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Historical Fiction
The Silent Sister

The third Cat Carlisle mystery coming March 2020.

The Family Secret

Will she find the truth?

England, 1940

After a sudden unexplained disappearance, Thomas Charles comes back into Cat Carlisle’s life with the suggestion she leave London – and the threat of bombs – to move to back her childhood village in Cumberland. Back in her hometown Cat discovers her childhood friend, Beth Hargreaves, is suspected of murder. As Cat tries to prove Beth’s innocence, she discovers a scheme of deception that affects the whole village. Can she uncover the family truths behind the murder and expose the enemy hiding in plain sight?

The Silent Woman

Would you sell your secrets?

Catherine Carlisle is trapped in a loveless marriage and the threat of World War Two is looming. She sees no way out… that is until a trusted friend asks her to switch her husband’s papers in a desperate bid to confuse the Germans.

Soon Catherine finds herself caught up in a deadly mixture of espionage and murder. Someone is selling secrets to the other side, and the evidence seems to point right at her.

Can she clear her name before it’s too late?

Terry Lynn Thomas grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, which explains her love of foggy beaches and Gothic mysteries. When her husband promised to buy Terry a horse and the time to write if she moved to Mississippi with him, she jumped at the chance. Although she had written several novels and screenplays prior to 2006, after she relocated to the South she set out to write in earnest and has never looked back. Now Terry Lynn writes the Sarah Bennett Mysteries, set on the California coast during the 1940s, which feature a misunderstood medium in love with a spy. Neptune’s Daughter is a recipient of the IndieBRAG Medallion.
On the beautiful island of Jersey, Florence Rowe lives a quiet, content life working in her father’s bookshop. Life for the Rowe family is good, but Florence can’t help yearning for more.

When Jesse Boot, the successful owner of Boots the chemist, arrives on the island, Florence is immediately captivated by his tales of life in a busy, bustling city on the mainland. For the first time ever, Florence imagines a life away from the constraints of Jersey society, of being someone more than just her father’s daughter.

Until her parents reveal the shocking news they will refuse any marriage proposal from Mr Boot. Can Florence find a way to be with the man she loves and make a life for herself?

Mrs Boots is the first instalment in an enthralling new series following the life of one of the most extraordinary women of 20th century British society.

Praise for Deborah Carr’s The Poppy Field:

‘Both heartbreaking and full of hope and happiness’ Pam, Goodreads

‘Exceptional’ Cassie’s Books

‘A beautifully written, highly enjoyable read’ Nicki’s Book Blog

‘One to watch’ Good Housekeeping
All We Could Not Leave Behind

Danielle R. Graham

The Secret Orphan meets The Tattooist of Auschwitz with a dash of Wild Swans

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 10 Jan 2020
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII
For: readers of The Tattooist of Auschwitz

The author: Danielle R. Graham is the author of both sweet and edgy young adult and new adult novels for HarperCollins and Entangled Publishing. All We Could Not Leave Behind is her first historical novel.

She worked as a social worker with at-risk youth for seven years before becoming a therapist in private practice. Her romance, suspense, and psychological thrillers deal with issues relevant to teens and new adults in love, transition, or crisis. She is based in Canada.

Vancouver 1940. Chidori and Hayden are in love. But when war breaks out around the world, Chidori, a Japanese-Canadian suddenly becomes the enemy. Forced to leave her home and branded an enemy alien, Chidori is sent to an internment camp to work in the sugar beet fields of Alberta, under terrible conditions.

Determined to help end the war, Hayden joins the air force but when his plane is shot down over enemy territory, he becomes a prisoner of war.

But whatever the Germans do to him, Hayden never gives up hope of returning to his beloved.

A powerful and incredibly moving historical novel inspired by an untold story of the Second World War.
Mrs P’s Book of Secrets

Lorna Gray

There are no white shrouded spectres here, no wailing ghouls. Just the echoes of those who have passed, whispering that history is set to repeat itself.

The Cotswolds, Christmastime 1946: A young widow leaves behind the tragedy of her wartime life, and returns home to her ageing aunt and uncle. For Lucy – known as Mrs P – and the people who raised her, the books that line the walls of the family publishing business bring comfort and the promise of new beginnings.

But the kind and reserved new editor at the Kershaw and Kathay Book Press is a former prisoner of war, and he has his own shadows to bear. And when the old secrets of a little girl’s abandonment are uncovered within the pages of Robert Underhills’s latest project, Lucy must work quickly if she is to understand the truth behind his frequent trips away.

For a ghost dwells in the record of an orphan girl’s last days. And even as Lucy dares to risk her heart, the grief of her own past seems to be whispering a warning of fresh loss.

Praise for Lorna Gray:

‘An enchanting debut’ Romance Junkies

‘I now have another author to add to my ever growing list of excellent historical fiction writers!’ BitsinBooks

‘I can’t tell you how much I enjoyed reading this book…sweet, provocatively steamy, and absolutely swoony’ Feminist Reflections

‘Absorbing and chilling, yet tempered with echoes of a lost romance…this story is one of the best I’ve read this year for its imagery and originality’ Jane Hunt Reviews
The Orphan Thief

Glynis Peters

_The Secret Orphan_ sold over 320,000 copies in all formats internationally, it was a _USA Today_ bestseller and top-10 Canadian bestseller for five weeks.

This is a sweeping historical romance filled with hope and resilience, perfect for fans of Christina Baker Kline, Soraya M. Lane and Shirley Dickson.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 28 Nov 2019
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Historical, WWII

The author: Glynis Peters lives in the seaside town of Dovercourt-Harwich. In 2014 she was shortlisted for the Festival of Romance New Talent Award.

When Glynis is not writing, she enjoys making greetings cards, Cross Stitch, fishing and looking after her gorgeous grandchildren.

Rights sold: Newton Compton (Italian), Kultura (Macedonia)

As Hitler’s bombs rain down on a battered and beleaguered Britain, Ruby Shadwell is dealt the most devastating blow – her entire family is lost during the Coventry Blitz.

Alone and with the city in chaos, Ruby is determined to survive this war and rebuild her life. And a chance encounter with street urchin Tommy gives Ruby just the chance she needs.

Because Tommy brings with him Canadian Sergeant Jean-Paul Clayton. Jean-Paul is drawn to Ruby and wants to help her, but Ruby cannot bear another loss. Can love bloom amidst the ruins? Or will the war take Ruby’s last chance at happiness too?

Readers love Glynis Peter’s _The Secret Orphan_:

‘The depiction of wartime life in the Coventry bombings and on a Cornish farm were realistic and compelling’ Vivien Brown

‘A must read for WWII historical fiction fans’ Lizbeth, Goodreads

‘A gripping, page turner set in WWI … Loved it’ Amanda, Netgalley

‘A real page turner … You will find yourself in England during the war with a story that will stay with you’ Lou, Goodreads
A daring WWII pilot who grew up among the clouds, Juliet Caron’s life was one of courage, adventure – and a love torn apart by war. Every nook of her Cornish cottage is alive with memories just waiting to be discovered.

Katherine Henderson has escaped to Cornwall for Christmas, but she soon finds there is more to her holiday cottage than meets the eye. And on the eve of Juliet’s 100th birthday, Katherine is enlisted to make an old lady’s final Christmas wish come true.

Praise for The Last Letter From Juliet:

‘I loved it!’ Jill Mansell

‘OK…. I’ve finished the book. Holy ******… I had to keep taking breaks in the last 15% just so I didn’t break down in a flood of tears’ Zoe Harrgen

‘Read the first chapter and I. Was. HOOKED!’ Skye’s Mum

‘If you only read one book this year make it The Last Letter from Juliet’ Tracey Shults

‘I just couldn’t put it down until finished’ Jeanette

‘Captures those stolen moments in dangerous and desperate times…beautiful, nostalgic and emotional’ Cheryl M-M

‘Jam packed full of emotion…I don't usually read historical fiction but I'm so glad I read this’ Jennie Scanlan

‘I can highly recommend this beautiful tale of love, sacrifice, friendship, courage and so much more’ Nessa Stimpson
The Stationmaster’s Daughter

Kathleen McGurl

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 7 Aug 2019
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Timeslip
Themes: Romance, historical
For: fans of Kate Morton, Lulu Taylor and Lucinda Riley.

The author: Kathleen McGurl lives near the sea in Bournemouth, UK, with her husband and elderly tabby cat. She has two sons who are now grown-up and have left home. She began her writing career creating short stories, and sold dozens to women’s magazines in the UK and Australia. Then she got side-tracked onto family history research – which led eventually to writing novels with genealogy themes. She has always been fascinated by the past, and the ways in which the past can influence the present, and enjoys exploring these links in her novels. When not writing or working at her full-time job in IT, she likes to go out running. She also adores mountains and is never happier than when striding across the Lake District fells, following a route from a Wainwright

Previous rights sold: City Editions (French)

Dorset, 1935. Stationmaster Ted has never cared much for romance. Occupied with ensuring England’s most beautiful railway runs on time, love has always felt like a comparatively trivial matter.

Yet when he meets Annie Galbraith on the 8.42 train to Lynford, he can’t help but instantly fall for her.

But when the railway is forced to close and a terrible accident occurs within the station grounds, Ted finds his job and any hope of a relationship with Annie hanging in the balance.

Present day. Recovering from heartbreak after a disastrous marriage, Tilly decides to escape from the bustling capital and move to Dorset to stay with her dad, Ken.

When Ken convinces Tilly to help with the restoration of the old railway, she discovers a diary hidden in the old ticket office. Tilly is soon swept up in Ted’s story, and the fateful accident that changed his life forever.

But an encounter with an enigmatic stranger takes Tilly by surprise, and she can’t help but feel a connection with Ted’s story in the past.

Don’t miss this haunting and evocative timeslip novel.

Praise for Kathleen McGurl’s The Drowned Village:

‘The Drowned Village with its dual timelines is a compelling story which drew me straight in and kept me hooked until the past met the future in a satisfying ending. Look forward to reading more from this author.’ Linda Finlay, author of The Flower Seller

‘Really touching, a gently gripping mystery. Made me desperate to visit the Lake District!’ Kerry Barrett
Front Line Nurse

Rosie James

An emotional First World War saga full of hope. For fans of Molly Green, Kate Quinn, and Heather Morris.

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 12 Jun 2019
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Historical, Nursing, WW1

The author: Born in Bristol of Welsh parentage, Rosie James has always been a compulsive writer, her early enthusiasms kept alive by winning the occasional childhood prize, and much later by seeing her articles, short stories and romantic novels published. She is a trained singer, and as a lyric coloratura soprano, her roles include those in opera, operetta and oratorio. She enjoys theatre and eating out with friends, entertaining regularly at home – and when her beloved children and grandchildren are there as well, the party really gets going. Rosie lives in Somerset.

In the Great War, every act of courage counted…

Angelina Green never knew her mother, who left her in a cardboard box by the East London docks on a freezing November night when she was a tiny baby. Saved by a local orphanage, she knows she owes her life to the kindness of others. And she’s determined to repay her debt by working as a nurse.

Strong, kind and patient, Angelina is a natural on the ward. But when war breaks out in 1914 and she is sent to The Front, her courage is tested like never before.

As war rages around her, a chance meeting with a familiar soldier sends Angelina’s whole world into turmoil. Can she hold her nerve, save the men around her – and protect her heart?

Don’t miss this emotional story of one woman’s remarkable courage in the face of the Great War.

Praise for Rosie James:

‘Front Line Nurse is a wonderful book that gives insight to what nurses went through during the war’

‘The characters were enjoyable from beginning to the end!’

‘Fantastic war saga very enthralling and feel good factor. Rosie James doesn’t disappoint and this book was no different she writes with such warmth…Highly recommended’

‘This was a great piece of historical fiction!’

‘A delightful story to read’
Romance & Comedy
The First Date

Zara Stoneley

A hilarious, heart-warming romantic comedy about what happens when the wrong guy turns up at the right time, perfect for fans of Sophie Kinsella and Debbie Johnson.

The Wedding Date sold over 167k copies across all formats and was a USA Today bestseller

Preis der Zara Stoneley:
‘Fun, flirty and fabulously festive’ Cathy Bramley
‘The perfect antidote to the winter blues…a sweet, funny and compelling tale that makes you wonder exactly what your life would be like if you just had the nerve to try and change it’ Debbie Johnson, bestselling author of Christmas at the Comfort Food Cafe
‘Warm, happy, perfect to curl up with and guaranteed to make you smile!’ Kitty Loves Books
‘Heartwarming…will make Christmas feel extra magical’ The Reading Shed
‘One of those books that you should read curled up on the sofa with a mug of hot chocolate’ Michelle Ryles, Top 1000 Amazon reviewer
‘The perfect holiday read’ Jane Hunt Writer Book Reviews
Rosie Lewis has her life together. A swanky job as a Michelin-Starred Sous Chef, a loving husband and future children scheduled for exactly January 2021.

That's until she comes home one day to find her husband’s pre-packed bag and a confession that he’s had an affair.

Heartbroken and devastated, Rosie drowns her sorrows in a glass (or three) of wine, only to discover the following morning that she has spontaneously invested in a bright pink campervan to facilitate her grand plans to travel the country.

Now, Rosie is about to embark on the trip of a lifetime, and the chance to change her life! With Poppy, her new-found travelling tea shop in tow, nothing could go wrong, could it…?
The New Guy

Kathryn Freeman

A page-turning, laugh out loud rom-com with the best chemistry between hero and heroine you will ever read!

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 13 March 2020
Extent: 400pp

The author: Kathryn started her working life as a retail pharmacist but soon realised trying to decipher doctors' handwriting wasn’t for her. Next she joined the pharmaceutical industry where she spent 20 years working in medical communications, doing a lot of writing – about medicines. What she really wanted to write about though, was romance.

In 2011, backed by her family, she left the world of pharmaceutical science to begin life as a self employed writer, juggling the two disciplines of medical writing and romance. Some days a racing heart is a medical condition, others it's the reaction to a hunky hero.

A one-night stand…

Ryan Black isn’t looking for a casual pick-up. He’s focussed on his new job and making a good impression with the boss. But when a smart, sexy woman propositions him, Ryan's tempted.

A night to remember...

Sam Huxton doesn’t do one-night stands, especially not with men she’s just met! But the hot guy brooding at the bar is hard to resist. Their one night together is one she’ll never forget, but that’s all they share – no names, no numbers.

With the boss!

Until the same hot guy walks into Sam’s life the next day as her new employee! Sam never mixes business with pleasure and makes it clear an office fling with Ryan is off-limits. But after-hours, Sam can’t resist the brooding Mr Black.

Praise for The New Guy:

‘Amazing chemistry and a hero you’ll fall in love with’ Julie Caplin
My Best Friend’s Royal Wedding

Romy Sommer

A funny, sexy rom-com perfect for fans of Sally Thorne and Helen Hoang.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 29 Jan 2020
Extent: 300pp

The author: Once upon a time, Romy dreamed of living inside one of the fairy tales in her head. As a 2016 finalist for the Romance Writers of America® RITA Award, and as Chairperson of ROSA (Romance writers Organisation of South Africa), all of Romy's dreams have come true. She is not only a multi-published author, but as a writing coach and teacher, she now helps make other writers' dreams come true too.

Website: www.romysommer.com

Cocktail waitress Khara Thomas never expected to trade the dazzling lights of Vegas for European aristocracy but as maid of honour in the royal wedding of the decade she’s forced into an unexpected spotlight when her best friend marries a prince.

Luckily for Khara, gorgeous but infuriating best man Adam Hatton is happy to show her the ropes. Khara knows Adam’s entitled rich guy type but as their connection grows she realises there’s more to this playboy than meets the eye. And when she learns his royal secret? She might just find that fairytales do come true.

Praise for My Best Friend’s Royal Wedding:

‘Romance with a capital R!’ USA Today bestselling author Zara Stoneley

‘A fun, sexy romance filled with every emotion … a well written modern day fairy tale that will leave you with a smile on your face’ Harlequin Junkie

‘This was an adorable story… sweet, sexy, fun and had just the right amount of angst thrown in to stir things up’ The Book Binge

‘The witty banter, the solid characters and their development, and the honesty in the story just plain moved me’ Kitty’s Book Spot

‘I will make no secret of the fact I am a Romy Sommer superfan… It’s SUCH a feel good book! If you like romance, you'll love it!’ Five Go Glamping
Hannah Thompson loves her family beyond words…but sometimes she wishes they would recognise her as more than just ‘mum’.

Eldest son Dylan is soon to be flying the nest, sixteen-year-old Scarlet keeps asking about penalties for worryingly specific crimes, they’ve forgotten world book day and Benji absolutely will not be Where’s Wally again, and it’s at least two days before she and hubby Nick can sit down for Wine Wednesdays…and even longer until Fizzy Friday.

But Hannah is determined to find herself a job that she loves, earn a whole lot of money and to have her teenagers respect her as a professional as well as a mother; it might sound like a tall order, but she’s a mum on a mission.

What readers are saying about *More Than Just Mum*:
‘Funny, realistic and totally relatable, I raced through this book as I couldn’t wait to see what would happen next!’ Reader review

‘A great light-hearted lively read that many women will relate to!’ Reader review

‘I absolutely loved this funny, easy to read, feel good book…a book that left you with a smile and great feeling of well being.’ Reader review

‘This book was so funny and had me laughing so much that my dog was woken up and was not impressed.’ Reader review

‘A highly enjoyable read that had me laughing out loud more often than not…hysterical, and Hannah’s engaging voice will have you rooting for her until the very end.’ Reader review

‘Loved it!! This book really draws you into the characters’ world and shows you around. The people are believable in such a way that they could be you or your neighbours. So many good things with this book!!’ Reader review
Ten Things My Cat Hates About You

Lottie Lucas

This funny, warm-hearted rom com is perfect for fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lindsey Kelk and Mhairi McFarlane!

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 20 Nov 2019
Extent: 362pp

Genre: Romantic comedy
Themes: Romance, love triangle, cats

The author: Lottie Lucas lives in the countryside with her auctioneer husband, an effervescent spaniel puppy and diva-ish rescue cat. Sometimes she wonders how she finds enough time for writing, let alone anything else, but when she does get a free moment, she loves baking, walking, and getting the chance to read anything which isn’t her own manuscript.

You can find her on Twitter @LottieAuthor, Instagram @LottieLucasAuthor, and Facebook /lottielucasauthor.

Not everyone gets nine lives…
So be better be the love of a lifetime!

When Clara’s ginger cat Casper chases yet another romantic prospect out the door she’s ready to give up on love altogether. But then the fussy feline causes two meet cutes in the space of a day and suddenly Clara has two gorgeous men driving her to distraction.

But who is in control of happy ever after? Clara, fate…or the cat who started it all?

Readers are loving this heartwarming romance:
‘The sweetest tale…crammed with joy’ Sunday Times bestseller Milly Johnson
‘I LOVED THIS BOOK…will 100% be purchasing a physical copy’ Emily, Instagram
‘Wow this book is my new favourite romance book…It has been a while since I have found a romance author who can make me laugh’ Louise, Netgalley
‘Sometimes you just need a romantic comedy in book form to make you feel better because life can be so heavy…Casper the cat might be my favorite fictional cat of all time’ Joanna, Netgalley
‘Ideal to get your mind off of things and your heart fluttering’ Sophie, Netgalley
‘Oh my gosh, I just loved this book so much!’ Michelle, Netgalley
‘Highly entertaining…deserves to be on my for-a-rainy-day shelf’ Fleur, Netgalley
Christmas at Rachel’s Pudding Pantry

Caroline Roberts

The first snow is falling over Primrose Farm, the mince pies are warming, and Rachel can’t wait to share a kiss under the mistletoe with her gorgeous new flame, Tom.

If only it was all comfort and joy… The arrival of Tom’s ex brings an unwelcome chill to the farm. And despite Master Baker Mum Jill’s valiant efforts, the new pudding pantry business is feeling the pinch.

With a spoonful of festive spirit, a cupful of goodwill with friends, and her messy, wonderful family by her side, can Rachel make this a Christmas to remember?

What readers are saying about Caroline Roberts:

‘Family, friendships, farming and fabulous food. The Pudding Pantry is perfect!’ – Sunday Times bestseller Heidi Swain

‘Cosy and uplifting – a real treat!’ Debbie Johnson

‘A delightful, life affirming story’ Ali McNamara

‘Such a wonderful book, heart-wrenching and uplifting and joyful!’ Cressida McLaughlin

‘A top-rated romance which I devoured quicker than a slice of Victoria Sponge. Beautifully written, warm, funny, cosy, romantic and sweeter than a tray full of cookie dough’ Bookaholic Confessions

‘A warm and cosy read for a cold winter’s day . . . will have you longing to be served in the tearoom’ Rachel’s Random Reads

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Brabbin
Publication: 31 Oct 2019
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Escapist, seasonal

The author: Caroline Roberts is the Kindle bestselling author of the Cosy Teashop series. She enjoys writing about relationships; stories of love, loss and family, which explore how beautiful and sometimes complex love can be. A slice of cake, glass of bubbly and a cup of tea would make her day – preferably served with friends!

Previous rights sold:
Newton Compton (Italian), HarperCollins (Finnish, German, Swedish, Norwegian)

Caroline’s bestselling ‘Cosy’ books sold over 65k PBs and over 100k e-books.
A Cosy Christmas in Cornwall

Jane Linfoot

Heart-warming, escapist Christmas romance from the bestselling author of The Little Wedding Shop by the Sea series.

Christmas in a Cornish castle? Sign Ivy up! Hired to kit out the holiday rental as the world’s most Instagramable festive dreamland, there’s only one thing standing in the way of her hefty paycheque – the lord of the manor.

Bill Markham could give Scrooge a run for his money but Ivy is firmly #TeamChristmas…even if her handsome host seems to be doing everything he can to sabotage her staging. Maybe she shouldn’t have stumbled in on him starkers in the hot tub?

As the temperature outside cools, things inside the castle heat up. It’s been a long time since Ivy allowed herself to give in to temptation…surely one little kiss under the mistletoe won’t hurt?

Praise for Jane Linfoot:
‘Sparkling, laugh-out-loud, romantic’ Phillippa Ashley, bestselling author of Summer at the Cornish Cafe

‘The perfect holiday read to warm your heart’ No.1 bestselling author Tracy Bloom

‘Just like the perfect wedding cake, Cupcakes and Confetti is beautifully crafted and wrapped in romance’ Heidi Swain

‘Funny and big-hearted, I was enchanted by Lily and her friends’ Sunday Times bestselling author Michele Gorman

‘A pure delight…fabulous, fun and unforgettable’ Debbie Johnson, bestselling author of Christmas at the Comfort Food Cafe

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 19 October 2019
Extent: 400 pp

The author: Jane Linfoot writes fun, flirty fiction with feisty heroines and a bit of an edge. She lives in a mountain kingdom in Derbyshire, where her family and pets are kind enough to ignore the domestic chaos. Happily, they’re in walking distance of a supermarket. Jane loves hearts, flowers, happy endings, all things vintage, and most things French. When not on Facebook and without an excuse for shopping, she can be found walking or gardening.

Previous rights sold:
HarperCollins (German)
Notting Hill in the Snow

Jules Wake

From the bestselling author of *Covent Garden in the Snow*, this is the most romantic and charming book you’ll read this Christmas.

It's mayhem in Bethlehem…unless they can work together!

Viola Smith plays the viola in an orchestra (yes really!), but this year she's been asked to stretch her musical talents to organising Notting Hill's local nativity.

Nate Williams isn't looking forward to Christmas but as his small daughter, Grace, has the starring role in the show, he's forced to stop being a Grinch and volunteer with Viola.

With the sparks between them hotter than the chestnuts roasting in Portobello market, Nate and Viola can't deny their feelings. And as the snow starts to fall over London, they find themselves trapped together in more ways than one.

Praise for *Covent Garden in the Snow*:

‘Had me laughing from the first page!’ Rachel's Random Reads

‘Buy this book, put up a do not disturb sign and enjoy indulging in every page – you won’t be disappointed!’ Gem’s Quiet Corner

‘A romantic and hilarious novel with a beautiful and snowy Christmas atmosphere’ Chicklit Club

‘Oh I absolutely loved Tilly! What a fun, festive book, and a beautiful cover’ LoveReading.com
The Summer House in Santorini

Samantha Parks

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Charlotte Ledger
Publication: 7 Aug 2019
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Escapist, romance
For: fans of Mamma Mia!
The author: Samantha Parks is the pen name of Sam Gale. Her pen name comes from her late grandmother Velma Hobbs nee Parks, who was one of Sam's greatest role models. Sam was born in North Carolina but now resides in Bournemouth, UK, with her husband Alex. She owns a successful marketing company and is enjoying her slow descent into "crazy plant lady" status. The Summer House in Santorini is her first novel.

One summer in Greece will change everything…
Anna’s running away. From a failed relationship, a dead-end career and a complicated family life.

On the island of Santorini, with its picturesque villas, blue-tiled roofs, and the turquoise waters of the Aegean lapping at the white sand beaches, Anna inherits a less-than-picturesque summer house from her estranged father. As she rebuilds the house, she rebuilds her life, uncovering family secrets along the way that change everything. She starts to fall for her little slice of paradise, as well as for gorgeous, charming Nikos.

Will Anna lose her heart in more ways than one?

Readers LOVE Samantha Parks!
‘Wow, what an amazing debut book. Samantha Parks’s writing style had me gripped from the very first page’ Faith, Twitter
‘Will 110% make you want to visit Santorini!’ Stacey, The Cosiest Corner Book Blog
‘Gorgeous… thank you Samantha Parks for delightful book!’ Margaret, Netgalley
‘Perfect beach or pool read’ Bee, Netgalley
‘Lovely and heartfelt’ Cheryl M-M's Book Blog
‘Perfect chick lit!’ Christie, Instagram
‘A glorious summer holiday read’ Ruth, top 100 Amazon reviewer
‘A lovely romance set among rustic villages and white sandy beaches. What more could you ask for?’ Angela, Goodreads
A Summer to Remember

Victoria Cooke

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Belinda Toor
Publication: 5 Jul 2019
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Escapist, destination
For: fans of Holly Martin, Debbie Johnson and Lindsey Kelk

The author: Victoria Cooke grew up in the city of Manchester before crossing the Pennines in pursuit of her career in education. She now lives in Huddersfield with her husband and two young daughters. When she’s not at home writing by the fire with a cup of coffee in hand, she loves working out in the gym and travelling. Victoria has always had a passion for reading and writing, undertaking several writers’ courses before completing her first novel in 2016.

Sam lives by the mantra that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

After the tragic loss of her husband, Sam built a new life around friends, her cat Coco and a career she loves. Fending off frequent set-ups and well-meaning advice to ‘move on’, Sam is resolutely happy being single.

But when Sam gets seconded to her firm’s Boston office for the summer, it is more than her career that is in for a shake-up. A spur of the moment decision to visit the idyllic beaches of Cape Cod could end up changing her life forever.

One thing is for sure, Sam won’t finish the summer the same woman who started it.

Praise for Victoria Cooke

Julie Caplin

The author: Formerly a PR director, for many years she swanned around Europe taking top food and drink writers on press trips (junkets) sampling the gastronomic delights of various cities. These trips have provided the inspiration and settings for the series. Julie also writes contemporary romance as Jules Wake.

The Secret Cove in Croatia – Jul 2019

When no-nonsense, down-to-earth Maddie Wilcox is offered the chance to work on a luxury yacht for the summer, she can't say no. Yes she'll be waiting on the posh guests… But island-hopping around the Adriatic sea will more than make up for it – especially when Nick, her best friend Nina’s brother, is one of them. Sparks fly when they meet on board and Maddie can't believe self-entitled jerk Nick is really related to Nina. But in a secret, picture-perfect cove, away from the real world, Maddie and Nick discover they might have more in common than they realise.

The Northern Lights Lodge – Feb 2019

With a shattered heart and her career completely in tatters, Lucy needs to get away from her life in the UK. But, when she takes a job as hotel manager of the Northern Lights Lodge, she doesn’t quite expect to find herself in a land of bubbling hot springs and snowflake-dusted glaciers – and in the company of gorgeous Scottish barman, Alex. Determined to turn her life around, Lucy sets about making the lodge the number one romantic destination in Iceland – even though romance is the last thing she wants. However, as Alex and Lucy grow closer under the dancing lights of the aurora, Lucy might just learn how to fall in love again.

The Little Paris Patisserie – Sep 2018

As the youngest of four, Nina Hadley has always had her big brothers telling her what to do. So, when she’s given the chance to move to Paris and help run a patisserie course, she can’t say au revoir quick enough! There’s just one problem: high-flying chef Sebastian Finlay is the owner of the patisserie. He’s also her brother Nick’s best friend – and the man she has secretly been in love with since forever. Amongst the mouth-wateringly delicious eclairs and delicate macaroons, Nina’s culinary creations aren’t the only tempting thing she’s working with.

The Little Brooklyn Bakery – May 2018

When Sophie Bennings arrives in New York, love is the last thing on her mind. Still reeling from a painful break up, she throws herself into her work as a food editor on a top-notch magazine. Columnist Todd McLennan is everything that Sophie wishes she didn't want. Like the gorgeous bakery below her Brooklyn apartment, he’s as tempting as the delicious cupcakes on display. Surely a little of what you fancy can do you good? As Sophie and Todd get to know one another, a love of food isn’t the only passion they share. In the city that never sleeps, has Sophie finally met the man of her dreams?

The Little Café in Copenhagen – Feb 2018

Publicist Kate Sinclair’s life in London is everything she thought she wanted: success, glamour and a charming boyfriend. Until that boyfriend goes behind her back and snatches a much sought-after promotion from her. Heartbroken and questioning everything, Kate needs to escape. From candles and cozy nights in to romantic late-night walks through the beautiful cobbled streets of Copenhagen, Kate discovers how to live life ‘the Danish way’. Can the secrets of hygge and happiness lead her to her own happily-ever-after?
Suspense & Psychological Thrillers
The Beach

Sarah Linley

Perfect for fans of *The Honeymoon, I Looked Away and The Mother-in-Law*

It was supposed to be the perfect trip. Four friends, fresh out of university, backpacking around Thailand. But among the sun, sea and sand, something went horribly wrong.

In the years since, Holly has tried hard to push memories of that terrible summer from her mind. Now a schoolteacher, she believes her life is finally coming together when she meets Tom and his adorable five-year-old son, Jack.

But then, Holly starts receiving anonymous messages, showing photos which Holly was sure she destroyed years ago. Someone clearly knows the truth about what really happened. The only question is, how far will they go to get revenge?

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Kathryn Cheshire
Publication: 14 May 2020
Extent: 350pp

Genre: Psychological thriller
Themes: Friendship, travel, relationships, secrets

The author: Sarah Linley lives in Yorkshire and works as a Communications Manager for a housing charity.

She spent two years backpacking around South-East Asia with her husband. Their travels inspired her debut novel, *The Beach*.

When she is not writing, she enjoys walking in the Dales with her dad and his dog.
The One Who Got Away

L. A. Detwiler

A compelling serial killer thriller from the bestselling author of The Widow Next Door, perfect for fans of A.J Finn, K.L. Slater and Teresa Driscoll.

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Katie Loughnane
Publication: 7 Feb 2020
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Thriller, Serial killers

The author: L.A. Detwiler is an author and high school English teacher from Pennsylvania.

During her final college year, she started writing her first fiction novel, which was published in 2015. She has also written articles that have appeared in several women’s publications and websites.

“Get out while you can. You’ll die here…”

Adeline Evans has recently moved into a home for the elderly. A safe space, where she can be cared for.

When she begins to receive cryptic and threatening notes, she is certain that someone is out to get her.

But the residents are warned against listening to a woman who is losing her memory. It would seem Adeline is tormented by the secrets in her past, and that the menace is all in her mind.

Until danger comes down the corridor and starts knocking in the night.

What readers are saying of L.A. Detwiler:

‘This was a truly claustrophobic thriller that I couldn't put down. I love this genre, but this book felt like it brought something different to the table. And THAT twist!’ Amazon reviewer

‘Thoroughly enjoyed this book! Looking at all the reviews I would say this book is like marmite, you either love it or you hate it… I LOVED it.’ Amazon reviewer

‘Enjoyable and sinister at the same time patterns following patterns written in an old world comfortable style with underlying secrets’ Amazon reviewer

‘Great read, once you start reading this book you will be hooked, and the ending, well nothing like I was expecting.’ Amazon reviewer
The Flood

Rachel Bennet

A gripping, atmospheric crime novel about a town on the edge of collapse, and a murder that shakes the community.

The Dry with floods

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Tilda Macdonald
Publication: 19 Nov 2019
Extent: 352pp

Genre: Crime, thriller
Themes: Extreme weather, murder, family

The author: Rachel Bennett was born in England but is currently based on the Isle of Man (home of fast motorbikes, tailless cats, and very changeable weather).

When Daniela Cain returns to her small hometown after seven years’ absence, she finds that flooding has left the village all but deserted. She’s there to collect something she left in her childhood home, then she plans to leave. But upon entering the old house she discovers her younger sister’s body half-submerged in the water.

As Daniela tries to work out what happened to Auryn, she uncovers dark secrets from her childhood as one of four sisters in the household, when the Cain’s and another local family begin to turn on each other with devastating results.

What readers are saying about The Flood:

‘This is a really atmospheric and fast-paced thriller, full of twists and excellent characterisation. The sinister setting is going to stay with me for a long time’ Amazon reviewer

‘A great autumn/winter read for when you’re cosy and dry on the sofa, with a hot mug of tea to hand!’ Amazon reviewer

‘An intricate story of two intertwined families, complete with a cast of compelling characters set in a claustrophobic, immersive environment’ Amazon reviewer

‘An author to watch’ Amazon reviewer
Louise Bridges has the perfect life.

A loving husband, Patrick. Two adorable children. A comfortable home. So when PC Becca Holt arrives to break the news that Patrick has been killed in an accident, she thinks Louise’s perfect world is about to collapse around her.

But Louise doesn’t react in the way Becca would expect her to on hearing of her husband’s death. And there are only three plates set out for dinner, as if Louise already knew Patrick wouldn’t be home that night…

The more Becca digs, the more secrets she uncovers in the Bridges’ marriage – and the more she wonders just how far Louise would go to get what she wants.

Is Louise a loving wife – or a cold-hearted killer?
I am the reason girls are told not to trust strangers. I am their cautionary tale.

Nineteen years ago Linn Wilson was attacked. Seventeen-years-old and home alone, she’d been waiting for her friends to arrive when she heard the doorbell ring. But when she opened the door, Linn let in her worst nightmare. The culprit was never found.

It was someone I knew. I am going to find out who did this to me.

Now, Linn is determined to get to the bottom of the night that changed her life forever. Returning to the village where she grew up, she knows that someone must know something. The claustrophobia and isolation of small town living means secrets won’t remain secrets for long...
Traces of Her

Amanda Brittany

‘Rose. Rose. Pick up, please. I know who killed her. I know who killed my real mum. I’ve worked it out.’

When Rose’s flighty stepsister Willow disappears to Cornwall, she can’t help but roll her eyes. Willow is always taking off and there is always some kind of emergency.

But after Willow discovers that she was adopted and her birth mother died in tragic circumstances, her trip to the coast sparks a search into her past.

Two days later, when a package arrives at Rose’s house containing a series of four polaroids of four different men, Rose knows that Willow is in trouble. Each photograph a possible murder suspect, their family life begins to unravel, leaving one crucial question unanswered.

Who killed Willow’s mother?

Praise for Traces of Her:

‘Addictive! A twisty page-turner that had me on the edge of my seat from start to finish.’ Roz Watkins

‘What a ride, more twists and turns than a Formula 1 race track’ A.M. Castle

‘Traces of Her is a raw, intense, twisty psychological thriller with a clever plotline and characters to care about. This is a multi-layered story told by Rose and Ava, and the reader gets an immediate sense of danger and secrets from the very first page. Snappy, descriptive writing and an unexpected ending all add up to make this a welcome addition to my bookshelf’ D.E. White

Imprint: HQ
Editor: Abigail Fenton
Publication: 25 Oct 2019
Extent: 384pp

Genre: Thriller
Themes: Family, murder
For: fans of CL Taylor, Shari Lapena, BA Paris

The author: Amanda Brittany was born in Hertfordshire. At school she was considered a dreamer, and left with few qualifications, spending the ensuing years happily working in offices, and bringing up her three children. Being in a serious car crash ten years ago, prompted her to fulfil her dream to write. She gained a BA in Literature, and a Diploma in Literature and Creative Writing, and since then has sold almost 200 stories to women’s magazines globally. When her younger sister became ill, Amanda hoped to publish her novel with all author profits from book downloads going to Cancer Research UK. ‘Her Last Lie’ is that book.
The Dinner Party

R. J. Parker

A dark and twisty psychological thriller, from a rising star in the genre. Perfect for fans of Shari Lapena, C. L. Taylor and Lucy Foley

Imprint: One More Chapter
Editor: Finn Cotton
Publication: 18 October 2019
Extent: 400pp

Genre: Psychological thriller
Themes: Friendship, Secrets, Trust, Murder
For: Fans of The Couple Next Door, The Hunting Party

The author: R. J. Parker’s creative career began as a TV script writer, editor and producer. It was this background that fed into a series of cinematic, high-concept thrillers that grabs the reader from the very first page and doesn't release them until the last.

A group of old friends gather in a peaceful suburban street for a dinner party. They are expecting a fun evening of wine, food and pleasant company. But then they start to play the game.

It’s about trust and dark secrets – it tests marriage to its limits – and none of them can begin to imagine its consequences.

Because the next day, two guests are dead and the others are trapped in a nightmare.

Reviews:
‘A deliciously twisted thriller’ Michael Wood

Praise for R. J. Parker:
‘A tightly written, fast paced debut that keeps you turning the pages' Simon Kernick
‘A tense, twisted read’ Jen Med’s Book Reviews
Last Request

Liz Mistry

For readers of Angela Marsons and Helen H. Durrant comes a gritty new crime series featuring bold, brave and ferocious D.S. Nikki Parekh.

‘You only have one shot at this. Your message to someone you love. What is your last request?’

When human remains are discovered under Bradford’s derelict Odeon car park, DS Nikita Parekh and her team are immediately called to the scene.

Distracted by keeping her young nephew out of trouble, Nikki is relieved when the investigation is transferred to the Cold Case Unit, and she can finally focus on her family.

But after the identity of the victim is revealed, she’s soon drawn back into the case. The dead man is a direct link to her painful past.

As the body count begins to rise, Nikki must do everything she can to stop the killer in their tracks before anyone else gets hurt – even if it means digging up secrets she had long kept hidden…

Readers LOVE Last Request.

‘I devoured this over two nights, literally not being able to put it down.’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘Amazing… A story so twisted it makes your head spin in a good way.’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘An excellent crime thriller… Entertaining and exciting and a particularly satisfying finale… Engrossing.’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘Gripping from beginning to end, and I enjoyed each and every moment of it!’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘From the first page to the last it kept you gripped.’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘Great read!’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer

‘A cracking good read.’ 5 stars, NetGalley reviewer
Dead Wrong

Three missing women running out of time…

They were abducted years ago. Notorious serial killer Bill Raven admitted to killing them and was sentenced to life.

The case was closed – at least DC Maggie Jamieson thought it was. But now one of them has been found, dismembered and dumped in a bin bag in town.

Forensics reveal that she died just two days ago, when Raven was behind bars, so Maggie has a second killer to find.

Because even if the other missing women are still alive, one thing’s for certain: they don’t have long left to live.

Dead Inside

The killer is just getting started…

When three domestic abuse offenders are themselves found beaten to death, DC Maggie Jamieson knows she is facing her toughest case yet.

The police suspect that Probation Officer Lucy Sherwood – who is connected to all three victims – is hiding a dark secret. Then a fourth domestic abuser is brutally murdered.

And he is Lucy’s husband.

Now the police are running out of time, but can Maggie really believe her friend Lucy is a cold-blooded killer?

‘A hugely confident first novel. Harrowing, visceral … recommended’ Ian Rankin

‘An excellent read’ Martina Cole

'Gritty, dark and chilling’ Mel Sherratt
J.P. Carter

A gripping new voice in crime fiction, perfect for fans of Katerina Diamond and M.J. Arlidge

J. P. Carter is the pseudonym of a bestselling author who has also written sixteen books under the names Jaime and James Raven. Before becoming a full-time writer he spent a career in journalism as a newspaper reporter and television producer. He was, for a number of years, director of a major UK news division and co-owned a TV production company.

Little Boy Lost
The third gripping crime thriller in the DCI Anna Tate series.

In the basement of an abandoned building, a little boy cries for his father... Every police officer knows that the first 48 hours after a child is taken are the most vital. So, when schoolboy Jacob Rossi is snatched from outside his school, DI Benning knows he needs to act fast...
When a body is found in the basement of a burning building, DCI Anna Tate is drafted in from the leave she’s taken to spend with her daughter. Because this isn’t just a case of vandalism gone wrong; the victim was chained to a wall, and the label in his school blazer reads: J. Rossi. As the two investigations collide, it becomes clear that the boy was being kept there, but he wasn’t meant to die. So why was he being kept prisoner? And can they catch the boy’s abductor before he strikes again?

Publication: 23 Jan 2020
Format: Paperback
Extent: 384pp

At Your Door
An addictive new thriller

When DCI Anna Tate is called to the gruesome discovery of a dead woman found on Barnes Common, she is plunged into a high-profile investigation involving a prominent MP. London is baying for blood – but is there more to Holly’s death than at first meets the eye?

Meanwhile, the hunt is on for Anna’s missing daughter Chloe, who vanished ten years ago when her father kidnapped her. The case has been cold for what feels like forever – but a phone call brings a brand new lead.

Can Anna solve the murder case whilst dealing with her own personal demons? Or is someone from the past planning to get in her way?

Publication: 8 August 2019
Format: Paperback
Extent: 416pp

In Safe Hands
The first book in a gripping new crime series featuring DCI Anna Tate

When nine children are snatched from a nursery school in South London, their distressed parents have no idea if they will ever see them again. The community in the surrounding area is in shock. How could this happen right under their noses? No one in the quiet suburban street saw anything – or at least that’s what they’re saying.

But DCI Anna Tate knows that nothing is impossible, and she also knows that time is quickly running out. It’s unclear if the kidnappers are desperate for money or set on revenge, but the ransom is going up by £1million daily. And they know that one little boy in particular is fighting for his life.

Publication: 24 Jan 2019
Format: Paperback
Extent: 400pp
Faith Martin has been writing for over 25 years, in four genres and under four different pen names. She was born in Oxford and sets most of her crime novels within sight of the city of dreaming spires. A real nature lover and aficionado of the countryside, descriptions of wildlife and native flora often find their way into her manuscripts.

A Fatal Truth
The latest gripping title in the Ryder and Loveday series (5).

A Fatal Obsession has sold over 100,000 copies

Fans of Betty Rowlands, Agatha Christie and Faith Martin’s DI Hillary Greene series (sold over 800,000 copies) will not want to miss this!

A Fatal Secret
Oxford, 1961 A family day out at Briar’s Hall ends in tragedy when a young boy goes missing – and his body is found at the bottom of a disused well in the orchard. It looks like a simple case of an eleven-year-old exploring where he shouldn’t: a tragic accident. But Coroner Clement Ryder and Probationary WPC Trudy Loveday aren’t convinced. If Eddie had been climbing and fallen, why were there no cuts or dirt on his hands? Why would a boy terrified of heights be around a well at all? Clement and Trudy are determined to get to the truth, but the more they dig into Briar’s Hall and the mysterious de Lacey family who live there, the murkier things become. Could it be that poor Eddie’s death was murder? There are rumours of blackmail in the village, and Clement and Trudy have a horrible feeling that Eddie stumbled on a secret that someone was willing to kill for…

A Fatal Flaw
Oxford, 1960 As the city of Oxford prepares itself for the inaugural Miss Oxford Honey Beauty Pageant at The Old Swan Theatre, excitement is in the air. Then, tragedy strikes the competition when one of the leading contestants is found dead. Initially, the authorities assume her death was suicide. But after a malicious series of pranks and blackmail attempts are reported, WPC Loveday and Coroner Clement Ryder are called upon to solve the case. In an atmosphere of fierce competition, the list of suspects is endless. Could what have started as harmless fun become a deadly race to win the prize? With time running out, the duo need to spot the killer before tragedy strikes again…

A Fatal Mistake
Summer 1960, Oxford In the glorious sunshine of Oxford, on a day when everyone should be celebrating, tragedy strikes when a university student is found floating in the river, dead. Probationary WPC Trudy Loveday finds herself paired with coroner Clement Ryder to investigate and it soon becomes clear that this case is not going to be easy. The witnesses all refuse to give a straight answer, each new lead sends them in a new direction and tales of other missing youngsters add further mystery to the investigation. One thing is certain though, something doesn’t seem quite right about the university’s most popular student….

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A Fatal Obsession
Oxford, 1960. There’s a murderer on the loose and two unlikely heroes are poised to solve the case. Meet Probationary WPC Trudy Loveday – smart, enthusiastic and always underestimated. In the hope of getting her out of the way, Trudy’s senior officer assigns her to help coroner Clement Ryder as he re-opens the case of a young woman’s death. She can’t believe her luck – she is actually going to be working on a real murder case. Meanwhile, the rest of the police force are busy investigating a series of threats and murders in the local community, and Clement can’t help but feel it’s all linked. As Trudy and Clement form an unlikely partnership, are they going to be the ones to solve these crimes before the murderer strikes again?
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