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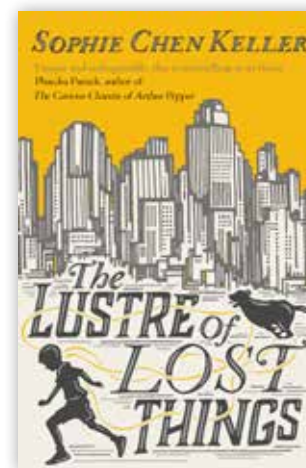
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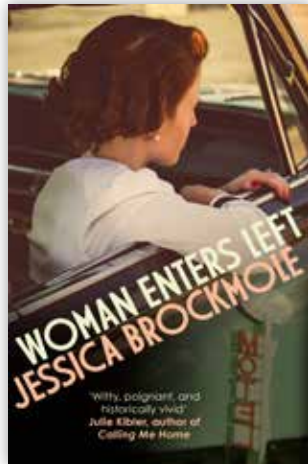
Life can be lonely for Walter Lavender. Struggling with a communication disorder that renders him speechless, his refuge is his mother's unusual New York bakery which serves up its sweet treats with an extra sprinkling of magic.

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SOPHIE CHEN KELLER was born in Beijing. After graduating from Harvard with a degree in economics, she worked in the fashion industry and in brand consulting, but she left to pursue her dream of writing. She lives in New York City.

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WOMAN ENTERS LEFT

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'Witty, poignant, and historically vivid'
Julie Kibler, author of *Calling Me Home*

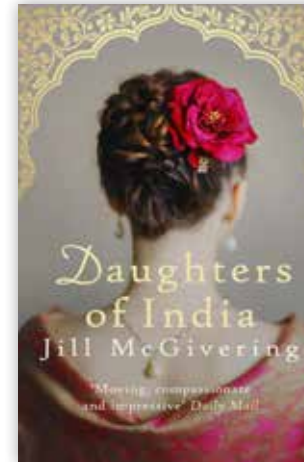
1952. B-list movie star Louise Wilde's acting career has stalled when she learns she's inherited the entire estate of screenwriter Florence Daniels, a woman she has never met. Her confusion grows when she discovers a cache of old photographs of Daniels with her late mother.

1926. Two friends, Ethel Wild and Florrie Daniels, embark on a cross-country adventure in a Model T. Florrie is moving to Hollywood while Ethel is trying to catch up with her husband in Nevada before he's able to start divorce proceedings.

Told through diary entries, letters and film scripts, these three women's parallel stories see them journeying towards answers and destinations they never expected.

JESSICA BROCKMOLE enjoys getting lost in second-hand bookstores and can often be found sifting through odd bits of ephemera and calling it 'research'. She lives in Indiana, USA, with her family and far too many books.

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Isabel, born into the British Raj, and Asha, a young Hindu girl, both consider India their home. Through mischance and accident, circumstances will bring them from the bustling city of Delhi to the shores of the Andaman Islands, from glittering colonial parties to the squalor and desperation of a notorious prison, and into the lives of men on opposing sides of the fight for self-rule. As the shadow of the Second World War falls across India, Isabel, caught up in growing political violence, has to make impossible choices – fighting for her love for India, for the man she yearns for, and for her childhood Indian friend, in the face of loyalty to her own country.

JILL MCGIVERING is a senior foreign correspondent and South Asia Editor at the BBC. She has won a SONY Academy Award and her debut novel, *The Last Kestrel*, was longlisted for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature. Based in London, she travels extensively for the BBC including assignments to Afghanistan, Pakistan and China.

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Historical Novel Society

1664. Following adventures she would sooner forget in the newly renamed New York, Mercia Blakewood is hopeful that she has gained the leverage she needs with the King to reclaim her family home back in England. The breathtaking new world piques her curiosity and a burgeoning friendship with Clemency Carter, a local medicine woman, prompts Mercia to delay her return. But when the virgin forests of New England are tainted by murder, Mercia will not rest until the killer is brought to justice.



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February 1665. With winter passing, Mercia Blakewood is at last headed back to England from America, hoping to leave behind the shadow cast by death and heartache. She expects a welcome from the King considering her earlier, mostly successful, mission at his behalf, but the reception is hardly warm. More manipulation lies ahead and Mercia must accept a clandestine and uncomfortable role at the heart of the royal court to find a spy and traitor.

DAVID HINGLEY worked in the civil service for eleven years before leaving to fulfil his long-term ambition to write. He spent three years living in New York, close to the action in his Mercia Blakewood series and now lives near Oxford.

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Roger Norton Vane is dead. After twenty years of wild speculation following his disappearance, his death is to be made official and somebody will inherit his accumulated wealth. Ethelred Tressider, crime writer and Vane's biographer, attends the memorial service, but little does he expect to find himself talking to Vane himself, apparently returned from the dead...

L. C. TYLER was born in Southend-on-Sea and educated at Oxford and City Universities. He has won awards for his writing, and contributes to national newspapers including *The Guardian* and the *Daily Telegraph*. He lives in Islington. lctyler.com [@lenttyler](https://twitter.com/lenttyler)



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Beatrice Lacey is passionate about Human Face, the charity for Third World children she helped to found, and its co-founder Adam Carnegie. She has learnt to turn a blind eye to some strange goings on, however: parties for donors who don't seem the philanthropic type and a merry-go-round of 'housekeepers'. But when the latest housekeeper, Eva, suddenly disappears, the police and DI Kelso Strang are called in.

ALINE TEMPLETON lives in Edinburgh with her husband and their Dalmatian dog. She is best known for her DI Marjory Fleming books and she has been chair of the Society of Authors in Scotland. alinetempleton.co.uk



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MURDER LIES WAITING

ROSE McQUINN 9

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1906. For Rose McQuinn, the invitation to holiday at a luxury hotel on the Isle of Bute is an unexpected delight until she discovers the real reason is to investigate a twenty-year-old non-proven murder case. With close links to a local family of ancient origin whose castle holds many dark secrets, Rose's involvement in this challenge unleashes a web of intrigue and sinister happenings, something she realises too late when someone decides she is close enough to the truth not to leave the island alive.



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THE DARKNESS WITHIN

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ALANNA KNIGHT

1906. The Faro family gather in Orkney to support grieving widow Emily, but their attention is caught by strange activity aboard the royal yacht anchored nearby. When a body is washed ashore, neither Faro nor his daughter Rose McQuinn can resist the mystery unravelling on the island coastline. As they delve deeper, Lammaside breathes sinister life into the ancient selkie legend with unexplained accidents and brutal attacks. When shocking truths are uncovered about loyal and trusted servants, Faro and Rose quickly realise the lives of more than one member of their family might be in danger – and time is running out for them.

ALANNA KNIGHT lives in Edinburgh. She is a founding member of the Scottish Association of Writers and convener of the Scottish Chapter of the Crime Writers' Association. In 2014 she received an MBE for her services to literature.

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'Beautifully written . . . a sheer pleasure from start to finish' *Daily Mail* on *The Painter of Souls*

1922. When the Turkish Army occupies Smyrna, Zoë Haggitiris escapes with her family, only to lose everything. Alone in a sea of desperate strangers, her life is touched, for a moment, by a young English boy, Tom Collyer, before the compassion of a stranger leads her into a new life. Years later when the Second World War breaks out, Tom finds himself in Greece and in the chaos of the British retreat, fate will lead him back to Zoë. But he will discover that the war will not end so easily for either of them.

PHILIP KAZAN was born in London and grew up on Dartmoor. He is the author of two previous novels set in fifteenth-century Florence and the Petroc series following a thirteenth-century adventurer. After living in New York and Vermont, Philip is back on the edge of Dartmoor with his wife and three children.

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THE GREAT DARKNESS

NIGHTHAWK 1

JIM KELLY

'Engrossing and wonderfully atmospheric'
Booklist Starred Review

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. 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 . . .

JIM KELLY was born in 1957 and is the son of a Scotland Yard detective. He went to university in Sheffield, later training and working as a journalist on publications including 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.

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DATE WITH THE EXECUTIONER

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'A master storyteller' *Daily Mail*

1817. Dawn breaks on a summer's day in Chalk Farm, London, and the scene is set for a duel between a lady's two ardent admirers. Bow Street rival Paul Skillen has been teaching Mark Bowerman how to shoot properly, and stands as Mark's second. Although the duel is broken up, the passions behind the duel seem to spill out into the full light of day when one of the two duellists is found dead. Paul and his twin Peter are determined to see justice done and are soon enmeshed in threads of inheritance, treachery and fraud.



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FUGITIVE FROM THE GRAVE

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1817. Upon receiving a letter from an old family friend, Catherine Van Emden returns from Holland to find her father dead. She refuses to believe the middle-aged man died of natural causes, and the suspicious circumstances of his life during the past few months compel her to ask Peter and Paul Skillen for help. When his body goes missing, the twins embark on a chase of funerary agents, barmaids and bodysnatchers, trying to solve the mystery of his alleged death before their Bow Street rivals.

EDWARD MARSTON has written over a hundred books and is best known for his hugely successful Railway Detective series. His other current series are the Home Front Detective, set in the Great War, and the Bow Street Rivals featuring identical twin detectives set during the Regency.

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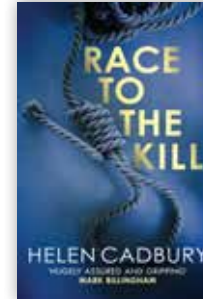
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ROSIE HOWARD

Welcome to Havenbury . . .

Maddy fled the idyllic market town of Havenbury Magna three years ago, the scene of a traumatic incident she revisits most clearly in her dreams. When she is called back to help at the local pub after her godfather Patrick suffers a heart attack, she is unprepared for the welter of emotions her return provokes. Psychologist and ex-army officer Ben is sure he can help Maddy to resolve her fears, until he finds himself falling for her, and struggling with a recently uncovered family secret of which Maddy is blissfully unaware. Then Maddy's mother, Helen, arrives and Patrick himself must confront a few uncomfortable truths about his history and the pub's future.

After obtaining a degree in music, **ROSIE HOWARD** pursued a career in PR, campaigning and freelance journalism but realised her preference for making things up and switched to writing novels instead. She lives in a West Sussex village with her husband and two children in a cottage with roses around the door.

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It is the middle of a long night shift in Doncaster for PC Sean Denton and his partner when they are approached by a woman desperate that they follow her. She leads them to an old school where they find the dead body of a refugee. With a sexual assault court case and a missing girl also vying for his attention, Denton is drawn into a world of immigration, drugs and sexual abuse.

HELEN CADBURY wrote fiction, poetry and plays. Her debut novel, *To Catch a Rabbit*, was winner of the inaugural Northern Crime Competition and is York's Big City Read for autumn 2017. She passed away in June 2017. helencadbury.com

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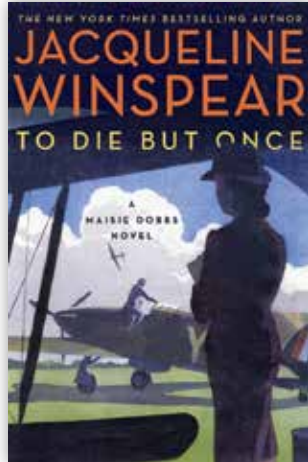
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Worcestershire, October 1143. His task dispatched, a mysterious archer melts back into the forest leaving a pile of corpses in his wake. The lord Sheriff cannot ignore such a brazen attack on the salt road, and dispatches Hugh Bradecote and Serjeant Catchpoll to hunt an elusive killer and his gang and put a stop to the mounting attacks. But it is not easy to get the culprits in their sights with a reeve keen to keep his position at all costs, a lord with his own ends to serve and a distrusting and vengeful widow . . .

SARAH HAWKSWOOD 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. bradecoteandcatchpoll.com [@bradecote](https://twitter.com/bradecote)



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TO DIE BUT ONCE

MAISIE DOBBS 14

JACQUELINE WINSPEAR

‘Wry and immensely readable’

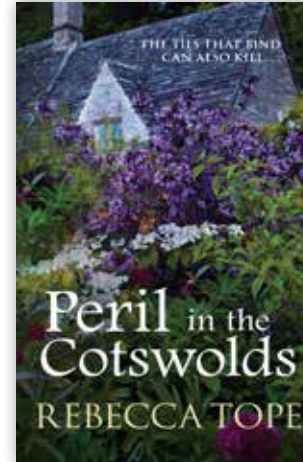
Daily Mail

Spring 1940. With Britons facing what has become known as the Bore War – nothing much seems to have happened yet – Maisie Dobbs is asked to investigate the disappearance of a local lad, a young apprentice craftsman working on a ‘hush-hush’ government contract. As Maisie’s inquiry reveals a possible link to the London underworld, the country is bracing for a possible enemy invasion amid news of the British expeditionary force stranded along the French coast. And another mother is worried about a missing son – but this time the boy in question is one beloved by Maisie.

JACQUELINE WINSPEAR was born and raised in Kent and emigrated to the USA in 1990. She has written extensively for journals, newspapers and magazines, and has worked in book publishing on both sides of the Atlantic. Her Maisie Dobbs series of crime novels is beloved by readers worldwide.

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Thea Slocombe, formerly Osborne, is trying to settle into normal family life with Drew and his two children in the village of Broad Campden. But any sense of cosy domesticity is shattered when Thea finds the body of a neighbour. No longer a house-sitter, Thea has no choice but to stay in the village and deal with whatever happens next, even when this risks damage to her marriage.

REBECCA TOPE is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the stunning 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, but also manages to travel the world and enjoy civilisation from time to time.

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SAFFRON LANE

PEPPERCORN 3

ANNA JACOBS

‘Jacobs weaves another magical saga that will delight fans and newcomers alike’ *Lancaster Evening Post*

Nell has come to feel very at home in her beautiful corner of Wiltshire with her partner Angus. What she could do with, however, is a challenge, and the prospect of bringing life back to an abandoned row of houses, Saffron Lane, is just what she's looking for. Stacy, lost and alone after a divorce she didn't see coming, is trying her best to start over. And Elise, battling her nieces who would force her into residential care, longs for a home where she can get back to her painting. When their paths cross, the future starts to look brighter although not all goes according to plan.

BAY TREE COTTAGE

PEPPERCORN 4

ANNA JACOBS

The houses in Saffron Lane are starting to fill with artists thanks to Nell and Angus's efforts. Although Ginger doesn't get a place there, she does get a job running the small café/art gallery, taking refuge from her bully of a son. When she meets Iain, sparks fly between them, the first time she's felt attracted to anyone for years. But will her son spoil it? Emil is in town to open the small museum in Saffron Lane and run his father's business. This throws new opportunities in his path, and new problems too. Will the newcomers manage to build new lives or will selfish people destroy their attempts to find happiness?

ANNA JACOBS is the author of eighty novels and is addicted to storytelling. She grew up in Lancashire, emigrated to Australia in the 1970s and writes stories set in both countries.

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THE MAGPIE TREE

CORNISH MYSTERIES 2

KATHERINE STANSFIELD

‘Stansfield manages to create a dark and macabre atmosphere that feels fresh and original’ *The Times*

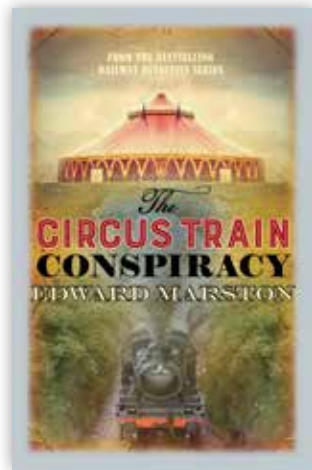
Jamaica Inn, 1844. The talk is of witches. A boy has vanished in the woods of Trethevy on the North Cornish coast, and a reward is offered for his return. Shilly has had enough of such dark doings, but her new companion, Anna Drake, insists they investigate. Anna wants to open a detective agency, and the reward would fund it. They soon learn of a mysterious pair of strangers who have likely taken the boy, and of Saint Nectan who, legend has it, keeps safe the people of the woods. As Shilly and Anna seek the missing child, the case takes another turn – murder. Something is stirring in the woods and old sins have come home to roost.

KATHERINE STANSFIELD is a novelist and poet whose debut novel *The Visitor* won the Holyer an Gof Fiction Award and whose first Cornwall Mystery, *Falling Creatures*, was published to great acclaim in 2017. She grew up in the wilds of Bodmin Moor in Cornwall and now lives in Cardiff.

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Following a string of successful performances, the Moscardi Circus is travelling by train to Newcastle for their next show. Yet a deliberate collision on the track causes pandemonium as passengers are thrown about and animals escape into the night. When the body of a woman is discovered in nearby woodland, Inspector Colbeck is desperate to lend assistance, believing the two incidents might be connected. Who is the nameless woman and who is targeting Moscardi's Magnificent Circus?

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THE STAVELEY SUSPECT

LAKE DISTRICT MYSTERIES 7

REBECCA TOPE

'A quirky whodunnit delight in the Agatha Raisin mould' *Peterborough Telegraph*

Simmy Brown has a lot on her mind. Keeping her florist business afloat, her father's failing health, the challenge of developing a long-term relationship with Christopher, and also the approach of Mother's Day, a painful day for her. But taking an order for a retirement party in Staveley, she is pulled into her most challenging investigation yet. When a daughter accuses her own mother of murder, Simmy, Ben and Bonnie find themselves taking different sides of the investigation. With her relationships under strain, Simmy has to learn to leave her own concerns behind to discover just who the killer is.

THE BOWNESS BEQUEST

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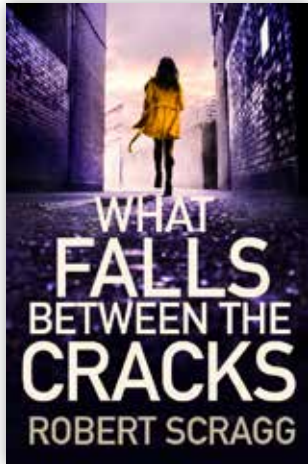
REBECCA TOPE

Winter has arrived in the town of Windermere, and has brought with it the death of Frances Henderson, the best friend of Persimmon 'Simmy' Brown's mother. Having known the Henderson family all of her life, Simmy has lots to cope with, as well as the confusion of being bequeathed something in Frances's will. When Frances's husband is violently murdered in his home, Simmy must face the fact that the family to which she was once so close holds some dark and sinister secrets.

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PORTER AND STYLES 1

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Did she slip through the cracks, or was she pushed?

When a severed hand is found in an abandoned flat, Detective Jake Porter and his partner Nick Styles are able to DNA match the limb to the owner, Natasha Barclay, who has not been seen in decades. But why has no one been looking for her? Delving into the details behind her disappearance and discovering links to another investigation, a tragic family history begins to take on a darker twist. Hampered by a widespread fear of a local heavy, as well as internal politics and possible corruption within the force, Porter and Styles are digging for answers, but will what they find ever see the light of day?

ROBERT SCRAGG had a random assortment of jobs before taking the dive into crime writing; he has been a bookseller, pizza deliverer, Karate instructor and football coach. He lives in Tyne & Wear and is a founding member of the North East Noir crime writers group. robcragg.wordpress.com
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TAPESTRY OF WAR

JANE MACKENZIE

'A novel of quiet intensity and deep emotion'
Daily Mail

From the deserts of North Africa to the waters of Scotland, the Second World War touches the lives of two women. In Alexandria, Fran finds her world turned upside down as Rommel's forces advance on the idyllic shores of Egypt. The life of luxury and stability that she is used to is taken away as she deals with loss, heartache and political uncertainty. Meanwhile, in the Firth of Clyde, Catriona struggles between her quiet rural life and her dreams of nursing injured servicemen on the front lines. As the war rages on, the two women's lives become intertwined – bringing love and friendship to both.

JANE MACKENZIE has spent much of her adult life travelling the world, teaching English and French and recently working for two years at CERN in Geneva. She now splits her time between her self-built house in Collioure, France and the Highlands of Scotland, where she has made her family home.

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THE BLACK SILK PURSE

MARGARET KAINE

'A touching and genuinely moving novel with a cast of brilliant characters' **Maureen Lee**

Ella Hathaway recalls little of her life before the workhouse, although she does remember someone whispering, *Dearie, promise you will never forget what you saw. Your ma was killed deliberate and someone oughter pay for it.* When young, wealthy spinster Letitia Fairchild witnesses Ella being beaten, she takes the girl into her charge as a maid. As Ella grows up, the bond between the two women grows stronger, and they embark on a quest for Ella's mysterious past. From the miseries of life in a London workhouse, to the splendour of a beautiful mansion, Ella searches for that which has always been denied to her: love, family, and a home.

Born and educated in the Potteries in Staffordshire, **MARGARET KAINE** now lives in Eastbourne. She began writing short stories and her debut novel *Ring of Clay* won the RNA New Writer's Award and the Society of Authors' Sagittarius Prize. margaretkaine.com



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THE DESERTER'S DAUGHTER

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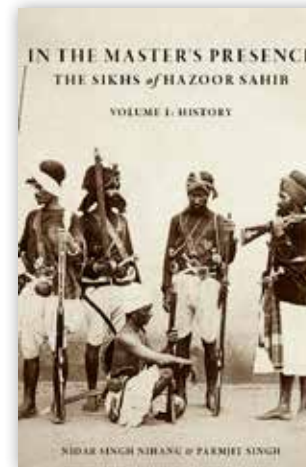
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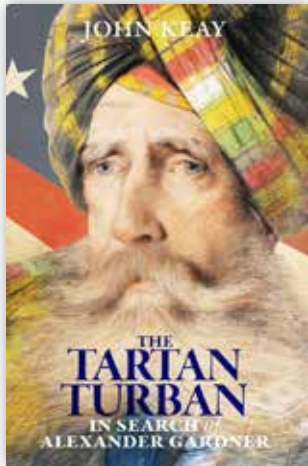
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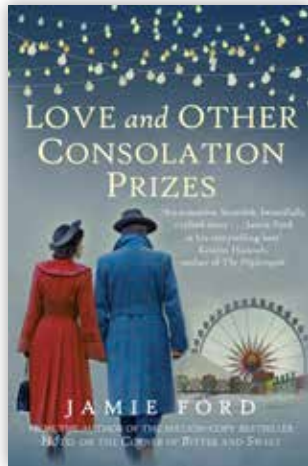
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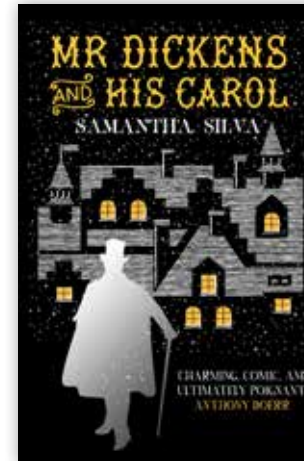
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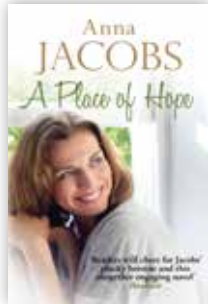
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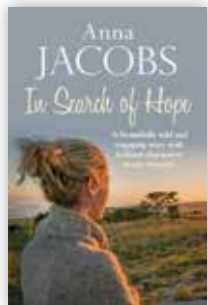
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