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Robert Ross, a sensitive nineteen-year-old Canadian officer, went to war--The War to End All Wars. He found himself in the nightmare world of trench warfare, of mud and smoke, of chlorine gas and rotting corpses. In this world gone mad, Robert Ross performed a last desperate act to declare his commitment to life in the midst of death.

The #1 bestselling psychological thriller "Amazing. TORE through it!" Holly Seddon, bestselling author of Try Not To Breathe. If

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you liked APPLE TREE YARD, you will LOVE this gripping novel. Heidi and Jason aren't like other couples. Six years ago, Heidi's daughter was murdered. A year later, Jason's son Barney disappeared. Their shared loss brought them together. By chance, Heidi meets a boy she's certain is her husband's long-missing son - but Jason is equally convinced it's not him. Is Heidi mad? Or is Jason hiding something? And can their fragile marriage survive Heidi's search for the truth . . . See what readers are saying about My Husband's Son... "Gripping" Daily Mail "Wonderful writing, gripping story" Daisy

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Goodwin "An ending that left my head spinning and wanting more from this superb author"
Joanne Spain, author of With Our Blessing
"OMG . . . That final twist is jaw dropping"
Nicki's Life of Crime "More original than just another 'psychological thriller' . . . unputdownable"
Bibliomaniac "This book was clearly made for someone like me, who loves a mystery and loves a psychological thriller . . . I absolutely loved every minute of it"
Comfy Reading "Made me remember the feeling I was left with when I first read Apple Tree Yard by Louise Doughty . . . Highly recommended"
My Chestnut Reading Tree

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Against a rising tide of commuter mayhem, three women struggle in to work. Caught up in the chaos on the streets - and in the equally savage battle surrounding their boss's extortion racket - Annette, Joan and Helly are forced to ditch everything for an offensive of their own, only to find the cruellest circumstances can make heroines of us all. Like most offices, theirs is full of intrigue, sexual desire and blackmail - and everybody thinks it is somebody else's turn to make the coffee.

'An epic novel ... absorbing, shocking, hopeful.' Mail on Sunday Available for the

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first time in eBook, Louise Doughty's award-winning novel *Fires in the Dark*. Yenko is born in 1920s Bohemia to a nomadic Roma family who try to protect him from the hardships imposed on his people. But his childhood world is soon overwhelmed by the Great Depression and the German invasion. Yenko and his parents become fugitives from the Nazis, and ultimately Yenko must decide who and what is worth saving. Louise Doughty - drawing on her own Romany family history - has written a breathtaking novel of grand scope which also sheds new light on the Holocaust and its Roma victims.

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Stone Cradle

The Last Enchantments

A Novelist's Guide to Being a Novelist

Part of the Family

He Promised, Until Death Do Us Part

Pilgrim is the code name for a world class and legendary secret agent. His adversary is known only as the Saracen. As a young boy, the Saracen saw his dissident father beheaded in a Saudi Arabian public square, creating a burning desire to destroy the special

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relationship between the US and the Kingdom. When a woman's body is found in a seedy hotel near Ground Zero, the techniques are pulled from a cult classic of forensic science that Pilgrim wrote under a pen name. In offering the NYPD assistance with the case, Pilgrim gets pulled back into the intelligence underground.

The author of the bestselling novel *The Party*—lauded as “tense and riveting” by *New York Times* bestselling author Megan

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Miranda—returns with a chilling new domestic drama about two women whose deep friendship is threatened by dark, long-buried secrets. Frances Metcalfe is struggling to stay afloat. A stay-at-home mom whose troubled son is her full-time job, she had hoped that the day he got accepted into the elite Forrester Academy would be the day she started living her life. Overweight, insecure, and lonely, she is desperate to fit into the Forrester world. But after a

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disturbing incident at the school leads the other children and their families to ostracize the Metcalfes, she feels more alone than ever before. Until she meets Kate Randolph. Kate is everything Frances is not: beautiful, wealthy, powerful, and confident. And for some reason, she's not interested in being friends with any of the other Forrester moms—only Frances. As the two bond over their disdain of the Forrester snobs and the fierce love they have for their

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sons, a startling secret threatens to tear them apart—one of these women is not who she seems. Her real name is Amber Kunik. And she's a murderer. "Robyn Harding's Her Pretty Face is a fierce and blazing one-sitting read that will make you question even your closest friendships" (Carter Wilson, USA TODAY bestselling author) and is perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty's Big Little Lies and Lisa Jewell's Then She Was Gone.

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Brilliant psychological suspense from the author of *APPLE TREE YARD*, now a major BBC drama. Against a rising tide of commuter mayhem, three women struggle in to work. Caught up in the chaos on the streets - and in the equally savage battle surrounding their boss's extortion racket - Annette, Joan and Helly are forced to ditch everything for an offensive of their own, only to find the cruellest circumstances can make heroines of us

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all.

A man dies a week after re-writing his will. In it, he has left everything he owns to a woman he has known for only three weeks. As Bet investigates Peter's past, she discovers that her ex-lover was not all that he seemed... In a crumbling office block, another woman has a different sort of ghost to confront. Iris runs her own business but strange things keep happening. Her phone rings and there's no one there.

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Somebody taps at her door. In the basement, something unpleasant is lurking...

The Widower

An Anthology of Working-Class Writers

Apple Tree Yard

A Novel

The Quickening

Longlisted for the Orange Prize and Shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award, Louise Doughty's hauntingly beautiful investigation of love, loss, and revenge is

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a literary page-turner that will linger in your mind far after the cover closes. When a hit-and-run car crash claims Laura's daughter Betty, her life is turned upside down. But when the courts rule the death an accident, the lines dividing justice from punishment will blur as Laura embarks on her own quest for vengeance. Sure to captivate fans of Antoinette van Heugten and Sophie Hannah, as well as readers of Doughty's previous books *Fires in the Dark* and *A*

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Novel in a Year, among others, Whatever You Love is a poignant psychological story in which life's greatest questions hang in the balance.

"A seriously stylish, hugely compelling mystery... I was utterly gripped." - Lucy Foley

'Captivating and beautifully written.'
Mirror From the bestselling author of Apple Tree Yard comes this story of three generations of one Romany family in England, as they face family life, love and

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marriage along with the changes and upheavals for Travelling people at the turn of the nineteenth century.

Clementina Smith is just a young girl when she gives birth to her illegitimate son, Elijah, in a graveyard in Victorian Cambridgeshire. Others have been put out on the highroad for less, but Clementina's parents stick by her and Elijah grows up greatly loved by his small but tight-knit family. But then he meets Rose, a non-Romany girl. Based on

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Louise Doughty's own family history, Stone Cradle is a love triangle between a mother, a son and his wife that asks whether the Romany spirit and traditions can survive as rural Britain moves into the modern world.

The road to rejection is paved with bad beginnings. Agents and editors agree: Improper story beginnings are the single biggest barrier to publication. Why? If a novel or short story has a bad beginning, then no one will keep reading. It's just

that simple. In *Hooked*, author Les Edgerton draws on his experience as a successful fiction writer and teacher to help you overcome the weak openings that lead to instant rejection by showing you how to successfully use the ten core components inherent to any great beginning. You'll find:

- Detailed instruction on how to develop your inciting incident
- Keys for creating a cohesive story-worthy problem
- Tips on how to avoid common opening gaffes like

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overusing backstory • A rundown on basics such as opening scene length and transitions • A comprehensive analysis of more than twenty great opening lines from novels and short stories Plus, you'll discover exclusive insider advice from agents and acquiring editors on what they look for in a strong opening. With *Hooked*, you'll have all the information you need to craft a compelling beginning that lays the foundation for an irresistible story!

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Fires in the Dark

Brilliant psychological suspense from the author of Apple Tree Yard

**Platform Seven: Free Ebook Sampler
A Thriller**

A Novel in a Year

NOW A HIT NETFLIX SERIES Instant International Bestseller “A nuanced story line perfectly in tune with our #metoo times.” —*People*, **Book of the Week** “One of the season’s most buzzed-about thrillers.” —*Bookish* “A strong

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choice for book clubs. Former political correspondent Vaughan makes an impressive debut with this savvy, propulsive courtroom drama.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “Vaughan offers gripping insight into a political scandal’s hidden machinations and the tension between justice and privilege...Absorbing, polished.” —Booklist (starred review) “Skillfully interweaving the story of the unfolding scandal, Vaughan gradually reveals just

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***how shockingly high the stakes are...Sinewy...engrossing, twist-filled.”
—Publishers Weekly (starred review)
Some people’s secrets are darker than others. Sophie Whitehouse has a lovely home, two adorable children, and a handsome, successful husband. In other words, she has the “perfect” life. But everything changes the night her husband James comes home and confesses an indiscretion. Suddenly, her neat, ordered world is turned upside***

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down. Did she ever really know the man she married? And, as it turns out, James's revelation is just the tip of the iceberg. He stands accused of a terrible crime. But, the truth is even more shocking than anyone ever could have thought. Is James the guilty perpetrator or an innocent victim of a toxic agenda? In this riveting story of love, revenge, and deception, no one's motives are pure, but some people's secrets are much darker than others.

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The bestselling psychological thriller from Louise Doughty Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career, a beautiful home and a good marriage. But when she meets a stranger she is drawn into a passionate affair. Keeping the two halves of her life separate seems easy at first. But she can't control what happens next. Shortlisted for the CWA Steel Dagger for Best Thriller and the Specsavers National Book Awards Crime & Thriller of the Year

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As featured on Loose Women's Loose Books as their November book club pick. The Liar's Chair is Rebecca Whitney's stunning psychological thriller debut set in Brighton. Who can she trust If she can't trust herself? Rachel Teller and her husband David appear happy, prosperous and fulfilled. The big house, the successful business . . . They have everything. However, control, not love, fuels their relationship and David has no idea his wife indulges in drunken

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indiscretions. When Rachel kills a man in a hit and run, the meticulously maintained veneer over their life begins to crack. Destroying all evidence of the accident, David insists they continue as normal. Rachel, though, is racked with guilt and as her behaviour becomes increasingly self-destructive she not only inflames David's darker side, but also uncovers her own long-suppressed memories of shame. Can Rachel confront her past and atone for her terrible

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crime? Not if her husband has anything to do with it . . . A startling, dark and audacious novel set in and around the Brighton streets, The Liar's Chair will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the final page has been turned. A stunning psychological portrait of a woman in a toxic marriage, Rebecca Whitney's debut will show that sometimes the darkest shadow holds the truth you have been hiding from . . . 'A twist-filled tour of a marriage made in

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***hell' Peter Swanson *Perfect for fans of Louise Doughty's Apple Tree Yard*
'Once you start you can't stop reading. Terrific.' HELEN DUNMORE Yvonne Carmichael has worked hard to achieve the life she always wanted: a high-flying career in genetics, a beautiful home, a good relationship with her husband and their two grown-up children. Then one day she meets a stranger at the Houses of Parliament and, on impulse, begins a passionate affair with him - a decision***

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that will put everything she values at risk. At first she believes she can keep the relationship separate from the rest of her life, but she can't control what happens next. All of her careful plans spiral into greater deceit and, eventually, a life-changing act of violence. Apple Tree Yard is a psychological thriller about one woman's adultery and an insightful examination of the values we live by and the choices we make, from an acclaimed writer at the

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height of her powers.

Write Fiction That Grabs Readers at Page One & Never Lets Them Go

Honey-Dew

The Embassy of Cambodia

Her Pretty Face

A stunning crime novel from the author of Apple Tree Yard

'Louise Doughty leads her unnerved readers into dark territory.' Hilary Mantel *'Utterly mesmerizing, with the pace of a thriller and a sense of profound mystery in the most ordinary of settings. I was hooked from its start to its nerve-racking,*

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surprising finish' Deborah Moggach The new novel from Sunday Times bestselling author Louise Doughty Platform Seven at 4am: Peterborough Railway Station is deserted. The man crossing the covered walkway on this freezing November morning is confident he's alone. As he sits on the metal bench at the far end of the platform it is clear his choice is strategic - he's as far away from the night staff as he can get. What the man doesn't realise is that he has company. Lisa Evans knows what he has decided. She knows what he is about to do as she tries and fails to stop him walking to the platform edge. Two deaths on Platform Seven. Two fatalities in eighteen months - surely they're connected? No one is more desperate to understand what connects them than Lisa Evans herself. After

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all, she was the first of the two to die.

Sitting in a courtroom after being charged with murder, a geneticist and happily married mother of two reflects on her affair with a secret lover who claimed a connection to the British government and who seduced her with an irresistible combination of sexual power, justice and revenge. By the award-nominated author of Whatever You Love. 50,000 first printing.

Soon To Be a STARZ Mini-Series, Starring Emily Watson Yvonne Carmichael sits in the witness box. The charge is murder. Before all of this, she was happily married, a successful scientist, a mother of two. Now she is a suspect, squirming under florescent lights and the penetrating gaze of

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*the alleged accomplice who is sitting across from her, watching: a man who is also her lover. As Yvonne faces hostile questioning, she must piece together the story of her affair with this unnamed figure who has charmed and haunted her. It is a tale of sexual intrigue and ruthless urges—and of danger, which has blindsided her from a seemingly innocuous angle. Here, in the courtroom, everything hinges on one night in a dark alley called Apple Tree Yard. Shot through with suspense and masterfully paced, Louise Doughty's novel is "a must read . . . if you liked *The Silent Wife*, you'll fall hard for *Apple Tree Yard*" (AARP).*

The Last Enchantments is a powerfully moving and lyrically written novel. A young American embarks on a year at Oxford

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and has an impassioned affair that will change his life forever After graduating from Yale, William Baker, scion of an old line patrician family, goes to work in presidential politics. But when the campaign into which he's poured his heart ends in disappointment, he decides to leave New York behind, along with the devoted, ambitious, and well-connected woman he's been in love with for the last four years. Will expects nothing more than a year off before resuming the comfortable life he's always known, but he's soon caught up in a whirlwind of unexpected friendships and romantic entanglements that threaten his safe plans. As he explores the heady social world of Oxford, he becomes fast friends with Tom, his snobbish but affable flat mate; Anil, an Indian economist with a deep love

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for gangster rap; Anneliese, a German historian obsessed with photography; and Timmo, whose chief ambition is to become a reality television star. What he's least prepared for is Sophie, a witty, beautiful and enigmatic woman who makes him question everything he knows about himself. For readers who made a classic of Richard Yates's A Good School, Charles Finch's The Last Enchantments is a sweeping novel about love and loss that redefines what it means to grow up as an American in the twenty-first century.

The Liar's Chair

Platform Seven

Black Water

History of Wolves

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Someone Out There

Daphne is a marvelous story of literary fascination and possession; of stolen manuscripts and forged signatures; of love lost, and love found; of the way into imaginary worlds, and the way out again. The book is written in three entwined parts, which follow Daphne du Maurier herself, the beautiful, tomboyish, passionate author of the enormously popular Gothic novel *Rebecca*; John Alexander Symington, eminent editor and curator of the Brontë's manuscripts, who by 1957 had been dismissed from the Brontë Parsonage Museum in disgrace after being accused of stealing and forging Brontë manuscripts and who became Daphne's correspondent; and a nameless modern researcher on the trail of Daphne, Rebecca, Alexander Symington, and the Brontës. A haunting and moving debut, *The Midwife* by Tricia Cresswell is

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perfect for fans of *The Familiars* and *The Binding*. 1838. After a violent storm, a woman is found alone, naked and near death, on the Northumberland moors. She has no memory of who she is or how she got there. But she can remember how to help a woman in labour and how to expertly dress a wound, and can speak fluent French. With the odds against her, a penniless single woman, she starts to build her life from scratch, using her skills to help other women around her. She finds a happy place in the world. Until tragedy strikes, and she must run for her life . . . In London, Dr Borthwick lives a solitary life working as an accoucheur dealing with mothers and babies in the elegant homes of high society together with his midwife, Mrs Bates, and volunteering in the slums of the Devil ' s Acre alongside a young widow, Eleanor Johnson. His professional reputation is spotless and he keeps his private life just as

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clean, isolating himself from any new acquaintances. But he is harbouring a dark secret from his past – one that threatens to spill over everything.

Amazon reviewers can't get enough: 'I LOVED THIS BOOK'
***** 'Gloriously gripping' ***** 'Magnificent' ***** 'Heart-
stopping, racy and sophisticated' ***** 'Compulsive and clever'

Working-class stories are not always tales of the underprivileged and dispossessed. *Common People* is a collection of essays, poems and memoir written in celebration, not apology: these are narratives rich in barbed humour, reflecting the depth and texture of working-class life, the joy and sorrow, the solidarity and the differences, the everyday wisdom and poetry of the woman at the bus stop, the waiter, the hairdresser. Here, Kit de Waal brings together thirty-

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three established and emerging writers who invite you to experience the world through their eyes, their voices loud and clear as they reclaim and redefine what it means to be working class. Features original pieces from Damian Barr, Malorie Blackman, Lisa Blower, Jill Dawson, Louise Doughty, Stuart Maconie, Chris McCrudden, Lisa McInerney, Paul McVeigh, Daljit Nagra, Dave O ' Brien, Cathy Rentzenbrink, Anita Sethi, Tony Walsh, Alex Wheatle and more.

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Crazy Paving

with the most shocking twist you won't see coming. . .

Daphne

Hooked

When the Cowpers, a respectable, middle-aged

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couple are found murdered in a quiet English village and their teenage daughter disappears, local newspaper reporter Alison decides to investigate, and unveils the hidden truths behind the picture-perfect village. Reprint.

When Poppy 's sister falls to her death from a railway bridge, she begins her own investigation, with devastating results ... A startlingly twisty debut thriller. 'Uncovering the truth propels her into a world of deception. An unsettling whirlwind of a novel with a startlingly dark core. 5 Stars' The Sun ' Sharp, confident writing, as dark and twisty as the Brighton Lanes ' Peter James ' Superb up-to-

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the-minute thriller. Prepare to be seriously disturbed ' Paul Finch _____ When India falls to her death from a bridge over a railway, her sister Poppy returns home to Brighton for the first time in years. Unconvinced by official explanations, Poppy begins her own investigation into India ' s death. But the deeper she digs, the closer she comes to uncovering deeply buried secrets. Could Matthew Temple, the boyfriend she abandoned, be involved? And what of his powerful and wealthy parents, and his twin sister, Ana? Enter the mysterious and ethereal Jenny: the girl Poppy discovers after hacking into India ' s laptop.

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What is exactly is she hiding, and what did India discover...? A twisty, dark and sexy debut thriller set in the winding lanes and underbelly of Brighton, centring around the social media world, where resentments and accusations are played out, identities made and remade, and there is no such thing as the truth. _____ ' Well written, engrossing and brilliantly unique, this is a fab debut ' Heat ' With twists and turns in every corner, prepare to be surprised by this psychological mystery ' Closer ' Lucy V Hay ' s fiction debut is a twisted and chilling tale that takes place on the streets of Brighton ... Like Peter

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James before her, Hay utilises the Brighton setting to create a claustrophobic and complex read that will have you questioning and guessing from start to finish. The Other Twin is a killer crime-thriller that you won't be able to put down' CultureFly ' Crackles with tension ' Karen Dionne ' A fresh and raw thrill-ride through Brighton's underbelly. What an enjoyable read! ' Lilja Sigurðardóttir ' Slick and compulsive ' Random Things through My Letterbox ' A propulsive, inventive and purely addictive psychological thriller for the social media age ' Crime by the Book ' Intense, pacy, psychological debut. The author's background in

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scriptwriting shines through ' Mari Hannah 'The book merges form and content so seamlessly ... a remarkable debut from an author with a fresh, intriguing voice and a rare mastery of the art of storytelling' Joel Hames ' This chilling, claustrophobic tale set in Brighton introduces an original, fresh new voice in crime fiction ' Cal Moriarty ' The writing shines from every page of this twisted tale ... debuts don ' t come sharper than this ' Ruth Dugdall ' Wrong-foots you in ALL the best ways ' Caz Frear ' Original, daring and emotionally truthful ' Paul Burston ' A cracker of a debut! I couldn ' t put it down ' Paula Daly

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A brutal murder punctures the tranquillity of a rural idyll: a middle-aged couple are found stabbed to death; their teenaged daughter is missing. Where is Gemma? Demands the headline of the Rutland Record. Alison, chief reporter, endeavours to unravel the truth and in doing so must confront the shadows of her own, shocking past and the bleakness at the heart of the prettiest of the prettiest of English Country Counties.

Whatever You Love, from Louise Doughty - the bestselling author of Apple Tree Yard, now a major BBC 1 series - is a heart-wrenching psychological thriller about bereavement and revenge, desire and

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infidelity. Shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award Longlisted for the Orange Prize When two police officers knock on Laura's door, her life changes forever. Her nine-year-old daughter Betty has been killed in a hit-and-run car accident. When the death is ruled an accident, Laura takes revenge into her own hands. But will her daughter's killer be brought to justice? Laura's loss and bereavement re-open old wounds and she is thrown back to the story of her passionate love affair with Betty's father David, their marriage, and his subsequent love affair with another woman. Haunted by Laura's past and desire for revenge,

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Whatever You Love is a riveting psychological thriller that explores the lengths one mother is willing to go to for love. If you've enjoyed Whatever You Love, you might also like Apple Tree Yard by Louise Doughty.

The Midwife

What's Left of Me Is Yours

I Am Pilgrim

The Other Twin

Dance With Me

"Rachel and Dan - in love, expecting their first baby and also mourning the sudden death of a close friend - want to go somewhere hot in January. When Dan produces a ring and

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tells her he's already booked a luxurious resort on Antigua, the holiday turns into a honeymoon. Everything should be perfect. And, at first, it is. But Rachel's experience of the island soon turns from idyllic to disturbing. As furniture shifts and objects fly around, a waitress begs her to leave, and a fellow guest starts to frighten her, Rachel realises that something sinister is going on ... When the waitress is found dead in the hotel grounds, Rachel realises her only hope is to persuade Dan they should go. But Dan seems to have his own reasons for wanting to stay, and soon Rachel is unable to decide who - or what - she should be most afraid of ..."

'The art of writing,' Kingsley Amis said, 'is the art of applying the seat of one's trousers to the seat of one's chair.' So start now. Take up a notebook and pen, and write one sentence□

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Can you write a novel in a year? If you simply sit back and think about the enormity of writing a book, it will seem like a vast and unconquerable task, impossibly daunting. The way to make it less daunting is to break it down into its constituent parts, to do it bit by bit. Over the chapters herein, different aspects of technique are divided up into bite size chunks, the better to aid digestion. The book will look at different aspects of writing, with set exercises to help the reader along in their confidence and technique. It is designed to be read a chapter a week, with the aim of the fledgling writer having a body of material at the year's end which should form a solid start to their novel. Deeply practical, with sound advice at every stage, A NOVEL IN A YEAR is essential reading for any would-be novelist.

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"Each chapter of this enrapturing novel is elegantly brief and charged with barely contained emotion." --New York Times Book Review A gripping debut set in modern-day Tokyo and inspired by a true crime, for readers of *Everything I Never Told You* and *The Perfect Nanny*, *What's Left of Me Is Yours* charts a young woman's search for the truth about her mother's life--and her murder. In Japan, a covert industry has grown up around the "wakaresaseya" (literally "breaker-upper"), a person hired by one spouse to seduce the other in order to gain the advantage in divorce proceedings. When Satō hires Kaitarō, a wakaresaseya agent, to have an affair with his wife, Rina, he assumes it will be an easy case. But Satō has never truly understood Rina or her desires and Kaitarō's job is to do exactly that--until he does it too well.

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While Rina remains ignorant of the circumstances that brought them together, she and Kaitarō fall in a desperate, singular love, setting in motion a series of violent acts that will forever haunt her daughter's life. Told from alternating points of view and across the breathtaking landscapes of Japan, Stephanie Scott exquisitely renders the affair and its intricate repercussions. As Rina's daughter, Sumiko, fills in the gaps of her mother's story and her own memory, Scott probes the thorny psychological and moral grounds of the actions we take in the name of love, asking where we draw the line between passion and possession.

A story of obsession, revenge and deceit, and a woman caught up in terrifying circumstances. Perfect for fans of Paula Hawkins, C. L. Taylor and Helen Fields.

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My Husband's Son

An English Murder

Common People

The Other Child

Whatever You Love

He promised, until death do us part. When bossy, loving, sensible Kate dies suddenly, her little sister Rose dutifully returns from a carefree life abroad to help Kate's widower and the two children Rose has never met. But she is unsettled to see no trace of her warm-hearted sister in the remote, dilapidated house, nor in Kate's cold, distant partner, Evan. After stumbling across a message that

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only her sister could have left for her, Rose's unease around the circumstances of Kate's death turns to open suspicion, but she knows better than to ask the grieving widower for answers. Determined to discover the truth of her sister's terrible last days, Rose has no choice but to keep looking. Eventually, she senses, the dark house will give up its secrets. But she is not prepared to admit that whoever threatened Kate's life might now be coming after her...Praise for Christobel Kent and her novels: 'A highly superior slice of domestic noir' Mail on Sunday 'Spooky, gripping and affecting' Louise Doughty,

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author of Apple Tree Yard'Echoes of Christie and du Maurier' Sunday Times'Beautifully tense' Clare Mackintosh, author of I Let You Go'Gorgeous evocative writing' Erin Kelly, author of He Said She Said

A rare and brilliant story from Zadie Smith, taking us deep into the life of a young woman, Fatou, domestic servant to the Derawals and escapee from one set of hardships to another. Beginning and ending outside the Embassy of Cambodia, which happens to be located in Willesden, NW London, Zadie Smith's absorbing, moving and wryly observed story suggests how the

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apparently small things in an ordinary life always raise larger, more extraordinary questions. 'It's scale is superficially small, but its range is lightly immense; in the first couple of pages, the world from Ghana to London to Cambodia enters. It is a fiction of consequences both global and heartrenchingly intimate. This voice is global, plural and local, with a delicate grip on historic consequences..... Works on an awesomely global scale, and the relations of slavery and mastership are traced in both personal and international scale.' Philip Hensher, The Guardian 'Reading it is a bit

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like having a starter in a restaurant that is so good you wish you had ordered a big portion as a main course, only to realise, as you finish it, that it was exactly the right amount.' 'A perfect stocking-filler of a book that shows that short-form fiction can be as vibrant and as healthy as any densely realised full-length novel.' Louise Doughty, The Observer 'Smith serves up a smasher.' Leyla Sanai, The Independent On Sunday "So delicately calibrated and precisely beautiful that one might not immediately sense the sledgehammer of pain building inside this book. And I mean that in the best

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way. What powerful tension and depth this provides!"—Aimee Bender Fourteen-year-old Linda lives with her parents in the beautiful, austere woods of northern Minnesota, where their nearly abandoned commune stands as a last vestige of a lost counter-culture world. Isolated at home and an outlander at school, Linda is drawn to the enigmatic, attractive Lily and new history teacher Mr. Grierson. When Mr. Grierson is charged with possessing child pornography, the implications of his arrest deeply affect Linda as she wrestles with her own fledgling desires and craving to belong. And then the

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young Gardner family moves in across the lake and Linda finds herself welcomed into their home as a babysitter for their little boy, Paul. It seems that her life finally has purpose but with this new sense of belonging she is also drawn into secrets she doesn't understand. Over the course of a few days, Linda makes a set of choices that reverberate throughout her life. As she struggles to find a way out of the sequestered world into which she was born, Linda confronts the life-and-death consequences of the things people do—and fail to do—for the people they love. Winner of the McGinnis-Ritchie award for its

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first chapter, Emily Fridlund's propulsive and gorgeously written *History of Wolves* introduces a new writer of enormous range and talent.

Fires In the Dark reveals the highly secretive and misunderstood world of the coppersmith gypsies. In 1927, when prosperity still reigns in Central Europe, Yenko is born to two Coppersmith Gypsies. His parents, Josef and Anna, are nomads who raise their son during the relative calm of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Soon, though, dangerous times threaten to unsettle their family, as their heritage makes them

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vulnerable targets for ethnic cleansing. As Germany invades Czechoslovakia and the conflicts of World War II begin to unfold, Yenko and his parents become fugitives, forced on a journey that promises only great uncertainty and offers survival as a remote possibility. In the course of their flight, the burden of an ancient tradition rests entirely on Yenko's shoulders. In capturing the desperation and perseverance of one family during an extraordinary time in history, Louise Doughty pays powerful homage to an insular and little-known culture.

Anatomy of a Scandal

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The Wars

A Double Life

Sometimes a lie seems kinder than the truth . . . but what happens when that lie destroys everything you love? What if Tess is sent to photograph Greg, a high profile paediatric heart surgeon, she sees something troubled in his face and feels instantly drawn to him. Their relationship quickly deepens, but then Tess, single mother to nine-year-old Joe, falls pregnant, and Greg is offered the job of a lifetime back in his hometown of Boston. Before she knows it, Tess is married, and relocating to the States. Life in an affluent American suburb proves anything but

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straightforward. Unsettling things keep happening in the large rented house, Joe is distressed, the next-door neighbors are in crisis, and Tess is sure that someone is watching her. Greg's work is all-consuming and, as the baby's birth looms, he grows more and more unreachable. Something is very wrong, Tess knows it, and then she makes a jaw-dropping discovery . . . A gripping psychological thriller from the author of the bestselling debut *The Missing One* and *The Night Visitor*. From the author of *Apple Tree Yard*, a masterful thriller about espionage, love, and redemption John Harper is hiding in a remote hut on a tropical island. As he lies

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awake at night, listening to the rain on the roof, he believes his life may be in danger. But he is less afraid what is going to happen than of what he's already done. In a local town, he meets Rita, a woman with her own tragic history. They begin an affair, but can they offer each other redemption? Or do the ghosts of the past always catch up with us in the end? Moving between Europe during the Cold War, Civil Rights-era California, and Indonesia during the massacres of 1965 and the subsequent military dictatorship, *Black Water* explores some of the darkest events of recent history through the story of one troubled man. In this gripping follow-up to

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Apple Tree Yard, Louise Doughty writes with the intelligence, vivid characterization, and moral ambiguity that make her fiction resonate in the reader's mind long after the final page.

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DOUGHTY Platform Seven at 4am: Peterborough

Railway Station is deserted. The man crossing the covered walkway on this freezing November morning is confident he's alone. As he sits on the metal bench at the far end of the platform it is clear his choice is strategic - he's as far away from the night staff as he can get. What the man

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doesn't realise is that he has company. Lisa Evans knows what he has decided. She knows what he is about to do, she tries and fails to stop him walking to the platform edge. Two deaths on Platform Seven. Two fatalities in eighteen months - surely they're connected? No one is more desperate to understand what connects them than Lisa Evans herself. After all, she was the first of the two to die.