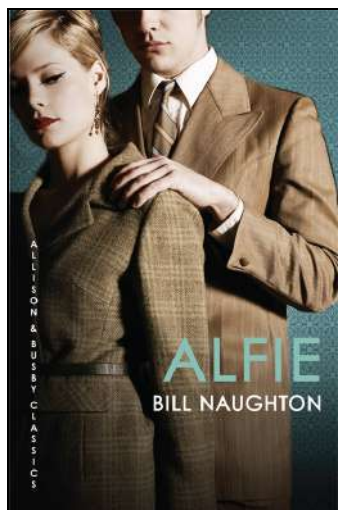


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- Joins the A&B classics list which includes other modern greats like *On The Waterfront* and *The Disenchanted*.

Reviews

- 'Alfie remains the randiest and most shameless Casanova south of the river... always willing to oblige a lady and you can't say fairer than that, I mean, can you?' - *Sunday Times*
- 'Unforgettable' - *Irish Times*
- 'Ferociously funny' - *The Guardian*

Comparable Titles



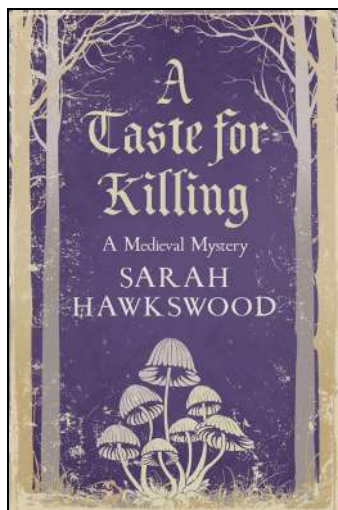
Description

Alfie's not really a bad guy. It's just that he has this overwhelming desire for the ladies. You might say that 'birds' are irresistible to him, sort of second nature. There's Ruby - 'A lust box in beautiful condition'; Clare - 'You're all lathered in sweat, Alfie'; Siddie - 'My regular Thursday night bint, a bit leggy for my fancy, but you make a married woman laugh and you're halfway home'; and Annie - but who's counting? Certainly not Alfie. Three in one evening if necessary. And necessary is the right word...

Author Biography

Bill Naughton was born in Ireland, and died in 1992. During the late 1950s he wrote a series of documentary dramas for the BBC. This was followed by various films and plays, whilst his short stories and novels earned him the highest praise.

CRIME FICTION



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- Author brings to life the mysterious world of twelfth-century Worcestershire

Reviews

- 'Hawkswood clearly knows her stuff, both as a historian and a crafter of mysteries' - Historical Novels Review

Previous Titles



Description

Worcester, January 1145. Poison strikes down bow maker Godfrey Bowyer and his wife Blanche after their evening meal. While she survives, he dies an agonising death. Few could have administered the poison, which should mean a very short investigation for the Sheriff's men, Hugh Bradecote, Serjeant Catchpoll and Underserjeant Walkelin. But perhaps someone was pulling the strings, and that widens the net considerably.

With an unpopular victim, the suspects are many and varied.

Author Biography

Sarah Hawkswood describes herself as a 'wordsmith' who is only really happy when writing. She read Modern History at Oxford and first published a non-fiction book on the Royal Marines in the First World War before moving on to medieval mysteries set in Worcestershire.

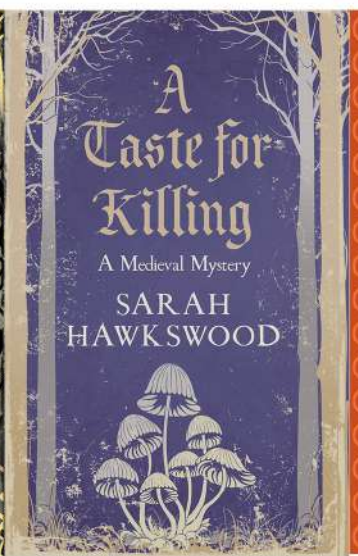
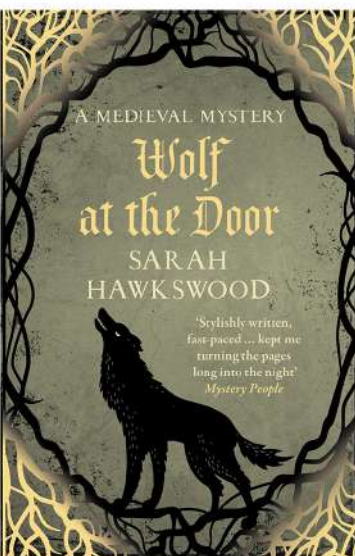
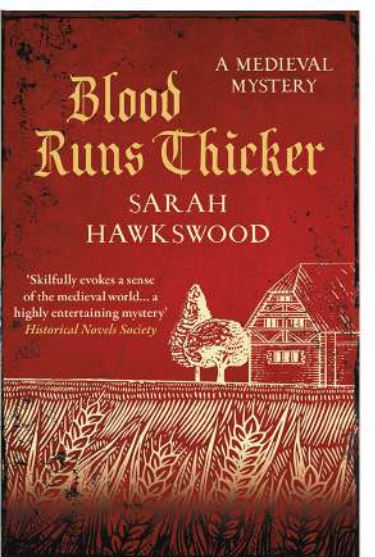
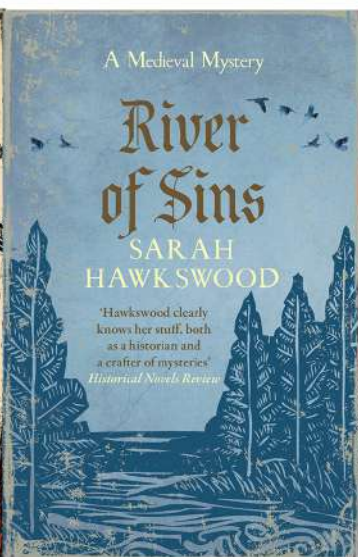
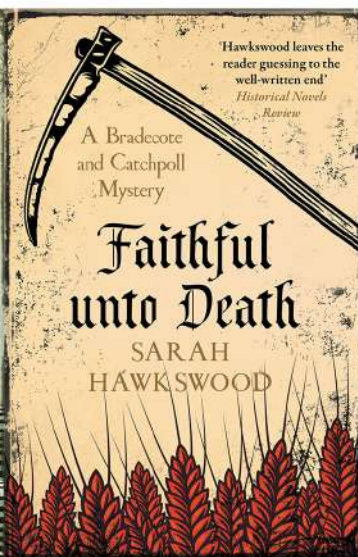
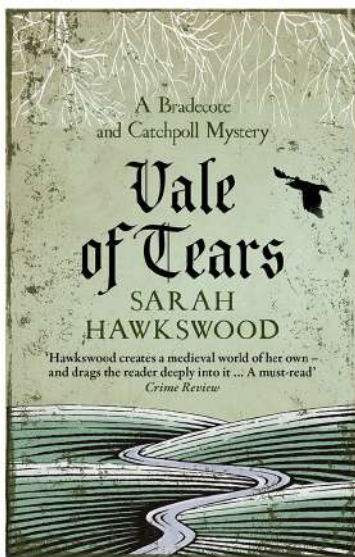
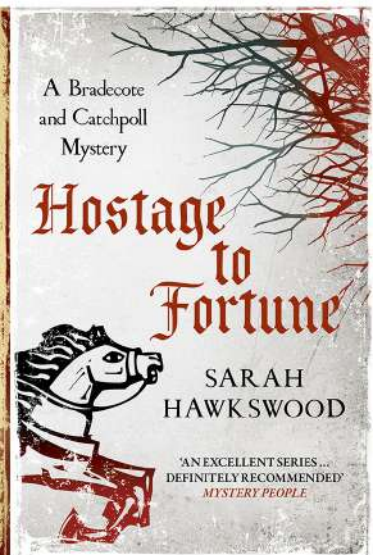
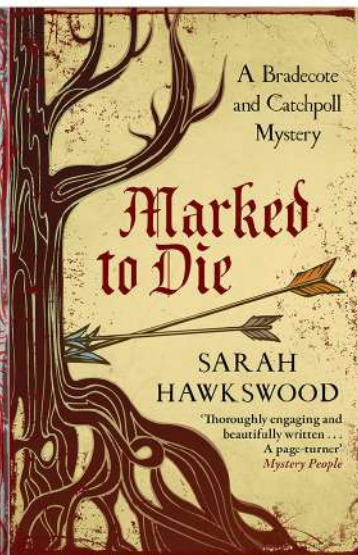
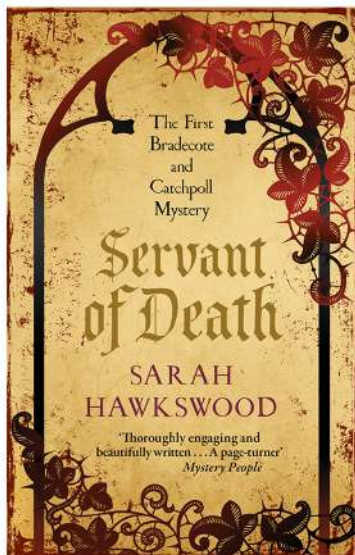
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The Blind Detective

The thrilling inter-war mystery series (Blind Detective 1)

Christina Koning

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- The Blind Detective introduces us to Fred Rowlands, an injured war veteran and amateur sleuth
- Koning's books, in both literary and academic fields, have won awards and attracted great critical success

Reviews

- 'Compulsively readable' - *Heat Magazine*
- 'Beautifully envisioned... and with great attention to period detail, Koning has wholly captured the flavour of the era' - *The Lady*

Description

First published as Line of Sight under A. C. Koning.

London, 1927. Frederick Rowlands, an injured war veteran, works as a switchboard operator in the city. After being blinded by shrapnel in the First World War, Fred had to adapt and quickly develop his other senses to survive in the bustling city post-war.

When Fred comes into contact with elegant socialite, Lady Celia West, she instantly charms him. When he starts listening-in to Celia's private calls to her secret lover, Fred's boss, Gerald Willoughby, he overhears something very sinister ...

When a murder victim is discovered, Fred takes it upon himself to risk everything to protect the women he has fallen in love with.

Author Biography

Christina Koning has worked as a journalist, reviewing fiction for The Times, and has taught Creative Writing at the University of Oxford and Birkbeck, University of London. From 2013 to 2015, she was Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Newnham College, Cambridge. She won the Encore Prize in 1999 and was long-listed for the Orange Prize in the same year.

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Murder in Regent's Park

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Reviews

- 'Touch, hearing, smell and visual memory created such a full world that it was hard to believe it hadn't been described visually' - *Helen Dunmore*
- 'Vivid, detailed... Rowlands comes to life in a way that few fictional characters do... an excellent read' - *Jessica Mann, Literary Review*

Previous Titles



Description

First published as Game of Chance under A. C. Koning.

1929. War veteran, Frederick Rowlands, has escaped the bustle of London to a small holding in Kent. Despite the challenges of his blindness, Fred has established a secure life for his family in the countryside. But things are not as they seem ...

One afternoon, Fred bumps into an old friend, Chief Inspector Douglas, who asks for his assistance in uncovering the killer of an alluring dancer. The serenity of Fred's life in Kent ends abruptly when he is transported back into the whirlwind of London, where he confronts his past life.

Fred and Chief Inspector Douglas have little luck in solving the mystery of the dancer. Instead, they become entrapped in an ominous game of chance, where everything is at risk ...

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Murder in Dublin

The thrilling inter-war mystery series (Blind Detective 7)

Christina Koning

Sales Points

- Allison & Busby are proud to publish a brand new instalment in the Blind Detective series, Murder in Dublin, alongside reissues of Koning's earlier thrilling mysteries
- Murder in Dublin follows the injured war veteran and amateur sleuth, Fred Rowlands, as he seeks to protect his friend from a murder accusation
- Koning's books, in both academic and literary fields, have won awards and attracted great critical success

Reviews

- 'Beautifully written, the period feel is utterly convincing, and the hero - who is blind - is one of the most fascinating detectives' - *Amanda Craig, author of Hearts and Minds*

Description

Ireland, 1939. The Second World War looms ever closer. Blind war veteran, Frederick Rowlands, seeks refuge in the neutral grounds of Ireland under the orders of Lady Celia Swift, whose husband, Lord Castleford, has been receiving mysterious death threats ...

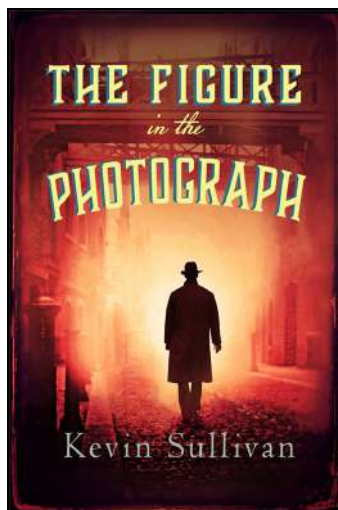
When a body is discovered, Castleford finds himself being accused of a murder he did not commit. As Castleford's trial begins, Fred must fight for his friend's innocence and to save his reputation. Will Fred identify the true killer in time, or will it be too late?

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The Figure in the Photograph

Kevin Sullivan

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- First in an exciting two-book deal set in the gritty streets of early 20th century Glasgow
- Perfect for fans of Ambrose Parry, Peter Ackroyd and Laura Carlin
- Intriguing series concept: using revolutionary photographic technology to catch killers
- Hugely promotable and well-connected author. Sullivan has worked as an overseas correspondent for major newspapers covering key events such as the war in Bosnia and Tiananmen Square

Reviews

- 'Engaging' - *Yorkshire Post*

Comparable Titles



Description

Juan Camarón and his father travel across Cuba in the summer of 1898, photographing the island and its people as the war between Spain and the United States escalates. But tragedy strikes when Juan's father is killed, and his last photos reveal a sinister truth to his final moments.

Travelling to Scotland, where he has inherited property, Juan immerses himself in the study of photography. When he pioneers a new device that inadvertently solves a crime, he is brought to the attention of local law enforcement, prompting a fateful invitation to help police hunt down a brutal serial killer plaguing the streets of Glasgow.

Author Biography

Kevin Sullivan was born in Glasgow. His career in journalism has placed him in the frontline of defining historical moments in living memory, from documenting events at Tiananmen Square to covering the siege of Dubrovnik and the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His work has taken him to Singapore, Sri Lanka, Japan, the Western Balkans, and Spain. He lives in Sarajevo.

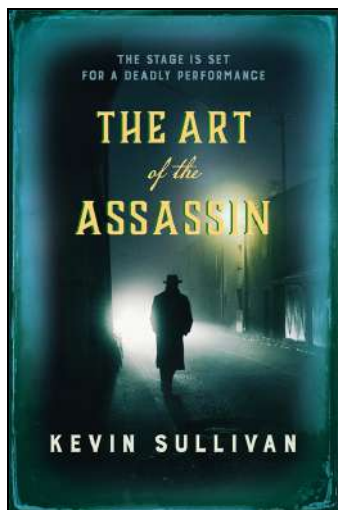
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The Art of the Assassin The compelling historical whodunnit

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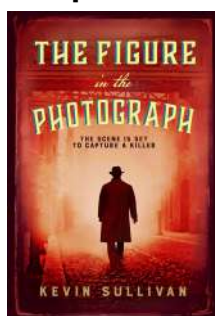
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Reviews

- 'Engaging' - Yorkshire Post
- 'Clever and original' - *Crimesquad*

Comparable Titles



Description

1899, Glasgow. A man is stabbed to death in a tenement courtyard and Juan Camarón, photographer-cum-sleuth, is enlisted to assist the police investigation. Perhaps his innovative photographic method can bring to light what the naked eye might overlook.

Juan is also contending with his own problems. His late father's legacy, a monumental photographic record of Cuban architecture, faces a charge of plagiarism from a mysterious señora. And Jane, his fiancée, is witnessed fleeing the scene of a murder. Juan's hoped-for happiness is threatened and he is torn between finding the killer and finding Jane. But could they be one and the same?

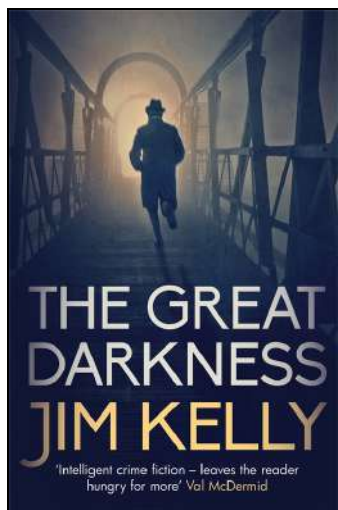
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The Great Darkness

A Cambridge Wartime Mystery (Nighthawk 1)

Jim Kelly

Sales Points

- A brand new, Cambridge-based series from a Dagger in the Library-winning author with a rapidly growing following.
- Inspired in great part by the author's father who was a Chief Superintendent in the Met. and a Commando in WW2.
- For fans of James Runcie's Granchester books and TV show.
- Kelly is the perfect candidate for a leap in sales and recognition – A&B have ambitions to see him sit alongside Ann Cleeves in both.

Reviews

- 'Sinister, mysterious and refreshingly different.' - *Andrew Taylor, author of Ashes of London*
- 'Kelly has crafted a believable wounded hero, and his re-creation of the first weeks of war in 1939 is wonderful. Another winner from the talented Kelly.' - *Booklist*

Description

1939, Cambridge. The opening weeks of the Second World War, and the first blackout – The Great Darkness – covers southern England, enveloping the city. Detective Inspector Eden Brooke, a wounded hero of the Great War, takes his nightly dip in the cool waters of the Cam. The night is full of alarms, but in this Phoney War, the enemy never comes.

But daylight reveals a corpse on the riverside, the body torn apart by some unspeakable force. Brooke investigates, calling on the expertise and inspiration of a faithful group of fellow 'nighthawks' across the city, all condemned, like him, to a life lived away from the light. Within hours The Great Darkness has claimed a second victim. War, it seems, has many victims. But what links these crimes of the night?

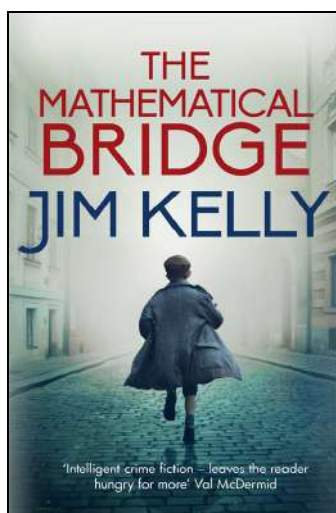
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Jim Kelly was born in 1957 and is the son of a Scotland Yard detective. He went to university in Sheffield, later training as a journalist and worked on the *Bedfordshire Times*, *Yorkshire Evening Press* and the *Financial Times*. His first book, *The Water Clock*, was shortlisted for the John Creasey Award and he has since won a CWA Dagger in the Library and the New Angle Prize for Literature. He lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire.

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The Mathematical Bridge A Cambridge Wartime Mystery (Nighthawk 2)

Jim Kelly

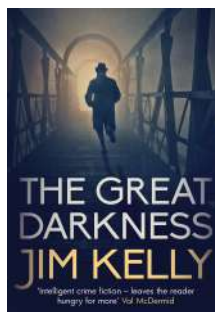
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- Inspired in great part by the author's father who was a Chief Superintendent in the Met. and a Commando in WW2.
- For fans of Anne Cleves books and James Runcie's Grantchester series
- The Great Darkness was extremely well received – expect even bigger sales for The Mathematical Bridge.

Reviews

- 'Sinister, mysterious and refreshingly different.' - Andrew Taylor, author of *Ashes of London*

Previous Titles



Description

Cambridge, 1940. Snow is falling thick and fast on a cold winter's night. As a college porter makes his nightly rounds, he is startled to hear a boy's desperate screams for help coming from the icy river below. But by dawn the river has claimed its victim.

When the following night an Irish Republican slogan is left at the scene of a factory explosion, Detective Inspector Eden Brooke questions whether there could be a connection between the two events. As more riddles come to light, he begins to close in on a killer, but there is one last twist: it seems that the boy had his own startling secret.

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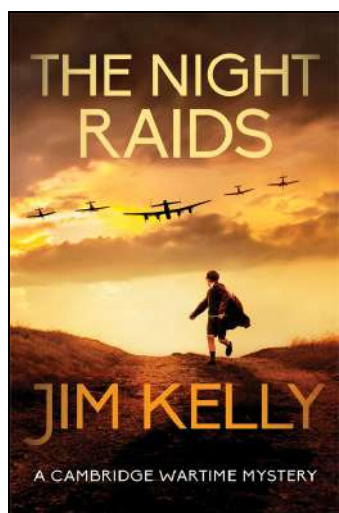
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The Night Raids A Cambridge Wartime Mystery (Nighthawk 3)

Jim Kelly

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- Inspired in great part by the author's father who was a Chief Superintendent in the Met. and a Commando in WW2.
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Description

A lone German bomber crosses the east coast of Britain on a moonless night in the long, hot summer of 1940. The pilot picks up the silver thread of a river and, following it to his target, drops his bomb over Cambridge's rail yards. The shell falls short of its mark and lands in a neighbourhood of terraced streets on the edge of the city's medieval centre.

DI Eden Brooke is first on the scene and discovers the body of an elderly woman, Nora Wylde, in a house on Elm Street, two fingers on her left hand severed, in what looks like a brutal attempt by looters to steal her rings.

When the next day Nora's teenage granddaughter Peggy, a munitions worker, is reported missing, Brooke realises there is more to the situation than meets the eye.

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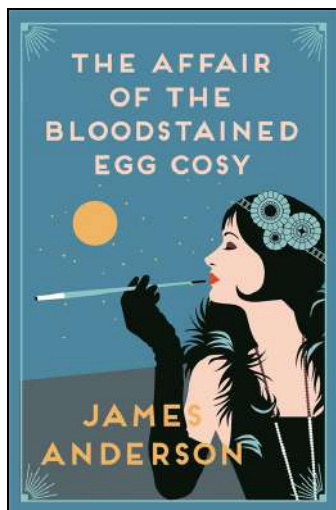
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The Affair of the Bloodstained Egg Cosy (The Affair Of... Mysteries 1)

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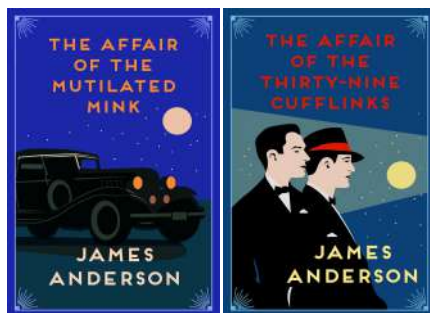
Sales Points

- Reissue of the perennially popular 1930's whodunit's series with stunning new cover designs
- A charming and quirky blend of Agatha Christie, PG Wodehouse and Nancy Mitford.
- James Anderson joins the ever-growing Allison and Busby historical crime stable alongside Edward Marston and Jacqueline Winspear

Reviews

- 'The classic British mystery lives and flourishes. Delightful' - New York Times
- 'A tightly gripping story with a beauty of a shock ending' - Daily Telegraph
- 'A triumph of ingenuity. Excellent escapism' - Sunday Telegraph

Comparable Titles



Description

The theft of the diamond necklace and the antique pistols might all be explained, but the body in the lake is particularly puzzling. 'Don't expect me to solve anything,' Inspector Wilkins announces modestly when he arrives to sort out the unpleasantness. And at a gathering that includes English aristocracy, foreign agents in disguise, a ravishing baroness, a daring jewel thief, a Texan millionaire and, of course, the redoubtable butler, it would take some intricate sleuthing to uncover who killed whom and why.

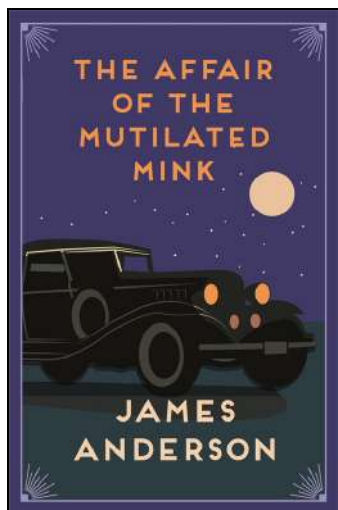
For whodunnit fans who prefer their villains to be nice and refined people, the sort who quote Shakespeare and knock off their nearest and dearest between rubbers of bridge, *The Affair of the Bloodstained Egg Cosy* is a delectable treat.

Author Biography

JAMES ANDERSON was born in Swindon but lived in or near to Cardiff most of his life. He took a degree in History at the University of Reading and worked as a salesman, copywriter and freelance journalist before writing his first novel. He went on to have fourteen novels and one play published. James passed away in 2007.

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The Affair of the Mutilated Mink

A delightfully quirky murder mystery in the great tradition of Agatha Christie (The Affair Of... Mysteries 2)

James Anderson

Sales Points

- Reissue of the perennially popular 1930's whodunit's series with stunning new cover designs.
- A charming and quirky blend of Agatha Christie, PG Wodehouse and Nancy Mitford.
- James Anderson joins the ever-growing Allison and Busby historical crime stable alongside Edward Marston and Jacqueline Winspear

Reviews

- 'A triumph of ingenuity. Excellent escapism' - *Sunday Telegraph*
- 'A tightly gripping story with a beauty of a shock ending' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'The classic British mystery lives and flourishes. Delightful' - *New York Times*

Previous Titles



Description

The Earl of Burford cannot believe his luck. Rex Ransom, his favourite film star, and a hot-shot producer want to film their next feature at Alderley, the family's seventeenth-century country estate. Somewhat less enthusiastic are the Countess and poor Merryweather, the family's butler, who suddenly find themselves hosting the incoming Hollywood crowd. And that's before there's a murder in the dead of night...

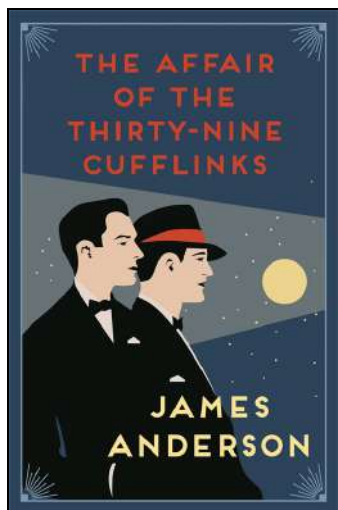
Paying homage to Golden Age crime fiction in which even the red herrings are impeccably turned out, *The Affair of the Mutilated Mink* is a must-read for armchair sleuths.

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The Affair of the Thirty-Nine Cufflinks

A delightfully quirky murder mystery in the great tradition of Agatha Christie (The Affair Of... Mysteries 3)

James Anderson

Sales Points

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- A charming and quirky blend of Agatha Christie, PG Wodehouse and Nancy Mitford
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Reviews

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Previous Titles



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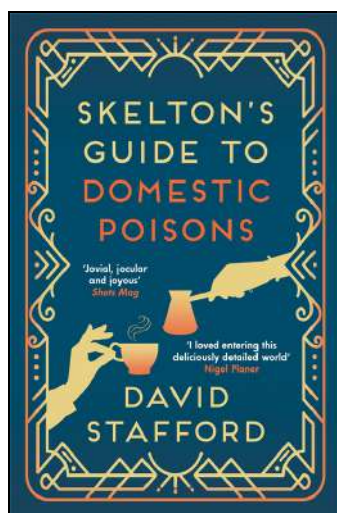
Lord Burford had some serious misgivings about hosting yet another house party at Alderley. After all, the previous two could, at best, be described as disastrous. But with family members travelling down for the funeral of an elderly relative, the Earl really had no choice but to offer accommodation. It did not take long for things to go wrong even before a body was found... For readers who want the twist in the tale to be as elegant as a well-tied cravat, it would be criminal to miss *The Affair of the Thirty-Nine Cufflinks*.

Author Biography

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Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons The sharp-witted historical whodunnit (Skelton's Casebook 1)

David Stafford

Sales Points

- *Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons* draws you into the world of Arthur Skelton, esteemed barrister of the 1920s and 1930s, and the challenge of defending 'The Collingford Poisoner'.
- Allison & Busby has a very strong reputation in historical crime, from Edward Marston to Jacqueline Winspear. David Stafford looks set to carry on this success.
- David Stafford is a well known author and writer for Radio 4. He captures the period detail beautifully, with historical inspiration from barrister, politician and preacher, Norman Birkett QC, an infamous lawyer between the wars.
- *Alias Grace* meets *Law & Order*.

Reviews

- 'The period detail is lavish, particularly when it comes to popular patented medicines and Vimto and it is all done with a sense of gentle fun. The result is jovial, jocular and joyous' - Mike Ripley, *Shots Mag*
- 'Lots of good reading here. A historical novel that actually engages with the time it's set in rather than just picking out the obvious clichés. It's also got some interesting stuff about the Daimler Double-Six 30 Brougham, several excellent serving suggestions for cold rice pudding and it makes you laugh' - Alexei Sayle

Description

Shortlisted for the CWA Sapere Books Historical Dagger 2021.

January 1929. When Arthur Skelton won the legal case of the century, he went from being an unremarkable barrister to front-page sensation. Now he faces a new challenge. Mary Dutton is accused of poisoning her husband and the police are utterly convinced she is guilty. Even her supporters think she did it. Skelton agrees to take on what many consider an unwinnable case, a decision wholly unconcerned with the defendant's resemblance to a beautiful actress...

With an army of women set to vote for the first time in history, the fate of Mary Dutton will have a significant impact on Britain's political future. Skelton faces mounting pressure to find the truth, but will that be enough to save a young woman's life?

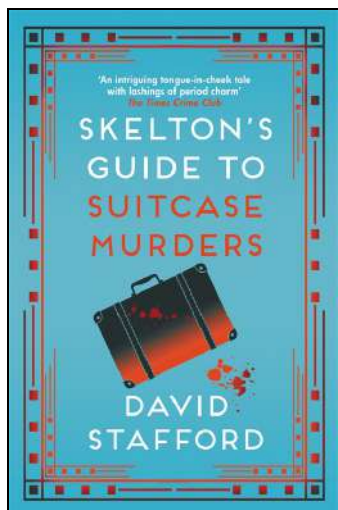
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Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders The sharp-witted historical whodunnit (Skelton's Casebook 2)

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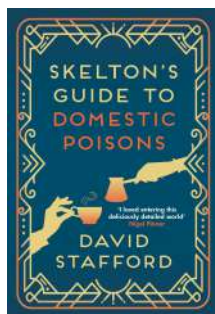
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- David Stafford is a well known author and writer for Radio 4. He captures the period detail beautifully, with historical inspiration from barrister, politician and preacher, Norman Birkett QC, an infamous lawyer between the wars.
- Imagine if Jeeves and Wooster decided to play detective. Perfect for fans of Sophie Hannah and Anthony Horowitz, with a hint of Miss Marple.

Reviews

- 'The period detail is lavish, particularly when it comes to popular patented medicines and Vimto and it is all done with a sense of gentle fun. The result is jovial, jocular and joyous' - *Shots Mag*

Previous Titles



Description

A woman's dismembered corpse is discovered in a suitcase, and police quickly identify her husband, Doctor Ibrahim Aziz, as their chief suspect. Incriminating evidence is discovered at his home and his wife was rumoured to be having an affair, giving him clear motive.

With his reputation for winning hopeless cases, barrister Arthur Skelton is asked to represent the accused. Though Aziz's guilt does not seem to be in doubt, a question of diplomacy and misplaced larvae soon lead Skelton to suspect there may be more to the victim's death.

Aided by his loyal clerk Edgar, Skelton soon finds himself seeking justice for both victim and defendant. But can he uncover the truth before an innocent man is put on trial and condemned to the gallows?

Author Biography

David Stafford began his career in theatre. He has written numerous dramas, comedies, biographies, documentaries and television films, including work with Alexei Sayle and Benjamin Zephaniah.

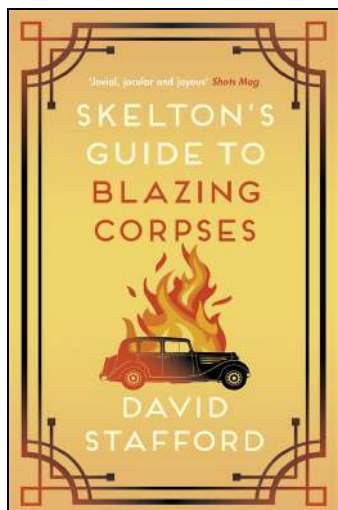
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Skelton's Guide to Blazing Corpses

The sharp-witted historical whodunnit (Skelton's Casebook 3)

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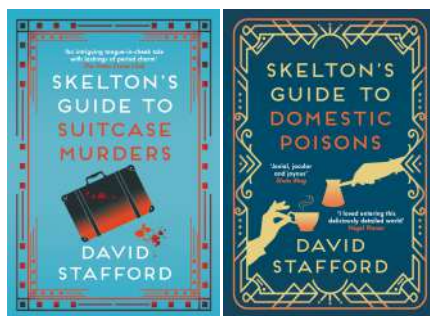
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- The third title in Skelton's Casebooks' series draws you into the world of Arthur Skelton, esteemed fictional barrister of the 1920s and 1930s.
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- Imagine Jeeves and Wooster with a nod to Miss Marple, perfect for fans of Sophie Hannah and Anthony Horowitz.

Reviews

- 'David Stafford tells an intriguing tongue-in-cheek tale with lashings of period charm' - The Times Crime Club

Previous Titles



Description

Guy Fawkes Night, 5th November, 1930. Bonfires are blazing, rockets burst. In a country lane, revellers discover a car that has been set on fire. At first, they assume that this is the work of vandals taking the Guy Fawkes spirit a little too far, sitting at the wheel is a body, charred beyond recognition.

The initial assumption is that the owner of the car, Mr Harold Musgrave, a successful travelling salesman has taken his own life in a particularly grisly act of self-immolation. The post-mortem, however, reveals that Mr Musgrave was either unconscious or dead before the fire was lit. When Tommy Prosser, a local criminal, is charged with the murder, barrister Arthur Skelton believes him to be innocent, so sets out to ensure justice is served.

Author Biography

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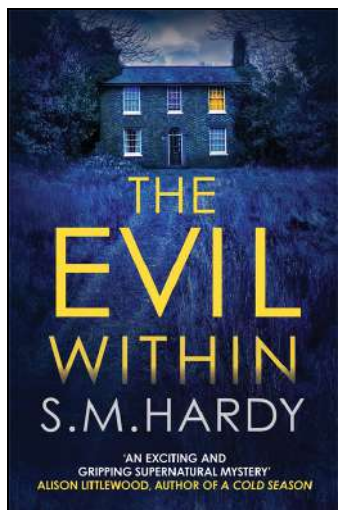
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The Evil Within (Dark Devon Mysteries 1)

S M Hardy

Sales Points

- The first in a new paranormal mystery series set in the West Country
- Perfect for crime fiction fans who like a spooky twist - Faith Martin mixed with Stephen King
- Author's writing career started at Quercus

Reviews

- 'Part haunted house tale, part whodunnit – ideal for anyone who enjoys an exciting and gripping supernatural mystery' - Alison Littlewood, author of *A Cold Season*
- "This is a novel that gets under your skin, and – if you can put it down – you'll think twice about turning out the lights" - Katherine Stansfield, author of *Falling Creatures*
- 'I would like to read more. A genuinely different read' - Sinéad Crowley, author of the DS Claire Boyle series

Comparable Titles



Description

On the brink of a breakdown, Jim Hawkes quits his high-powered job and rents a cottage in the Devon countryside, seeking some much-needed rest. But Slyford St James is far from the peaceful haven Jim was hoping for.

Almost immediately he is plagued by strange occurrences – a combination lock that won't open, loud noises in the attic, the figure of a little girl always just out of sight – and he soon discovers the house he's staying in was the site of a terrible tragedy.

But as Jim is haunted by the ghosts of the past, he also finds himself endangered by a real-world threat in the present. It soon becomes apparent that true evil lurks within.

Author Biography

S. M. Hardy grew up in south London and worked in banking for many years before turning her attention to arboricultural management. She has now given up the day job to allegedly spend more time with her husband; he, however, has noticed that an awful lot more writing appears to be going on. She currently lives in Devon. *The Evil Within* is her first paranormal mystery novel.

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Evil Never Dies The gripping paranormal mystery (Dark Devon Mysteries 2)

S M Hardy

Sales Points

- The second book in a paranormal mystery series set in the West Country
- Perfect for fans of Stephen King, and Laura Purcell's *The Silent Companions*
- Author's writing career started at Quercus

Reviews

- 'Beautifully written ... A terrific story' - Liz Loves Book on *The Evil Within*

Previous Titles



Description

Jed Cummings is no stranger to supernatural happenings, though he would wish otherwise. When he receives an ominous request from an old friend, he is unsettled.

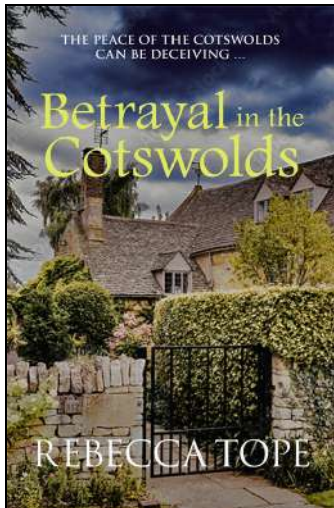
Though he and Simon Pomeroy were like brothers during their army days, they have lost touch over the years. Simon's eldest brother has been brutally murdered, and he hopes his friend Jed can help solve the crime. As he begins to investigate, a gruesome warning reveals dark and dangerous family secrets that threaten the safety of them all.

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Betrayal in the Cotswolds

The peace of the Cotswolds can be deceiving ... (Cotswold Mysteries 20)

Rebecca Tope

Sales Points

- A classic British mystery set in the idyllic countryside
- There has been continuous sales growth across all Tope titles
- A long-running and well-loved series with hordes of devoted fans
- Tope made the Top 50 Most Borrowed Adult Author list in the recent PLR figures.

Reviews

- 'Tope has considerable skill in creating a large cast of fully rounded characters, who are not only believable but also memorable' - *Mystery People*
- 'The Cotswold setting will appeal to readers who enjoy cozy village mysteries' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'Rich in psychological insight... Tope is particularly skilled in creating interesting and unique characters' - *Deadly Pleasures*

Previous Titles



Description

A handsome, if slightly shabby, stone house in Upper Oddington is home to Umberto Kingly, as well as his three dogs, and will be Thea Slocombe's latest house-sitting assignment. Without even a local shop, Thea expects the location to be one of her quietest, until the serene atmosphere is shattered with a fatal hit-and-run. The ensuing high-profile police investigation plunges Thea deep into the victim's complicated family dynamics and the rift that had already torn it apart. She cannot help wondering if the reverberations of scandal have led to a deliberate and murderous assault.

Author Biography

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees.

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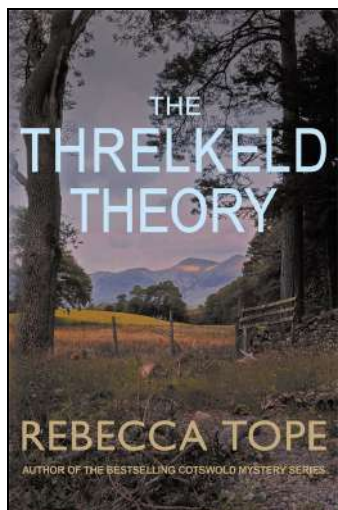
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The Threlkeld Theory

A murder mystery in the heart of the English countryside (Lake District Mysteries 11)

Rebecca Tope

Sales Points

- Tope is a go-to author for cosy crime fiction with an atmospheric setting, whether in the Cotswolds, the West Country or, with this latest addition, the stunning Lake District.
- A must-read for fans of MC Beaton and Carola Dunn

Previous Titles



Description

On a glorious July morning in the pretty Lake District village of Threlkeld, Simmy Brown and Christopher Henderson celebrate their wedding day. While the event passes off without undue calamity, when most of the guests have departed a severely injured young man is found nearby.

Pressure on police resources compromises the investigation and speculation is rife. Was it an accident or something more sinister? What was just a chilling suspicion develops into an altogether more disturbing theory.

Author Biography

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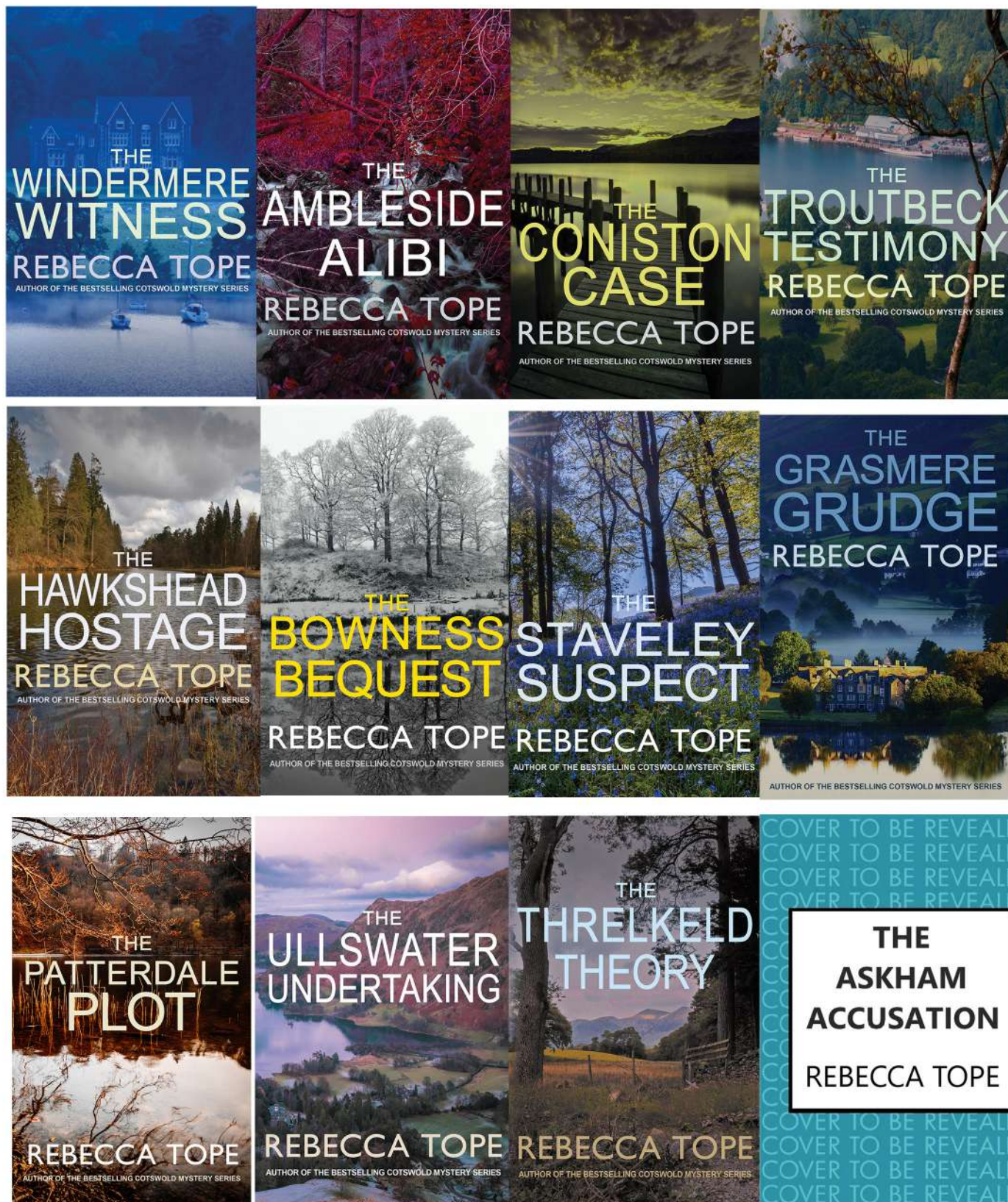
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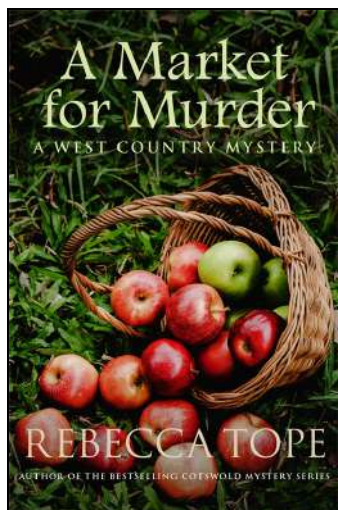
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A Market for Murder

The riveting countryside mystery (West Country Mysteries 7)

Rebecca Tope

Sales Points

- The dark side of life in a picture-perfect English village
- Cosy British crime at its best
- For fans of MC Beaton
- One of Allison & Busby's top selling authors

Reviews

- 'Exciting, humorous and topical, this is one of her best novels yet' - *Crime Time*

Previous Titles



Description

The peace of a small West Country village is rudely shattered when a bomb explodes in the local supermarket. Karen Slocombe, a member of the Food Chain Group and staunch supporter of local produce, would not normally care for the loss of a supermarket, but she does take offence to such violence and that fact that she and her daughter were very nearly caught up in the explosion.

When, a few days later, Karen witnesses the horrifying murder of an adjacent stallholder at the local farmer's market, she begins to wonder just who is committing these seemingly motiveless crimes and why does she keep finding herself in the middle of the crime scene?

Author Biography

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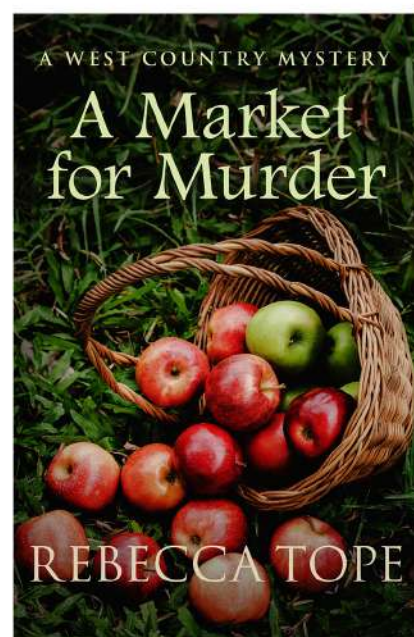
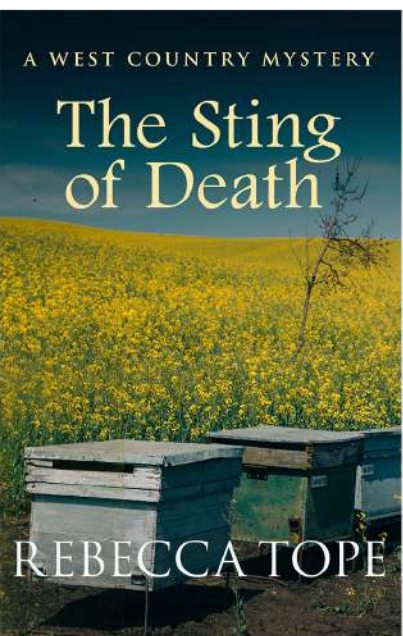
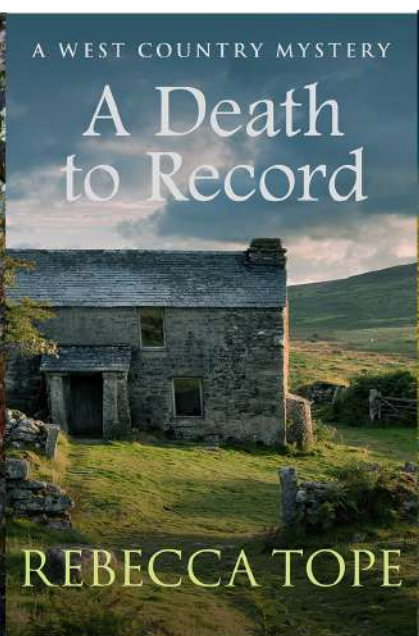
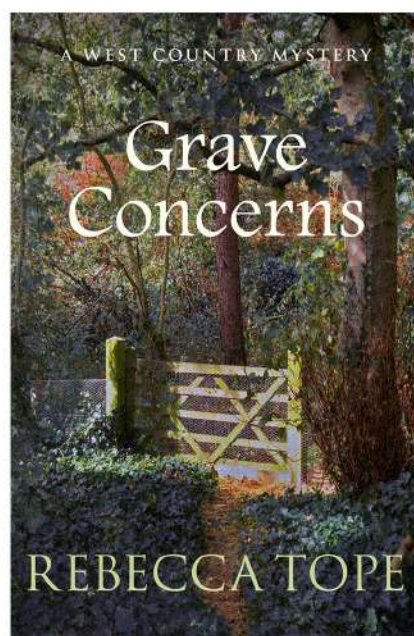
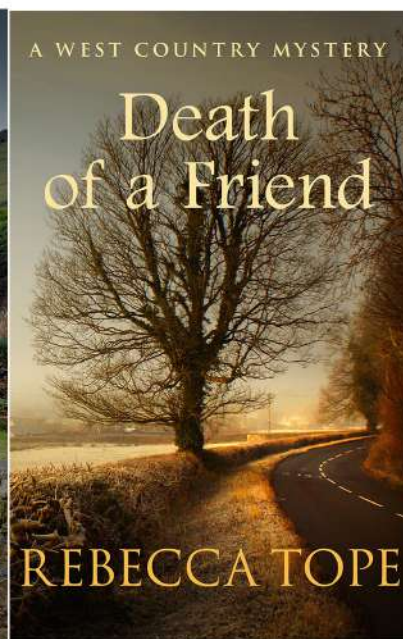
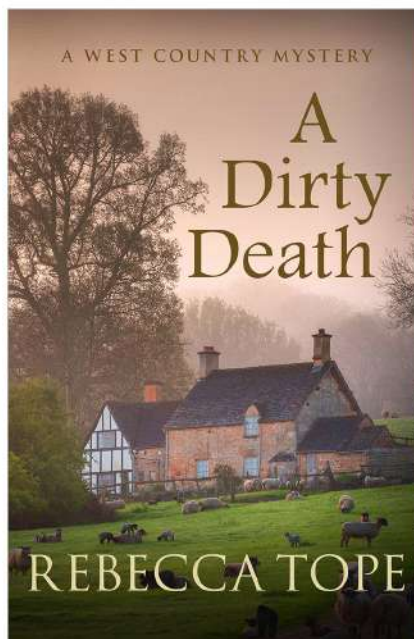
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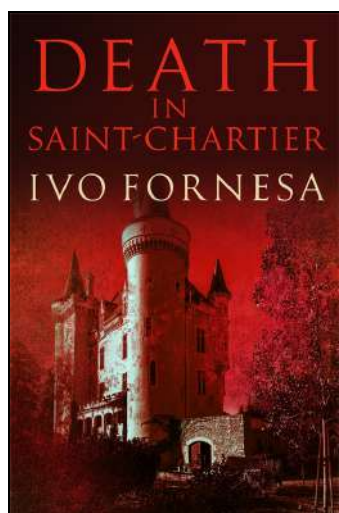
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6. The Sting of Death
7. A Market for Murder



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Death in Saint-Chartier Murder and intrigue in the heart of France

Ivo Fornesa
 Translated by Allen Young

Sales Points

- A chilling murder mystery set in the remote French countryside, where an eccentric outsider arrives to restore the town's medieval chateau, only to be killed prior to the grand re-opening
- Classic trouble in paradise thriller, an area in which Allison and Busby have published very successfully over many years
- The book was written while the author was supervising a book binding workshop in a women's prison in China

Comparable Titles



Description

Seeking a quiet spot to write his memoirs, Laurent de Rodergues secludes himself in Saint-Chartier, a village in the heart of France. Yet his tranquil life is soon disturbed by Carlos, an eccentric millionaire determined to give the town's medieval château a costly and controversial makeover. When the château is unveiled after months of anticipation, the whole town turns out to gaze in wonder – only to find their host lying dead in a pool of blood.

Laurent suspects foul play, and when the gendarmes find nothing, he makes it his mission to unmask the murderer. But where to begin? From jilted lovers to jealous rivals, disgruntled employees to shadowy associates practically everyone had a reason to want Carlos dead. As Laurent quickly learns, beneath its idyllic façade, the town of Saint-Chartier is rife with resentment and secret passions.

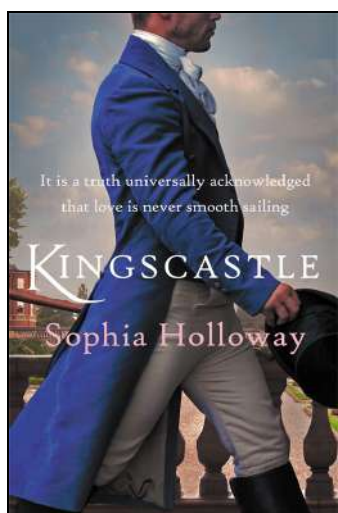
Author Biography

Spanish businessman and historian, Ivo Fornesa is known for his work as a consultant in China, as well as for his many collaborations with newspapers and publications. His fascinating life has seen him volunteer in the Spanish Foreign Legion; train as a parachutist; live as a Catholic friar in the Holy Land; restore traditional houses in South America, Morocco, China, Thailand and Burma. Fornesa now lives in France, in a chateau in Saint-Chartier

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WOMEN'S FICTION / ROMANCE



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Kingscastle

A classic Regency romance in the tradition of Georgette Heyer

Sophia Holloway

Sales Points

- A classic regency romance that follows in the tradition of Georgette Heyer's beloved novels
- A genre that has seen a surge of interest following the Netflix adaptation of Bridgerton
- Following the success of Sophia Holloway's earlier romances with Lume book, we are proud to launch her regencies novels in paperback for the first time

Reviews

- 'Holloway has done an excellent job' - *Austenprose*
- 'An interesting story which twists and turns quite entertainingly' - Historical Novel Review

Comparable Titles



Description

It is a truth universally acknowledged that love is never smooth sailing.

Captain William Hawksmoor of the Royal Navy never expected to inherit Kingscastle, his family's estate, and finds himself all at sea when he does so. Especially when he learns that he must marry within a year or be forever dealing with trustees.

As the new Marquis of Athelney, the captain takes command of Kingscastle and discovers much to be done to set it in order. He must also contend with his aunt, Lady Willoughby Hawksmoor, who is determined that her daughter will be his wife. When she discovers he is far more interested in Eleanor Burgess, her underpaid and much put-upon companion, Lady Willoughby shows she will stop at nothing to keep them apart.

Author Biography

Sophia Holloway read Modern History at Oxford, also writes the Bradecote and Catchpoll medieval mysteries as Sarah Hawkswood.

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EBook

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The Season

A classic Regency romance in the spirit of Georgette Heyer

Sophia Holloway

Sales Points

- Follows on from Sophia's recent success of *Kingscastle*
- A classic regency romance in the tradition of Georgette Heyer's beloved novels
- A genre that has seen a surge of interest following the Netflix adaptation of *Bridgerton*

Reviews

- 'Holloway has done an excellent job' - Austenprose
- 'Sophia Holloway blends characters, storyline, language and solid historical detail with a sure, loving and expert hand' - Amazon Reviewer

Comparable Titles



Description

Henrietta Gaydon is making her debut in London society for the Season, but her popularity and apparent ease disguises the fact that she is out of her depth and that she dreads the objective of finding a husband. She longs for home, her father and Lord Henfield, who she has always treated as an older brother. Charles Henfield stopped thinking of Henrietta like a sister when she was sixteen. And he is determined to try his luck with her in London. Mistakes and misunderstandings, the complication of a feud between mamas, and Henrietta's no longer fraternal feelings for Henfield, all conspire to make this a Season to remember.

Author Biography

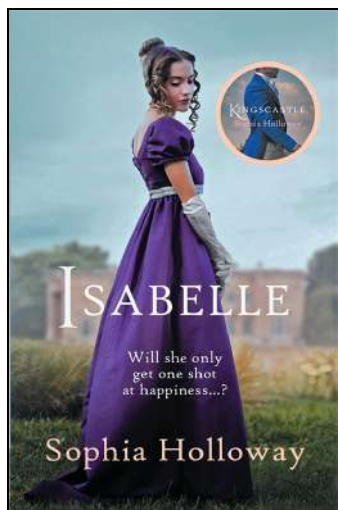
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Isabelle

A classic Regency romance in the spirit of Georgette Heyer

Sophia Holloway

Sales Points

- Follows on from Sophia's recent success of *Kingscastle* and *The Season*
- A classic regency romance in the tradition of Georgette Heyer's beloved novels
- A genre that has seen a surge of interest following the Netflix adaptation of *Bridgerton* and book releases like *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting*.

Reviews

- 'Both very funny and deeply absorbing ... Beautifully written, and for once the comparison with Heyer is very apt' - *Mary Kingswood, author of Stranger at the Dower House*
- 'Holloway has done an excellent job' - *Austenprose*

Comparable Titles



Description

Isabelle Wareham, whilst caring for her beloved widowed father, has not seen much of the world. After his death, Isabelle finds she is no longer her own mistress but under the guardianship of her unscrupulous brother-in-law, Lord Dunsfold, who sees her as a way to improve his own fortunes. The outlook looks bleak until events throw Isabelle and the impoverished Earl of Idsworth together. However, Dunsfold is determined to force her into a more lucrative match and Isabelle will need to rise above her circumstances to reach her chance of happiness.

Author Biography

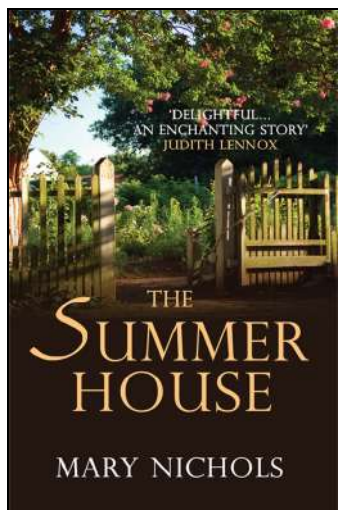
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The Summer House

The moving and heartwarming family story

Mary Nichols

Sales Points

- Evocative and moving story that spans both World Wars
- For fans of *The House at Riverton*
- Beautiful cover that has captured more than 10,000 readers so far

Reviews

- 'Delightful...an enchanting story' - Judith Lennox

Comparable Titles



Description

A secret love that will haunt a family for ever

England, 1918. Lady Helen believes her parents when they say she will never find a better husband than Richard, but when he returns to the Front, she begins to wonder just who it is she has married. His letters home are cold and distant – and Helen realises that she has made a terrible mistake. Then Oliver Donovan enters her life and they begin an affair that leaves Helen pregnant and alone – she is forced to surrender her precious baby.

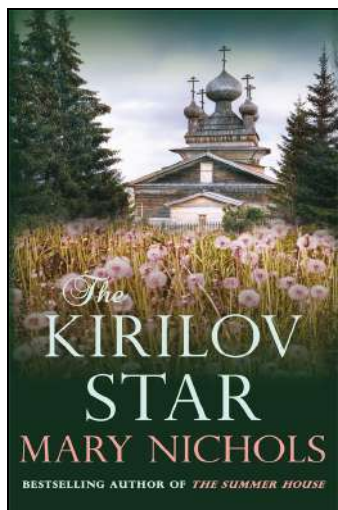
Over twenty years pass and a second war is ravaging Europe, but that is not the only echo of the past to haunt the present. Laura Drummond is caught in a tragic love affair of her own and when she is forced to leave London during the Blitz, she turns to the mother she never knew.

Author Biography

Born in Singapore of a Dutch-South African father and an English mother, MARY NICHOLS came to England when she was three and spent most of her life in different parts of East Anglia. She had been a radiographer, school secretary, editor for one of the John Lewis Partnership house magazines and an information services manager for an open learning company, as well as a writer. From short stories and articles for a variety of newspapers and magazines, she turned to writing novels. Mary wrote historical romance for Mills & Boon as well as family sagas. She was also the author of *The Mother of Necton*, a biography of her grandmother, who was a midwife and nurse in a Norfolk village between the wars. Mary died in 2016.

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Publication date **11 April 2011**
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 BISAC **FICTION / Historical / General (FIC014000) FICTION / Sagas (FIC008000)**

Binding
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The Kirilov Star

Mary Nichols

Sales Points

- Shortlisted for the RNA Historical Romantic Novel Award 2013.
- A heartbreaking story of love found in the chaos of Revolutionary Russia.
- For fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore.

Reviews

- 'Delightful...an enchanting story' - Judith Lennox
- 'A gripping and poignant story, with a heroine you can really care about. Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience.' - Anna Jacobs

Comparable Titles



Description

November 1920. Russia may have survived the Revolution, but a brutal civil war still rages. Families flee as the threat draws ever closer. However, as distant relatives of the Romanovs, the Kirilovs' heritage means they are never far from danger. When tragedy strikes, four-year-old Lydia Kirilova is separated from her family; the only key to her identity is the opulent jewel concealed in her petticoat.

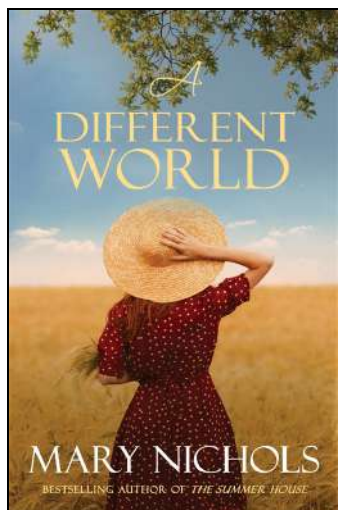
Struck by Lydia's plight, a benevolent diplomat brings her to England. Surrounded by luxury and endless opportunities, Lydia enjoys a life many would wish for. Yet, as uncertainty shrouds even her birth date, she accepts an invitation to visit Russia with a charming, but mysterious man. It is the perfect chance to discover the past she hardly remembers, but will Lydia truly find a home?

Author Biography

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 Extent **352 pages**
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A Different World

Mary Nichols

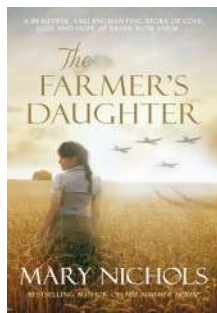
Sales Points

- A new compelling story of wartime love and loss from RNA shortlisted author Mary Nichols.
- From the author of *The Summer House*, which has sold close to 20,000 in the UK alone.
- Perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore.
- *The Kirilov Star* was shortlisted for the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award 2013.

Reviews

- 'Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience' - Anna Jacobs

Comparable Titles



Description

1939. Warsaw, Poland. Pilot Jan Grabowski receives orders that take him to the heart of the escalating conflict. He leaves behind his wife, Rulka, who sees Poland overcome by the Nazis. In constant danger and amid cruel reprisals, she joins the Resistance.

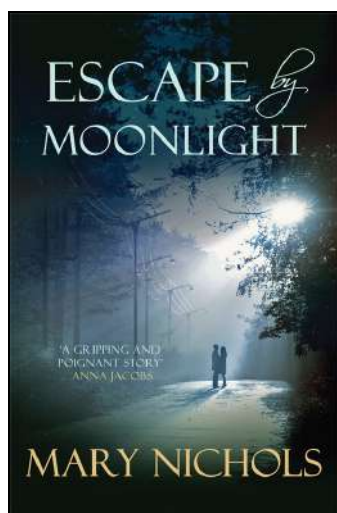
Norfolk. Louise Fairhurst's war is very different. Evacuated with her class of ten-year-olds from London she finds herself acting mother as well as teacher to the children. She has much to do settling city children down in the countryside, and she wonders whether she should have stayed in London until a chance meeting with Jan alters her path...

Author Biography

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 Extent **384 pages**
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Escape by Moonlight

Mary Nichols

Keynote

The latest gripping and poignant story from RNA shortlisted author Mary Nichols

Sales Points

- From the author of *The Summer House*, approaching 20,000 sales in the UK alone.
- For fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore.
- *The Kirilov Star* was shortlisted for the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award 2013.

Reviews

- 'Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience.' - Anna Jacobs
- 'Nichols is a consummate storyteller and cleverly weaves the progress of the war into the lives of her characters. She brings the past alive ... delightfully compelling.' - *Historical Novels Review*

Description

Summer, 1939. The de Lacey family of Nayton Manor believe they are ready for the changes the war will bring. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, is due to return home from her grandparents' farm in France and is expected to marry the dashing Captain Max Coburn. But when Grandpère suffers a stroke while driving Elizabeth to the station, her future is changed. Instead of returning home to Norfolk, Elizabeth chooses to stay and help her grandparents. Max is also stationed in France – but will this help their courtship, or will the war threaten to separate them for ever?

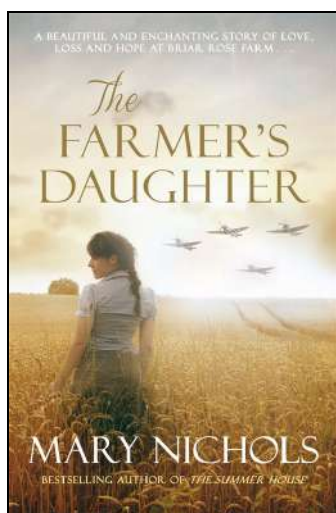
Meanwhile, in the village of Nayton, Lucy Storey dutifully cares for her father the stationmaster, running their home in the little cottage by the railway. Her long hard days are brightened by meetings with the handsome Jack de Lacey, who brings a brief escape from her daily routine. As their friendship grows, can they overcome the class prejudices set in their way, or will the jealous signalman Frank Lambert succeed in destroying their romance? For all at Nayton, war becomes a time of risk and danger, of secrets and betrayal, and of finding love in the most unexpected places.

Author Biography

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The Farmer's Daughter

Mary Nichols

Sales Points

- From the author of *The Summer House*, which has sold over 40,000 copies in the UK to date.
- Perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore.
- *The Kirilov Star* was shortlisted for the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award

Reviews

- 'Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience.' - Anna Jacobs

Comparable Titles



Description

June, 1944. Since her father's stroke, Jean has been trying to run her parents' small farm almost single-handedly and is in desperate need of help. Karl, a German prisoner of war captured when the Allies invade France in 1944, turns out to be just what she needs. He is polite, hardworking and homesick, but is he more than that?

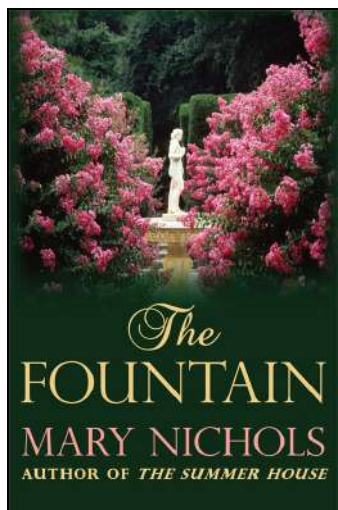
Fraternalisation between the prisoners and the local population is forbidden, but as the weeks and months pass, Jean and Karl become closer – much to the dismay of Jean's family and Karl's compatriots. Can their love have a future when it seems every hand is against them?

Author Biography

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Romance /
General
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Binding
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The Fountain **The vivid tale of love and loss**

Mary Nichols

Description

Norfolk, 1920. Barbara Bosgrove has lived in the market town of Melsham all her life, and is looking forward to the annual Harvest Supper dinner and ball - the first since the dark days of the First World War. George Kennett, a fiercely ambitious man, has had his eye on Barbara since spotting her with her great friend Penny, and Penny's brother Simon. He begins a slow and steady courtship and Barbara is eventually won over, agreeing to marry a man she believes she can rely on. Little does she realise how wrong she can be. Worn down by George's unfaithfulness during their marriage, Barbara feels she has lost all the vitality of her youth. But Simon is not prepared to let Barbara lose sight of the woman she really is - the woman he has always loved. He reawakens Barbara's passion and fighting spirit, but at what cost?

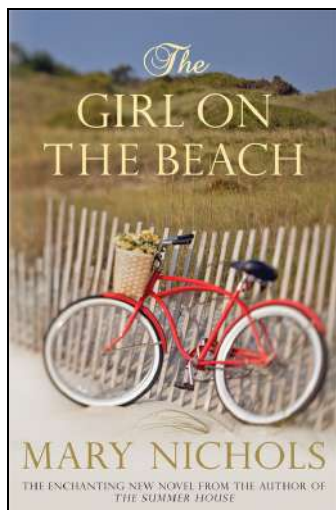
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The Girl on the Beach

Wartime love and fate

Mary Nichols

Sales Points

- From the author of *The Summer House*, approaching 20,000 sales in the UK alone.
- A perfect summer read.
- For fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore.

Reviews

- 'A gripping and poignant story, with a heroine you can really care about. Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience.' - Anna Jacobs

Description

Julie Monday, abandoned by her mother and raised in a children's home, enjoys a rare moment of happiness when at the age of eight she visits the Essex seaside and meets eleven-year-old Harry Walker. They spend a happy few hours together, but at the end of the afternoon, she must return to the Foundling's Hospital, and Harry goes home to his family. Ten years later, they meet again. Fated to be together, they marry just before the outbreak of the Second World War. But it's now 1939, Harry has enlisted in the Royal Air Force, and Julie must face the blitz in wartime London alone with their son.

Travelling back from work one day, Julie is caught in the chaos of a direct hit. Rescued from the destroyed air-raid shelter, but injured and with severe memory loss, Julie is given a new identity as Eve Seaton. But it is not easy to become a different person; plagued with disturbing flashes of memory that she doesn't understand, forgetting her former life as Julie Monday proves impossible. She must make a decision: should she make a new life for herself as Eve, or struggle to recover the pieces of a shattered identity?

Author Biography

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We'll Meet Again

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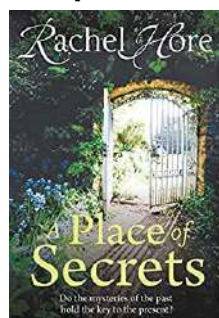
Sales Points

- From the author of *The Summer House*, which has sold 25,000 through the traditional book trade in the UK alone
- Perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore
- *The Kirilov Star* was shortlisted for the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award 2013.

Reviews

- 'Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience' - Anna Jacobs

Comparable Titles



Description

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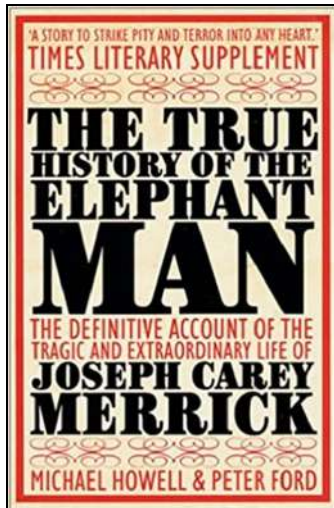
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