograph*, *The Shadow Hour*, *The Stranger* and *The Heatwave*, which was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick. *Summer Fever* is her fifth novel.

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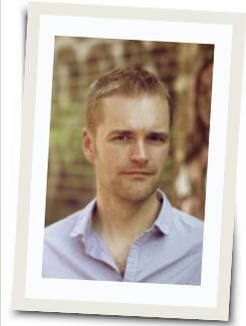
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THE BLACKBIRD

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'SO MANY TWISTS AND SUPRISES' THE TIMES
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**ONE ACCIDENT. NO SURVIVORS. SO WHERE ARE THE BODIES?
THIS IS DAVID RAKER'S MOST HEART-POUNING AND TENSE
CASE YET**

David Raker is back.

Ten seconds before the accident, Cate and Aiden Gascoigne's car is recorded on CCTV. The couple are laughing – happy, untroubled.

Then their car plunges into a ninety-foot ravine.

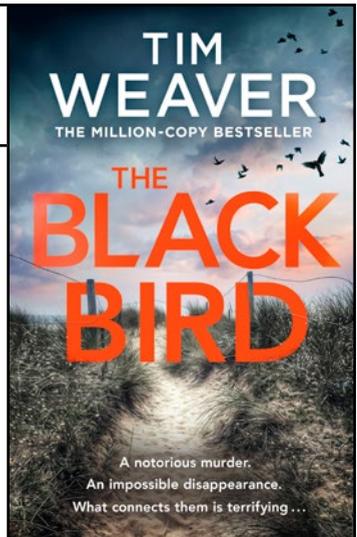
The impact should kill them. And if it doesn't, the fire will. As by the time emergency services arrive, it's an inferno.

But the fire crews and forensic teams find something impossible.

The vehicle is empty.

Cate and Aiden are missing.

Enter Raker.



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Tim Weaver is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of eleven thrillers, including *No One Home* and *You Were Gone*. He has been nominated for a National Book Award, twice selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club, and shortlisted for the Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award. He is also the host and producer of the chart-topping *Missing* podcast, which features experts in the field discussing missing persons investigations from every angle. A former journalist and magazine editor, he lives near Bath with his wife and daughter.

DECEPTION

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She had accepted Sally's many faults, and reluctance to never speak of the past. But faced with this deception, Alice knows she must uncover the whole truth about her mother.

Whatever the cost.

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Her past was a lie.
Now she must discover the truth.

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International bestselling author Lesley Pearse has lived a life as rich with incidents, setbacks and joys as any found in her novels. After her mother died, Lesley spent three years in an orphanage before she was taken home when her father remarried.

Resourceful, determined and willing to have a go at almost anything Lesley left home at sixteen. By the mid Sixties she was living in London, sharing flats, partying hard and married a trumpet player in a Jazz rock band. She has also worked as a nanny, a Playboy bunny and designed and made clothes to sell to boutiques.

It was only after having three daughters that Lesley began to write. The hardships, traumas, close friends and lovers from those early years were inspiration for her beloved novels. She published her first book at 49 and has not looked back since.

Lesley is still a party girl.

A STRANGER ON BOARD

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'AGATHA CHRISTIE MEETS *DIE HARD* ON WATER. A FANTASTIC, FULL THROTTLE THRILLER THAT NEVER TAKES ITS FOOT OFF THE ACCELERATOR' JOHN MARRS

'A FABULOUS, ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURE' JO SPAIN



**WELCOME TO THE YACHT OF YOUR DREAMS. A SWIMMING POOL.
AN ART GALLERY. AN AWARD-WINNING CHEF. AND A KILLER
PICKING YOU OFF, ONE BY ONE...**

When ex-marine Sarah French joins a luxury superyacht as onboard security, she's excited to get her life – and career – back on track.

Surrounded by crystal waters, it seems like the perfect place to start over.

As they head into open water, though, tensions between the crew quickly build. And when someone goes missing, Sarah has a terrifying realisation.

One of them is a killer. All of them are suspects.

To protect the other passengers, Sarah needs to uncover the killer's identity, and return the boat safely to shore.

But there's a storm on the horizon – and not all of them will make it out alive...



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Cameron Ward had the good fortune to be born to a teacher and an editor in a house full of books. A philosophy graduate with a professional background in IT, he has worked in both publishing and the public sector.

His previous published works, under the name Adam Southward, include the Kindle bestselling Alex Madison series. He enjoys beach walks, paddleboarding, and stealing superyachts.

MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW

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'A SPRAWLING, STUNNING, TWISTING TRIUMPH... ACHINGLY CLEVER AND STYLISH'

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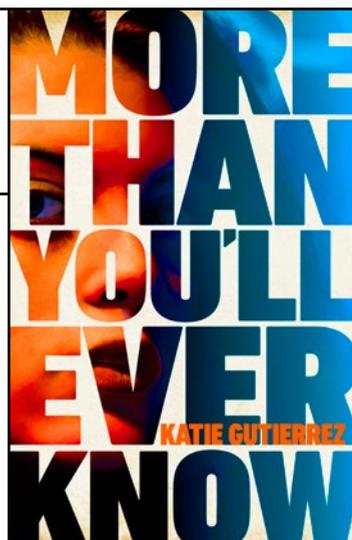
LORE RIVERA LOVED TWO MEN, UNTIL ONE OF THEM SHOT THE OTHER. A STUNNING DEBUT NOVEL OF LOVE, MARRIAGE AND MURDER

Lore Rivera was married to two men at once. She led a secret double life – until one man shot the other. That's the story the world knows.

But true-crime writer Cassie Bowman wants to know more – about the mysterious woman at the heart of it all, and about what really happened the night of that tragic murder.

How did Lore lead two lives? How did it feel when it all came crashing down?

Cassie is surprised that Lore is willing to talk. But, as what really happened that fateful summer of 1986 unfurls, will either woman be prepared when the truth comes to light?



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Katie Gutierrez has an MFA from Texas State University, and has written for *Harper's Bazaar*, the *Washington Post*, *Longreads*, and more.

She was born and raised in Laredo, Texas, a city on the U.S.-Mexico border, and now lives in San Antonio with her husband and two young children. She finished writing this novel days before delivering her second child, who turned out to be quite the good luck charm.

THE NIGHT MAN

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HE'S ONLY JUST GETTING STARTED...

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Jørn Lier Horst worked as a police officer and head of investigations before becoming a full-time writer and has established himself as one of the most successful authors to come out of Scandinavia. His books have sold over two million copies in his native Norway alone and he's published in twenty-six languages.

The *Wisting* series, produced by the team behind *Wallander* and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, was a hit BBC series in 2019 with a second series due to air soon.

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Robin Burcell spent nearly three decades working in California law enforcement as a police officer, detective, hostage negotiator, and FBI-trained forensic artist. She is the author of ten novels, most recently *The Kill Order*. Burcell lives in Lodi California.

TRIFLERS NEED NOT APPLY

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'EXTRAORDINARY. BRUCE DOES A MARVELLOUS JOB OF REIMAGINING THIS REAL-LIFE MURDERER, WITHOUT EXCUSING HER CRIMES' *THE TIMES*

'IT'S THE SORT OF BOOK FOR WHICH THE PHRASE 'PAGE-TURNER' WAS INVENTED'

LUCIE MCKNIGHT HARDY



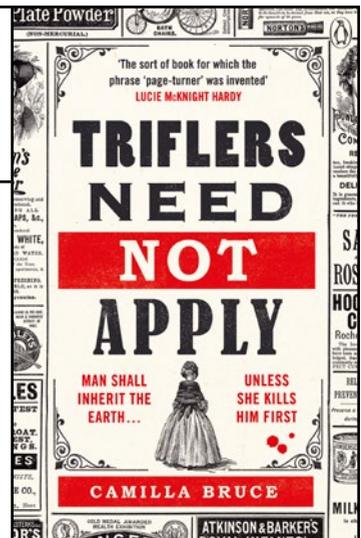
**BELLA LOVES MEN – SHE LOVES THEM TO DEATH . . .
THE COMPULSIVELY READABLE AND DELICIOUSLY DARK
REIMAGINING OF THE LIFE OF AMERICA'S FIRST FEMALE
SERIAL KILLER**

Early in life Bella discovers the world is made for men. They own everything: property, jobs, wives. But Bella sees what few others do: where women are concerned, men are weak.

An unscrupulous woman can take what she wants. And so Bella sets out to prove she can be as ruthless and blackhearted as any man.

Starting with her husband Mads, Bella embarks on a killing spree the like of which has never been seen before – nor since.

And leaving kind, older sister Nellie to gaze in horror as Bella's schemes to enrich herself and cut down the male population come to terrible fruition . . .



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Camilla Bruce was born in central Norway and grew up in an old forest, next to an Iron Age burial mound. She has a master's degree in comparative literature from The Norwegian University of Science and Technology and a varied work history in communications and project management. Camilla currently lives in Trondheim with her son and cat. *Triflers Need Not Apply* is her first foray into historical fiction.

WE WERE NEVER HERE

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'MIND-BLOWING TWISTS. COMPLETELY ADDICTIVE' *STYLIST*

'A NAIL-BITING, IMMERSIVE WHIRL OF A READ. EVERY THRILLER-LOVER'S DREAM'

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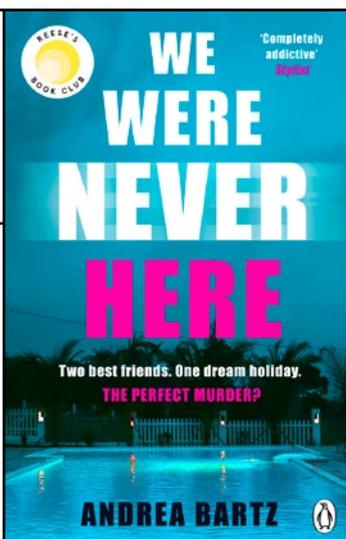
YOUR BEST FRIEND KILLED A MAN. NOW SHE NEEDS YOUR HELP. BUT CAN YOU REALLY TRUST HER MOTIVES? A REESE WITHERSPOON PICK, SET TO BE A MAJOR SUMMER PAPERBACK

On holiday with her best friend Kristen, Emily is having the time of her life. Until, one night, she finds their hotel suite covered in blood.

Kristen claims a backpacker attacked her. She shouted, but no-one heard. She struggled, but he was too strong.

She had no option but to kill him. And with no evidence of the assault, Emily must help her hide the body.

Emily tries to move on. But before long, the walls start to close in on their cover-up, and Emily asks herself: can she really trust her closest friend?



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Andrea Bartz is a Brooklyn-based journalist and author of *The Lost Night* and *The Herd*. Her work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Marie Claire*, *Vogue*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Women's Health*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Redbook*, *Elle*, and many other outlets, and she's held editorial positions at *Glamour*, *Psychology Today*, and *Self*, among other publications.

YOUR WORD OR MINE

LIA MIDDLETON

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'I COULDN'T PUT THIS THRILLER DOWN. A MUST READ!' CLAIRE DOUGLAS
'SEVERAL HUGE AND ELEGANT TWISTS' GILLIAN McALLISTER



**A TENSE, GRIPPING AND TWISTY NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA
FOR FANS OF *ANATOMY OF A SCANDAL* AND *APPLE TREE YARD***

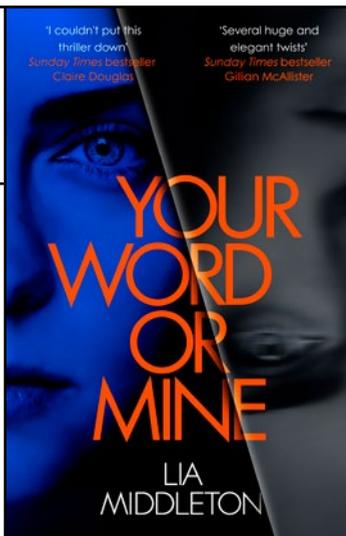
Prosecutor Ava Knight always follows the rules. Until she meets Lily – a troubled fifteen-year-old, accused of stabbing charismatic hotelier Michael Osborne in cold blood.

It seems a tragic, hopeless case. But Ava suspects something everyone else does not: Michael Osborne is lying.

Because eighteen years ago, Ava was brutally assaulted. She identified her attacker; the case went to trial. But the jury let him go. His name? Michael Osborne.

Then, it was Michael's word against Ava's. Now another girl's life hangs in the balance, how far will Ava go to make sure she is believed?

Back then, it was Michael's word against Ava's. Now another girl's future hangs in the balance, how far will Ava go to uncover the truth?



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THE HIDDEN TRUTH

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'SMART, WITH TRUE-TO-LIFE CHARACTERS WHOSE DILEMMAS WILL TEAR AT YOUR HEARTSTRINGS' *SUNDAY MIRROR*

'BOYD IS TERRIFIC AT CUTTING TO THE QUICK OF MODERN RELATIONSHIPS'
WOMAN & HOME



**HE WAS MEANT TO BE THE PERFECT MAN,
UNTIL SHE DISCOVERED THE HIDDEN TRUTH . . .**

Over the course of one summer Sarah Tempest meets and falls in love with the charming Bernard. The years of heartache and loneliness are finally behind her.

She quickly moves into his beautiful home on the wind battered cliffs of Hastings. But, after a while, she begins to wonder if Bernard is all he seems.

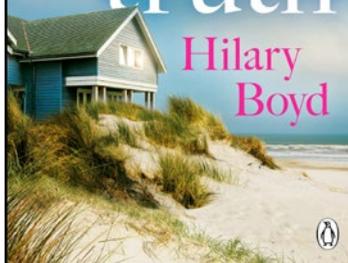
He's barely in touch with his children and with stifling reminders of his wife everywhere Sara looks, the walls begin to close in.

Then comes Bernard's confession and Sara's newfound happiness starts to crumble around her . . .

He was the perfect man
until she discovered . . .

the hidden truth

Hilary
Boyd



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Hilary Boyd was a nurse, marriage counsellor and ran a small cancer charity before becoming an author. She has written eight books, including *Thursdays in The Park*, her debut novel which sold over half a million copies and was an international bestseller. The film rights for *Thursdays In The Park* have been acquired by Charles Dance, who will be directing and starring.

EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE

BENJAMIN STEVENSON

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'WHAT AN EXCEPTIONALLY FRESH, SMART, FUNNY BOOK – I'VE NEVER READ ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE' JANE HARPER

'AN INGENUOUS TWIST ON THE CLASSIC CRIME GENRE. THE TYPE OF BOOK YOU FINISH AND WANT TO IMMEDIATELY READ AGAIN' KYLE PERRY



MURDER IS A FAMILY AFFAIR...A FIENDISHLY FUNNY AND CLEVERLY CRAFTED BLEND OF CLASSIC AND MODERN MURDER MYSTERY

I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion even before the first murder. Before the storm stranded us at the mountain resort.

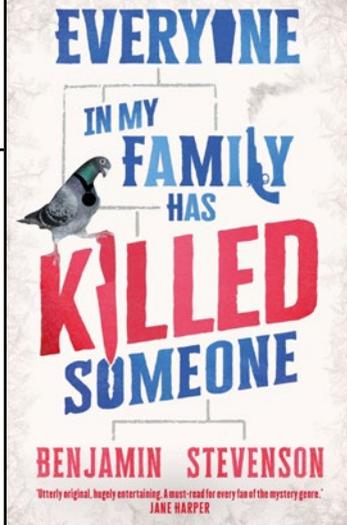
The thing is, us Cunninghams don't really get along.

We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone.

My brother, my step-sister, my wife, my father, my mother, my sister-in-law, my uncle, my step-father, my aunt. Even me.

When they find the first body in the snow, it's clear that only a Cunningham could have committed the crime – and it's up to me to prove it.

There are plenty of killers in my family. But only one murderer...



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Benjamin Stevenson is an award-winning stand-up comedian and author. He has sold out shows from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival all the way to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Off-stage, Benjamin has worked for publishing houses and literary agencies in Australia and the USA. He is also the author of *Greenlight* (shortlisted for the Ned Kelly First Fiction Award) and *Either Side of Midnight*.

THE INHERITANCE

HOWARD LINSKEY

 @HowardLinksey

'DARK, CREEPY AND COMPELLING, WITH THE CLAUSTROPHOBIC SENSE OF A KILLER WAITING AROUND THE CORNER' TM LOGAN

'LINSKEY HAS CREATED A DARK, CLEVER AND ENGROSSING TALE THAT WILL GRIP CRIME READERS THE WORLD OVER' C.L. TAYLOR



A HOUSE, MONEY AND POWER BEYOND HER WILDEST DREAMS – IT'S AN INHERITANCE TO DIE FOR...AN ENGROSSING NEW THRILLER FROM THE AUTHOR OF *DON'T LET HIM IN*

Sarah always had a soft spot for her Aunt Evelyn, a famous writer, but she'd always assumed the elderly woman was penniless.

But when Evelyn dies, Sarah gets a shock.

Evie wants Sarah to inherit her hidden fortune – including a foreboding mansion in a small Northumberland town.

But that's not all she wants. For most of her life, she'd been haunted by the loss of a friend. A girl who'd gone missing, from the very house Evie has left to Sarah. A girl who was neverfound. A house whose secrets were never revealed.

Now, her conditions are simple. Sarah can have everything – but she has to catch a killer first...

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THE INHERITANCE

if you catch a killer

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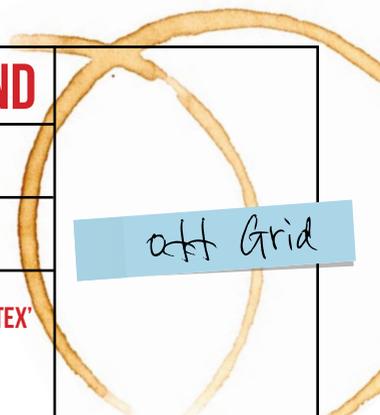
Howard Linskey

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Howard Linskey is the author of a series of crime novels set in the North-East, featuring detective Ian Bradshaw and journalists Tom Carney and Helen Norton. Most recently, he has written standalone thrillers including *Alice Teale is Missing* and *Don't Let Him In*. Originally from Ferryhill in County Durham, Howard now lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and daughter.

TOM CLANCY'S CHAIN OF COMMAND	
MARC CAMERON	
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<p>'A BRILLIANTLY CONSTRUCTED THRILLER THAT PACKS A PUNCH LIKE SEMTEX' <i>DAILY MAIL</i></p> <p>'A VIRTUOSO DISPLAY OF PAGE-TURNING TALENT' <i>SUNDAY EXPRESS</i></p>	

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JACK RYAN'S LATEST MISSION FROM TOM CLANCY'S INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING SERIES, NOW A MAJOR SHOW ON AMAZON PRIME

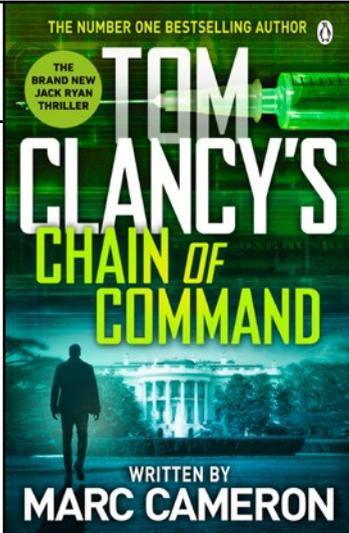
America is under attack from within. Patients in hospitals, clinics, and at home are dying when the drugs they need for survival turn out to be ineffective copies.

A corrupt pharmaceutical billionaire has spent millions supporting radical groups while using the chaos they engender to cover his money-making schemes, but for a man with such towering ambitions, the only real goal is power.

To get that, he'll have to eliminate the only impediment in his path – President Jack Ryan.

The question is, how do you attack the most closely guarded man in the world?

For a man who has built his fortune on underhanded dealings and misdirection, the answer is as simple as it is shocking:



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A retired Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal, Marc Cameron spent nearly thirty years in law enforcement. His assignments have taken him from Alaska to Manhattan, Canada to Mexico and dozens of points in between. He holds a second degree black belt in Jujitsu and is a certified scuba diver and man-tracker. Cameron lives in Alaska.

THE GIRLS WHO DISAPPEARED

CLAIRE DOUGLAS

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'CLAIRE IS A MISTRESS AT WEAVING THE READER INTO A WEB OF DOMESTIC DECEIT' JANE CORRY
'SPINE CHILLING' *THE SUNDAY TIMES*



THE AUTHOR OF THE NUMBER ONE KINDLE AND TOP 3 *SUNDAY TIMES* BESTSELLER, *THE COUPLE AT NO 9*, IS BACK WITH HER MOST CHILLING NOVEL TO DATE. THREE MISSING GIRLS. A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD MYSTERY. A WOMAN WHO MAY BE ABLE TO CRACK THIS COLD CASE.

In a rural Wiltshire town lies The Devil's Corridor. A road which has witnessed eerie happenings, from unexplained deaths to the sounds of a child crying at night.

But nothing is more puzzling than the Olivia Rutherford case. Four girls drove home, but after their car crashed, only Olivia was found.

Twenty years later, journalist Jenna Halliday is covering the case. But the locals aren't happy with this stranger's arrival. Least of all Olivia. Jenna soon starts receiving threatening notes, and it is clear someone wants her out of this town – before she discovers the dark truth . . .

Claire Douglas

The Girls Who Disappeared



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Claire Douglas has worked as a journalist for fifteen years, writing features for women's magazines and national newspapers, but she's dreamed of being a novelist since the age of seven. She finally got her wish after winning the *Marie Claire* Debut Novel Award, with her first novel, *The Sisters*, which was followed by *Local Girl Missing*, *Last Seen Alive*, *Do Not Disturb*, *Then She Vanishes* and *Just Like the Other Girls*. Her latest novel, *The Couple at No 9*, was a *Sunday Times* top 3 bestseller and a Kindle number 1. She lives in Bath with her husband and two children.

THE WHISTLING

REBECCA NETLEY

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'WONDERFULLY ATMOSPHERIC, GENUINELY EERY' *GUARDIAN*
'GRIPPING, CHILLING AND VERY, VERY SATISFYING' *DAILY MAIL*



**A SPINE-CHILLING GHOST STORY WITH A THRILLING MYSTERY
AT ITS HEART, SET ON A WILD ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF
SCOTLAND**

Alone in the world, Elspeth Swansome takes up the position of nanny on a remote Scottish island.

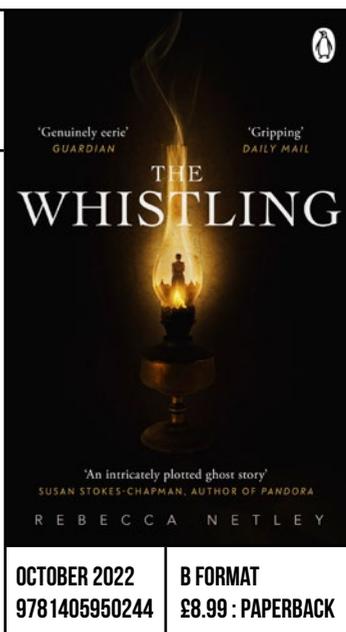
Her charge, Mary, is a troubled child. Distracted and secretive, she hasn't uttered a word since the sudden death of her twin, William - just days after their former nanny disappeared.

No one can say what happened to William. Just as no one can explain the lullabies sung in empty corridors. Nor the whistling that comes in the night...

Winter draws in. Passage to the mainland becomes impossible. Elspeth finds herself trapped.

But is this house haunted by the ghosts of the past?

Or the secrets of the living..?



Rebecca Netley grew up as part of an eccentric family in a house full of books and music, and these things have fed her passions.

Family and writing remain at the heart of Rebecca's life. She lives in Reading with her husband, sons and an overenthusiastic dog, who gives her writing tips.

The Whistling is Rebecca Netley's debut novel and won the Exeter Novel Prize.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MALIN STEHN

 @malin_stehn

**'THIS IS PURE READING BLISS FOR FANS OF DOMESTIC SUSPENSE AND
LIANE MORIARTY' M-MAGASIN**
'AN INCREDIBLY WELL-WRITTEN, CLEVER AND BRILLIANTLY COMPOSED DEBUT'
NORRA SKÅNE



IT'S FAR FROM A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR THE WIKSELLS WHEN SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD JENNIFER NEVER RETURNS HOME FROM A PARTY ...

It's New Year's Eve. The best night of the year. As old friends the Wiksells and the Anderssons raise their glasses, their teenage children host their own party across town, finally free to let loose. But the next morning, seventeen-year-old Jennifer Wiksell is missing. The hours tick by. The police get involved. And no one knows who to trust.

These two families have a lot to hide.
Could the answer to Jennifer's disappearance
lie close to home?

Malin Stehn

A Happy
New Year



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Malin Stehn is a Swedish writer who has written over 40 middle grade and young adult books and has worked for many years as a freelance editor. Stehn holds a master's degree in comparative literature and humanities and works as a lecturer. Stehn is also a singer and songwriter whose retro pop band Crayfish released a hit record in Japan in the late 90s. *A Happy New Year* is her debut adult novel.

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	<p>Dirk Cussler, the son of Clive Cussler, has an MBA from Berkeley. He is the co-author of <i>Crescent Dawn</i>, <i>Black Wind</i>, <i>Treasure of Khan</i>, <i>Arctic Drift</i>, <i>Poseidon's Arrow</i>, <i>Havana Storm</i>, <i>Odessa Sea</i>, and <i>Celtic Empire</i>, and continued the Dirk Pitt series with <i>The Devil's Sea</i>.</p>
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A SLIVER OF DARKNESS

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'IF YOU LIKE MY STUFF, YOU'LL LIKE THIS' STEPHEN KING
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C. J. Tudor's first novel, *The Chalk Man*, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, has sold in over forty countries and will be developed into a six-part drama with BBC Studios Production. Her second novel, *The Taking of Annie Thorne*, was also a *Sunday Times* bestseller as was her third novel *The Other People*.

Her fourth novel, *The Burning Girls*, was a Richard and Judy Book Club selection and is being adapted for TV by award-winning screenwriter Hans Rosenfeldt, creator of *The Bridge* and *Marcella*.

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