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Gripping Psychological Thriller

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They ' d used his school photograph in the newspapers. His blond hair neatly combed, smiling for the camera. I thought, you will disappear, Johnny. This will be the last photo taken of you. Forty years ago: Cece ' s son went out on his bike on a hot summer ' s day and never came home. Every evening she lingers on her front porch, hoping to see him coming up the driveway. But the street remains empty and, with her heart aching, Cece goes

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back inside and closes the door behind her... Forty years later: On a rare visit to her father, Carla stumbles across a box tucked away in one of the cupboards. Full of her father ' s diaries and old newspaper clippings, it tells the story of the disappearance of three boys when her father was just a child. Her father refuses to discuss the missing children and his silence only makes Carla more curious. When she meets the mother of the last boy who went missing, and sees her pain first-hand, Carla becomes determined to help Cece finally lay her child to rest. But as Carla begins to read

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the diaries and discovers more about the dark days all those years before, she realises the truth might be more complicated than she thought. There are people in this town who will do anything to stop her digging up the past, and uncovering the truth could change her world in ways she never imagined possible... A totally gripping, emotionally charged suspense novel about small-town secrets and the price of facing up to the truth. Fans of Liane Moriarty, Diane Chamberlain and The Silent Daughter will be gripped from the very first page until the final,

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heart-stopping twist. Readers love Jennifer Harvey: “ Wow, sooooo many emotions with this outstanding book... Awesome, Gripping... Heartbreaking!!! ” NetGalley reviewer, “ Thrilling. Suspenseful. Taut. Breathtakingly tense. Addictive. WOW, this was a book I couldn ’ t put down. ” NetGalley reviewer, “ A real heart-wrenching read... An emotional mystery... Not a book to miss! ” NetGalley reviewer “ Fast paced, very emotional, totally heartbreaking... I was just blown away!... An unforgettable

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story! ” Heidi Lynn Book  
Reviews, “ You will  
love this book!... Believe me  
when I say you ’ ll never see the  
ending coming. ” Goodreads  
reviewer “ Wonderful from start  
to finish... Amazing. Stunning.  
Brilliant. ” Renita D ’ Silva,  
“ Engaging, twisty  
and page turning... I could not  
put this book down. ’  
Goodreads reviewer,  
“ Beyond amazing... The  
characters and storyline were  
fantastic... A must read. ”  
NetGalley reviewer,  
“ What a great read! I finished it  
in one day!... An ending you  
don ’ t expect. Highly

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recommend. ” NetGalley reviewer ‘ It ’ s hard to put his book down... Will stay with you for a long time. ’ Goodreads reviewer, “ The pages turn fast, I wanted to know the truth... I did not see that ending coming at all. Don ’ t miss this thriller. ”

Goodreads reviewer

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER Two brothers meet

in the remote Australian

outback when the third brother

is found dead, in this stunning

new standalone novel from Jane

Harper Brothers Nathan and

Bub Bright meet for the first

time in months at the remote

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fence line separating their cattle ranches in the lonely outback. Their third brother, Cameron, lies dead at their feet. In an isolated belt of Australia, their homes a three-hour drive apart, the brothers were one another ' s nearest neighbors. Cameron was the middle child, the one who ran the family homestead. But something made him head out alone under the unrelenting sun. Nathan, Bub and Nathan ' s son return to Cameron ' s ranch and to those left behind by his passing: his wife, his daughters, and his mother, as well as their long-time employee and two recently

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hired seasonal workers. While they grieve Cameron ' s loss, suspicion starts to take hold, and Nathan is forced to examine secrets the family would rather leave in the past. Because if someone forced Cameron to his death, the isolation of the outback leaves few suspects. A powerful and brutal story of suspense set against a formidable landscape, *The Lost Man* confirms Jane Harper, author of *The Dry* and *Force of Nature*, is one of the best new voices in writing today.

'Absolutely arresting. A story shaped by contemporary social inequalities, their chilling



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consequences and, above all, the powerful, life-affirming love of women for their own and other people's children.' Zoë Morrison, author of Music and Freedom Neve Ayres has always been so careful. Since her mother's death when Neve was seven, she's learned to look after herself and to keep her cards close. But now her deliberately constructed world has collapsed: her partner's left her when she was eight months pregnant. And so, alone with her newborn son, she's retreated to her cliff-top holiday house in coastal Flinders. There, another child comes into her

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life. The first time Neve sees Jessie, the small girl is playing on an empty stretch of beach. On the cold autumn day, she is bare-legged and alone, while her mother is distracted by her own troubles. At once, almost despite herself, Neve is intrigued and concerned, and Jessie is drawn to Neve's kindness - and to her home. To Neve's surprise, Jessie becomes an unlikely source of much needed care for her and her baby. Having been lost in the sleepless haze of new motherhood, Neve is touched, and finds herself grappling with how to best help the forgotten

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girl. She has the spacious house, the full pantry, the resources . . . But how much can you - should you - do for a stranger's child? Beautifully written and emotionally compelling, *The Lone Child* is about parenting and judgement, loss and love. From the acclaimed author of *What Came Before*, this is a gripping, atmospheric novel that explores how the desire to mother, and to be mothered, can be overwhelmingly seductive. 'Absorbing and poignant, written with tenderness and insight, *The Lone Child* explores the formidable bonds between

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mother and child.' Sara Foster, author of *The Hidden Hours* 'A sensitive evocation of the sometimes dark and disorienting nature of motherhood, George's haunting tale reminds us of the redemptive power of human connection.' Wendy James, author of *The Golden Child* " Kimberly Belle delivers the goods—a rocket-paced story with a heart that will keep you riveted through every hairpin twist and turn. Breathless suspense! " —Lisa Unger, New York Times bestselling author of *The Red Hunter* When a child goes missing, two mothers '

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lives collide in a shocking way in this suspenseful novel from the bestselling author of *The Marriage Lie*. It's every parent's worst nightmare: the call that comes in the middle of the night. When Kat Jenkins awakens to the police on her doorstep, her greatest fear is realized. Her nine-year-old son, Ethan, is missing—vanished from the cabin where he'd been on an overnight class trip. Shocked and distraught, Kat rushes to the campground, but she's too late; the authorities have returned from their search empty-handed after losing Ethan's trail in the mountain

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forest. Another mother from the school, Stef Huntington, seems like she has it all: money, prominence in the community, a popular son and a loving husband. She hardly knows Kat, except for the vicious gossip that swirls around Kat ' s traumatic past. But as the police investigation unfolds, Ethan ' s disappearance has earth-shattering consequences for Stef, as her path crosses with Kat. As the two mothers race against the clock, their desperate search for answers reveals how the greatest dangers lie behind the everyday smiles of those they trust the

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most. Don't miss Kimberly Belle's newest novel, My Darling Husband!

An absolutely gripping and heartbreaking emotional page-turner

a gripping psychological thriller about a missing girl

An absolutely gripping, emotional page-turner with a jaw-dropping twist

The Lost Child

The Lost Children of Wilder

A gripping crime thriller that will have you hooked!

- **An Amazon Best Book of the Year for 2016**
- **Costa Book Award for First Novel finalist**
- **Dagger Award finalist Newly**

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**single mom Beth has one constant, gnawing worry: that her dreamy eight-year-old daughter, Carmel, who has a tendency to wander off, will one day go missing. And then one day, it happens: On a Saturday morning thick with fog, Beth takes Carmel to a local outdoor festival, they get separated in the crowd, and Carmel is gone. Shattered, Beth sets herself on the grim and lonely mission to find her daughter, keeping on relentlessly even as the authorities tell her that Carmel may be gone for good. Carmel, meanwhile, is on a strange and harrowing journey of her own—to a totally unexpected place that**



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**requires her to live by her wits, while trying desperately to keep in her head, at all times, a vision of her mother ... Alternating between Beth's story and Carmel's, and written in gripping prose that won't let go, The Girl in the Red Coat—like Emma Donoghue's Room and M. L. Stedman's The Light Between Oceans—is an utterly immersive story that's impossible to put down . . . and impossible to forget. "Kate Hamer's gripping debut novel immediately recalls the explosion of similarly titled books and movies, from Stieg Larsson's The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo and its sequels, to The Girl on the Train to**

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**Gone Girl ... "—Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times "Keeps the reader turning pages at a frantic clip... What's most powerful here is not whodunnit, or even why, but how this mother and daughter bear their separation, and the stories they tell themselves to help endure it." —Celeste Ng (Everything I Never Told You) "Compulsively readable...Beautifully written and unpredictable, I had to stop myself racing to the end to find out what happened." —Rosamund Lupton (Sister) "Both gripping and sensitive — beautifully written, it is a compulsive, aching story full of loss and redemption."**

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**—Lisa Ballantyne (The Guilty One) "Hamer's dark tale of the lost and found is nearly impossible to put down."**

**—Booklist**

**Every family has its secrets. None more than this one. Mandy Miller disappeared from Hallow's End when she was just 3 years old. She was never found. 'The Lost Child is complex, mysterious and highly compelling reading.' -  
Reviewed the Book**

**First in a gripping new thriller series featuring investigative journalist Oonagh O'Neil. Perfect for fans of Susie Steiner, Patricia Gibney and Broadchurch. Investigative journalist Oonagh O'Neil's instincts tell her when a story**

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**is worth pursuing. And the death of an elderly priest on the altar of his Glasgow church, just as she is about to expose the shocking truth behind the closure of an infamous Magdalene Institution, tells her a sinister cover up is in play. DI Alec Davies is appointed to investigate the priest's death. He and Oonagh go way back. But now they're united in uncovering not only what happened to the lost babies secretly born in the Institution, but what happened to the young women that survived by vowing loyalty to one another... forever. The doors of the Magdalene laundries hid the**

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**most harrowing secrets from the world - secrets Oonagh is determined to reveal, whatever the price... This book was previously published as Penance. What people are saying about Theresa Talbot: 'I could hardly read fast enough!' Ourbookreviewsonline.blogspot.co.uk. 'In Oonagh O'Neil, the author has created a fascinating, flesh and blood character. Someone who pops from the page and someone, dare I say it, who would be great fun to go for a drink with' Crimesquad.com. 'Theresa Talbot does not shirk away from confronting the unsettling subject matter and [this] is a compelling story as a result'**

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**www.grabthisbook.net. 'A good mystery with many unexpected twists ... It keeps you turning pages the whole time' Cynthia Moskal, NetGalley. 'Too often I've read "thrillers" that didn't really thrill. This book has it all, plenty of story line and plenty of detail' Margaret Leonard, NetGalley. 'A must-read for anyone who loves detective crime thrillers based loosely on true events' Linda Tilling, NetGalley. 'I really loved this book! Excellent story with brilliant main characters' Stephanie Collins, NetGalley. 'A clever and well-written novel based on harrowing true experiences' Donna Bradley, NetGalley. 'A very good read**

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**and I would certainly  
recommend it' Mary Picken,  
NetGalley.**

**One Last Child**

**Girl, Lost**

**A spellbinding and heart-  
wrenching novel from the  
bestselling author of THE  
GIRL IN THE LETTER**

**The Stepchild**

**A completely gripping  
psychological thriller full of  
twists**

**Missing Child**

*Two years ago, Beth  
Farrow turned her back  
on her three-year-old  
niece, Jenna, for just a  
few seconds. She  
disappeared without a  
trace. How does a three-*

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*year-old go missing from a crowded summer fet without anyone noticing? When Beth leaves the country to try and escape her guilt, someone sends her a photograph from an anonymous number. It's a photograph of Jenna. She's older, but Beth is sure it's her niece. She is determined to do what the police cannot: Find Jenna and bring her home. But someone isn't pleased when Beth returns, and they will do what ever it takes to*



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*get rid of her. This time for good.*

*It was summer in the mountains when five small children vanished from their nursery school picnic. The heat was stifling that day, the tinkle of an ice-cream van in the air. Three and a half years later, in the dead of winter, the children are returned by their abductor... one by one. All except for Ivy - the granddaughter of homicide detective Kate Wakeland. The other four*

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*children say Ivy is dead. Speculation grows that the kidnappings were revenge for an offender that Detective Wakeland put in jail years before. She engages in a battle of wits between herself, the kidnapper and the cold, vast expanse of mountains in between. Heart-pounding domestic suspense from an internationally-bestselling author - One morning Caitlin Eckhart receives a phone call that changes her life forever*

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– her much-loved six-year-old stepson Geordie has disappeared from school. It soon becomes clear that someone must have deliberately taken him. Distraught, Caitlin and her husband, Noah, make an anguished public appeal for his return. But Caitlin has a secret from her past that is about to catch up with her, and as Geordie's continued absence brings her relationship with Noah to breaking point, she stands to lose everything that she

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loves.

*Could finding her long lost sister be the biggest mistake Alex Woods has ever made? | Having recently lost both her parents in a tragic car accident, Alex Woods is shocked to discover through the family lawyer that her beloved mother was keeping a secret – a baby she gave up for adoption when she had just left high school. But when Alex decides to search for her long lost sister – and finds her –*

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*she is in for a terrible  
surprise . . .*

*The Lost Children*

*The Lost Sister*

*The Last Child*

*Sisters*

*The Lone Child (16pt  
Large Print Edition)*

*A gripping detective  
thriller with a heart-  
stopping twist*

*Leda is a middle-aged, divorced  
mother devoted to her work as an  
English professor. After the departure  
of her grown-up daughters, she takes a  
holiday on the Italian coast. But after a  
few days things become unsettling; on  
the beach she encounters a family  
whose brash behaviour proves  
menacing. Leda is overwhelmed by*

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*memories of the difficult and unconventional choices she made as a mother and their consequences for herself and her family. The tale of a woman's rediscovery of herself soon becomes the story of a ferocious confrontation with the past. The Lost Daughter is a profound exploration of the conflicting emotions that tie women to their children. Elena Ferrante was born in Naples. She is the author of seven novels: The Days of Abandonment, Troubling Love, The Lost Daughter, and the quartet of Neapolitan Novels: My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, and The Story of the Lost Child. Fragments, a selection of interviews, letters and occasional writings by Ferrante, will be published in early 2016. She is one of Italy's most acclaimed authors. Ann*

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*Goldstein has translated all of Elena Ferrante's work. She is an editor at the New Yorker and a recipient of the PEN Renato Poggioli Translation Award. 'Ferrante's gift for psychological horror renders it immediate and visceral.' New Yorker 'This superb and scary Italian writer...has blown the lid off tempestuous parent-child relations.' Seattle Times 'So refined, almost translucent, that it seems about to float away, in the end this piercing novel is not so easily dislodged from the memory.' Boston Globe 'It's Leda's voice that's hypnotic, and it's the writing that makes it that way. Ferrante can do a woman's interior dialogue like no one else, with a ferocity that is shockingly honest, unnervingly blunt.' Booklist 'Ferrante's prose is stunningly candid, direct and unforgettable. From simple elements, she builds a powerful*

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*tale of hope and regret.' Publishers Weekly 'Ferrante's uncompromising directness and her unflinching gaze cannot be faulted.' Age/Sydney Morning Herald 'With cold determination, Ferrante conveys both the selfishness and the courage that comes with admitting your own maternal shortcomings.' New Zealand Listener*

*"Wow! Captivating story. What a twist!!" - Jerry E. (ARC review) "Loved, loved, loved the big twist--I did not see that coming!". - ARC review Somebody was watching her every move. They knew her schedule, where her daughter went to daycare... After walking out of an abusive relationship, losing her job, falling into debt, and the sudden death of her parents, Isabell Morgan thought her life was beyond repair until... She gave birth to her*



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*daughter Courtney and later found the love of her life, Erik. Together they moved to Ocean Bay Cove, a quaint small town on the east coast, and bought an affordable fixer-upper in a cozy neighborhood. Her life seemed to be finally headed in the right direction. And then... Her daughter and her fiancé went missing, without a trace... In 1973 Marcia Lowry, a young civil liberties attorney, filed a controversial class-action suit that would come to be known as Wilder, which challenged New York City's operation of its foster-care system. Lowry's contention was that the system failed the children it was meant to help because it placed them according to creed and convenience, not according to need. The plaintiff was thirteen-year-old Shirley Wilder, an abused runaway whose childhood had been shaped by*

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*the system's inequities. Within a year Shirley would give birth to a son and relinquish him to the same failing system. Seventeen years later, with Wilder still controversial and still in court, Nina Bernstein tried to find out what had happened to Shirley and her baby. She was told by child-welfare officials that Shirley had disappeared and that her son was one of thousands of anonymous children whose circumstances are concealed by the veil of confidentiality that hides foster care from public scrutiny. But Bernstein persevered. The Lost Children of Wilder gives us, in galvanizing and compulsively readable detail, the full history of a case that reveals the racial, religious, and political fault lines in our child-welfare system, and lays bare the fundamental contradiction at the heart of our well-intended efforts to sever the*

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*destiny of needy children from the fate of their parents. Bernstein takes us behind the scenes of far-reaching legal and legislative battles, at the same time as she traces, in heartbreaking counterpoint, the consequences as they are played out in the life of Shirley's son, Lamont. His terrifying journey through the system has produced a man with deep emotional wounds, a stifled yearning for family, and a son growing up in the system's shadow. In recounting the failure of the promise of benevolence, The Lost Children of Wilder makes clear how welfare reform can also damage its intended beneficiaries. A landmark achievement of investigative reporting and a tour de force of social observation, this book will haunt every reader who cares about the needs of children.*

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*Simone Porter and her husband, Matt, have rebuilt their lives after the abduction of their six-month old daughter, Helena, eighteen years ago, but when a mysterious young woman, Grace, appears claiming to have information about Helena, then disappears herself, Simone will risk everything to find out the truth.*

*Three Days Missing*

*The Child in the Photo*

*An Absolutely Unputdownable Crime Thriller*

*Bunny Lake Is Missing*

*A Novel of Psychological Suspense*

*Where I Lost Her*

Large Print Edition A gripping and emotional novel that will leave you wondering about the neighbors next door... On a cold January night, Sharon Lemke heads outside to see a lunar

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eclipse when she notices something odd at the house behind her backyard.

Through her neighbor's kitchen window, she sees what appears to be a little girl washing dishes late at night. But the Fleming family doesn't have a child that age, and even if they did, why would she be doing housework at this late hour? It would be easy for Sharon to just let this go, but when eighteen-year-old Niki, a former foster child, comes to live with Sharon, she notices suspicious activity at the Flemings' house as well. When calling social services doesn't result in swift action, the two decide to investigate on their own.

“ A gripping and beautiful book about the power of love in the face of unimaginable loss. ” --Cheryl Strayed  
For readers of *The Bright Hour* and

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When Breath Becomes Air, a moving, transcendent memoir of loss and a stunning exploration of marriage in the wake of unimaginable grief. As the book opens: two-year-old Greta Greene is sitting with her grandmother on a park bench on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. A brick crumbles from a windowsill overhead, striking her unconscious, and she is immediately rushed to the hospital. But although it begins with this event and with the anguish Jayson and his wife, Stacy, confront in the wake of their daughter's trauma and the hours leading up to her death, *Once More We Saw Stars* quickly becomes a narrative that is as much about hope and healing as it is about grief and loss. Jayson recognizes, even in the midst of his ordeal, that there will be

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a life for him beyond it--that if only he can continue moving forward, from one moment to the next, he will survive what seems unsurvivable. With raw honesty, deep emotion, and exquisite tenderness, he captures both the fragility of life and absoluteness of death, and most important of all, the unconquerable power of love. This is an unforgettable memoir of courage and transformation--and a book that will change the way you look at the world. From the global bestselling author of THE GIRL IN THE LETTER comes a gripping and heartbreaking novel of family secrets. 'Utterly gripping, taut and powerful. An emotionally charged, compulsive, moving novel' Adele Parks 'Captivating and suspenseful' Jessica Fellowes 'I so enjoyed it. Twists and

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turns... Hours of gripping entertainment and a great many tears' Lesley Pearse 'A truly brilliant and moving read. I loved it' Karen Hamilton 'Loss, betrayal and a decades-old secret... BRILLIANT' Heat magazine \_\_\_\_\_ Some secrets are locked away for years . . . Rebecca Waterhouse is just thirteen when she witnesses her mother's death at the hand of her father in Seaview Cottage. But what else did she see? Years later, Rebecca's daughters Iris and Jessie know their mother will never speak of that terrible night. But when Jessie goes missing, with her gravely ill newborn, Iris realises the past may hold the key to her sister's disappearance. With Jessie in trouble, Iris must unravel a twisting story of love and betrayal in her mother's family history. Only then will Seaview



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Cottage give up its dark and tragic secret... \*Previously published as The Lost Child\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Emily Gunnis's new novel The Midwife's Secret is available to pre-order NOW!\*\*

READERS ADORE EMILY GUNNIS'S  
MESMERISING NOVELS: 'A

wonderfully woven novel, full of family secrets that will sweep you away into another time. I loved it more than I could possibly convey in words' 5\*  
Reader Review 'One of my reading highlights of the year and it has only made me more eager to read many more books from Emily Gunnis' 5\*  
Reader Review 'I'd give this book 10\* if I could' 5\*  
Reader Review 'Wow! I can't remember reading a book so quickly for a very long time. Couldn't put it down but didn't want it to finish. A must read'

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5\* Reader Review 'Written so beautifully, such attention to detail, her words and mesmerising characters take hold of every emotion within you' 5\* Reader Review 'This story grabbed hold of me and sucked me in. Heartbreaking, emotional, gripping, suspenseful and will keep you on the edge of your seat right to the very last chapter' 5\* Reader Review

I devoured this novel whole in one sitting. My God what a ride... it broke my heart... A definite must read. ' Marmite Miss, As I watch her walk away, an arm raised to her face as she wipes tears from her eyes, I wonder if I really can go through losing her again. Because if I do this, I might gain a child, but I ' ll lose her in the process. Isla and Ben are devoted parents

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to their beloved daughter, Reese. She is their little miracle, the child they thought they ' d never have until donors made her existence possible. But Isla has never told Reese about her biological parents. She wants to be honest with her daughter, but can she bear to open up old wounds? Then Isla receives a call from Lucy, once her closest friend, and it seems she may need to make a decision sooner than she thought. They haven ' t spoken in almost ten years, but Lucy has devastating news: she has lost her beloved husband Nate, just after they decided they wanted to become parents after all. Heartbroken for her friend, Isla welcomes Lucy back into her life. But then Lucy comes to Isla with a request that changes everything. If Lucy gets what she wants, Isla ' s perfect family

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could be destroyed. But would she deny the woman who helped her become a mother the chance for her own happiness? *A Child of My Own* is a heartbreaking, gripping and emotional story about motherhood, loss and friendship, perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, Kelly Rimmer and Kate Hewitt.

Why readers love *A Child of My Own*:

‘ Unforgettable... I literally could not put this book down... You will need to lock yourself away and clear your diary as you will not be able to look up until you ’ ve reached the end... order yourself a bumper pack of tissues. ’ On The Shelf Books ‘ I devoured this novel whole in one sitting. My God what a ride... it broke my heart... I cried and it takes a lot for a book to make me cry. A definite must read novel for 2021. ’

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NetGalley reviewer,

‘ Wow keep the tissues handy... This book will make you laugh and cry but also just fill your heart with love and friendship. ’ NetGalley reviewer,

‘ Grabbed me by the heart and wouldn't let go... emotional and passionate. ’ Yaya Reads Lots of Books,

‘ Spectacular and emotional... I was spellbound;

Carnevale was instantly able to grab my attention and hold it for the entire plot!

Her characters are so realistic you'll feel they are your friends, too. ’ Goodreads reviewer,

‘ This book had me go through every emotion possible...

I was in tears at some points and smiling at other points... It really was a rollercoaster... Absolutely brilliant! ’

Stressed Rach, ‘ Such a



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Gripping, dark and fresh:  
the latest thriller from the  
dagger-shortlisted author of  
The Boy at the Door.

Winner of the 2010 Edgar  
Award for Best Novel

Heralded by the Washington  
Post as a "a magnificent  
creation, Huck Finn  
channeled through Lord of  
the Flies", John Hart's The  
Last Child is his most  
significant work to date, an  
intricate, powerful story of  
loss, hope, and courage in  
the face of evil. Thirteen  
year-old Johnny Merrimon had  
the perfect life: a warm  
home and loving parents; a  
twin sister, Alyssa, with  
whom he shared an  
irreplaceable bond. He knew

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nothing of loss, until the day Alyssa vanished from the side of a lonely street. Now, a year later, Johnny finds himself isolated and alone, failed by the people he'd been taught since birth to trust. No one else believes that Alyssa is still alive, but Johnny is certain that she is---confident in a way that he can never fully explain. Determined to find his sister, Johnny risks everything to explore the dark side of his hometown. It is a desperate, terrifying search, but Johnny is not as alone as he might think. Detective Clyde Hunt has never stopped



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looking for Alyssa either, and he has a soft spot for Johnny. He watches over the boy and tries to keep him safe, but when Johnny uncovers a dangerous lead and vows to follow it, Hunt has no choice but to intervene. Then a second child goes missing . . . Undeterred by Hunt's threats or his mother's pleas, Johnny enlists the help of his last friend, and together they plunge into the wild, to a forgotten place with a history of violence that goes back more than a hundred years. There, they meet a giant of a man, an escaped convict on his own tragic quest. What they

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learn from him will shatter every notion Johnny had about the fate of his sister; it will lead them to another far place, to a truth that will test both boys to the limit. Traveling the wilderness between innocence and hard wisdom, between hopelessness and faith, *The Last Child* leaves all categories behind and establishes John Hart as a writer of unique power. Now with an excerpt from John Hart's next book *The Hush*, available in February 2018. 'Loved loved loved this book!... What an incredible story... will have you holding your breath until the shocking ending. I was

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glued to this book and couldn't go to sleep until I had finished it. And the next day I read it again!' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

She becomes aware of the silence at the other end of the line. A prickling sensation crawls up her arms. Her heart speeds up. 'Found who?' she asks, slowly, carefully, deliberately. 'They found Daniel.' Six years ago Megan waits at the school gates for her six-year-old son, Daniel. As the playground empties, panic bubbles inside her. Daniel is nowhere to be found. Her darling son is missing. Six years later After years of

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sleepless nights, and endless days of missing her son, Megan finally gets the call she has been dreaming about. Daniel has walked into a police station in a remote town just a few miles away. Megan is overjoyed - her son is finally coming home. She has kept Daniel's room, with his Cookie Monster poster on the wall and a stack of Lego under the bed, in perfect shape to welcome him back. But when he returns, there is something different about Daniel... According to the police, Daniel was kidnapped by his father. After his dad died in a fire, Daniel was finally able to escape.

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Desperate to find out the truth, Megan tries to talk to her little boy - but he barely answers her questions. Longing to help him heal, Megan tries everything - his favourite chocolate milkshake, a reunion with his best friend, a present for every birthday missed - but still, Daniel is distant. And as they struggle to connect, Megan begins to suspect that there is more to the story. Soon, she fears that her son is hiding a secret. A secret that could destroy her family... A heartbreaking, emotional and poignant drama about a family in turmoil. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane

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Moriarty and Linda Green - this moving and stirring novel is for you. Readers are absolutely loving The Boy in the Photo:

'Incredible... it's going on my list of favourite reads of the year. I had tears streaming down my cheeks... I was blown away... I really can't say enough great things about this book. It is a must read' Jaynie's Book Reviews, 5 stars

'OMG... Simply amazing... Heartbreaking... I went and hugged my daughter and messaged my son "I love you".' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'Absolutely heartbreaking and absolutely beautiful. I loved

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everything about this book. Make sure that you have tissues at hand because you will need them.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'OMG!!!! An absolute meteor shower of stars for this one! Fantabulous! Jaw-dropping. Twisty... So, so wonderful... If I could rate a book 100 stars, I would give them... An outstanding read.'

Sandy's Book a Day Blog, 5 stars 'OMG...WOW!... Fast paced, edge-of-your-seat and an emotional rollercoaster that was a thrill ride from beginning to end.. I highly recommend it!!' Confessions of a Bookaholic, 5 stars 'Loved loved loved this book!... What an incredible

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story... Told in a riveting way that will have you holding your breath until the shocking ending. I was glued to this book and couldn't go to sleep until I had finished it. And the next day I read it again.'

NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'OMG... What an emotional rollercoaster this book was!!! One minute I was crying and the next I'm shocked... I was so heartbroken.'

Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow!... Took me for an emotional ride.'

Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'One hell of an emotional read and then some. I loved it... Oh my giddy aunt, this is a book



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that is guaranteed to tug on the heartstrings.' Ginger Book Geek 'A heartbreaking story of a family wrenched apart, only to be put back together like a jigsaw puzzle... with the pieces in the wrong places... You'll feel your stomach twist in anticipation with each turn of the page. 5 tingling stars for this one.' Jan's Book Buzz, 5 stars 'SO SO GOOD!... Superbly written. I was hooked from start to finish.' Loopyloulaura 'Two simple words, LOVED IT... Plenty of OMG moments.' Book Reviews for u 'This book will rip your heart out.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh my soul... I could not put

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this book down... Brilliant.  
Absolutely brilliant.'

Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars  
'An absolute masterpiece!'

Brianne's Book Reviews, 5  
stars 'I loved it....so  
addictive - I stayed up till  
1am this morning to finish  
it!! That's way past my  
bedtime but I just couldn't  
put it down.' Goodreads  
Reviewer 'I read this with  
my heart in my throat... One  
of my midnight reads, I was  
so happy losing sleep over  
it!!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5  
stars

"A nervy, soulful, genuinely  
surprising it-could-happen-  
to-you thriller - a book to  
make you peer over your  
shoulder for days

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afterwards.”—A.J. Finn, New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window* Winner of the Victorian Premier’s Literary Award, *The Nowhere Child* is screenwriter Christian White’s internationally bestselling debut thriller of psychological suspense about a woman uncovering devastating secrets about her family—and her very identity... Kimberly Leamy is a photography teacher in Melbourne, Australia. Twenty-six years earlier, Sammy Went, a two-year old girl vanished from her home in Manson, Kentucky. An American accountant who contacts Kim is convinced

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she was that child, kidnapped just after her birthday. She cannot believe the woman who raised her, a loving social worker who died of cancer four years ago, crossed international lines to steal a toddler. On April 3rd, 1990, Jack and Molly Went's daughter Sammy disappeared from the inside their Kentucky home. Already estranged since the girl's birth, the couple drifted further apart as time passed. Jack did his best to raise and protect his other daughter and son while Molly found solace in her faith. The Church of the Light Within, a Pentecostal fundamentalist group who

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handle poisonous snakes as part of their worship, provided that faith. Without Sammy, the Wents eventually fell apart. Now, with proof that she and Sammy are in fact the same person, Kim travels to America to reunite with a family she never knew she had. And to solve the mystery of her abduction—a mystery that will take her deep into the dark heart of religious fanaticism where she must fight for her life against those determined to save her soul...

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**The Nowhere Child**

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Children reveals the  
heartbreaking toll paid  
by children deprived of  
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stimulation, and human  
interaction. Compared  
with children in foster  
care, the  
institutionalized  
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novel of psychological suspense. All it takes to unravel a life is one little secret... Marin had the perfect life. Married to her college sweetheart, she owns a chain of upscale hair salons, and Derek runs his own company. They're admired in their community and are a loving family—until their world falls apart the day their son Sebastian is taken. A year later, Marin is a shadow of herself. The FBI search has gone



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cold. The publicity has faded. She and her husband rarely speak. She hires a P.I. to pick up where the police left off, but instead of finding Sebastian, she learns that Derek is having an affair with a younger woman. This discovery sparks Marin back to life. She's lost her son; she's not about to lose her husband, too. Kenzie is an enemy with a face, which means this is a problem Marin can fix. Permanently. A mother murdered. A

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daughter missing. A family with secrets. On the 26th of August, Nicole Carlson, was murdered. Abbie can't understand what her friend was doing alone in a secluded country lane. And when she learns Nicole's daughter, Sienna, disappeared at the same time, Abbie fears the worst. Just when the investigators are confident they have all the facts, everything changes. Nicole's teenage daughter,

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**Sienna, returns. Sienna is the one person who could unlock the mystery but she refuses to talk. As Abbie begins to unravel the secrets and lies surrounding her friend's death, it becomes clear Sienna knows far more about the events leading up to her mother's murder than she is letting on.**

**“MacDonald has written another terrific novel of psychological suspense, marked by well-developed, sympathetic characters and**

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excellent, tightly paced  
-plotting. Tami Hoag and  
Francine Mathews fans  
will devour” Library  
Journal Starred Review A  
daughter sets out to  
discover the truth about  
her mother’s death in  
this absorbing novel of  
psychological suspense.  
Eden Radley had a  
strained relationship  
with her mother ever  
since Tara deserted the  
family nine years before  
to run off with her much  
younger lover. But when  
she’s told that her  
mother has killed

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herself and her severely disabled young son, Eden's half-brother, Eden is ridden with guilt. For her mother had tried to get in touch with her on the night she died, and Eden had ignored her text. Was Tara calling for help? Heading to Cleveland, Ohio, for the funeral, Eden discovers there was so much she didn't know about her mother, nor about her enigmatic, troubled stepfather Flynn Darby. And the more she learns,

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**the more convinced she  
becomes that Tara's  
death was no suicide.  
Could Flynn really be  
guilty of murder ...?**

**A Memoir**

**Finding Lucy**

**The Lost Daughter**

**The Moonlight Child**

**A Gripping Psychological  
Thriller**

**Lost Boy Found**

She lays her baby in his cot - the sound of his quiet breath filling the nursery as she leaves the room. Soon Claire will be fast asleep herself. She won't hear the back door opening or the footsteps on the stairs. When Claire Lucas is woken by her husband asking where their baby son is, she is dazed and confused. When she

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follows Darren into their child's bedroom, she hears nothing but silence. No baby cries, no cute gurgles. The only thing left in Finlay's cot is his beloved teddy bear. Finlay has gone. Detective Jessie Blake rushes to the family's modern home in the rugged Scottish Highlands. She notices that Darren avoids eye contact, and Claire seems disconnected - unable to account for the last few hours of her afternoon. Jessie knows there's no normal response to losing a child, but something doesn't feel right. Friends rally round the young family, as a search of the narrow lanes and green hills of Moncrieffe begins in earnest. And as helpers battle the wild Scottish weather, Jessie is sure that someone in the search party must know more than they're letting on. Someone must have seen something. As a ghost from her own past comes back to haunt her, Jessie must put aside her own personal tragedy to save baby Finlay. Can

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she get the people of the small town to talk before it's too late? If you love Cara Hunter, LJ Ross and Robert Bryndza, you'll love this addictive new crime thriller from Kerry Watts. Her Missing Child will have you hooked from the start! What readers are saying about Her Missing Child

'Here is a book to get your teeth into!... This book is vibrant, engaging and interesting... there's lies and affairs, obsession and tested family loyalties... That all makes a really stomping and exciting whodunit... really top-class storytelling... 10/10.' Goodreads reviewer

'A totally captivating and addictive read. I loved this book!... Had me totally mesmerised from the very first page.' Booked Up Girl

'WOW, WOW, WOW... I read it in one sitting and it kept me reading late into the night... A gripping read.' Goodreads reviewer



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was absolutely hooked from page one... I had to rush back to it every time I had to put it down. An ending you won't see coming.' Goodreads reviewer

'Compelling, addictive, surprising at times and overall a great story very well told.'

Goodreads reviewer 'WOW.

Kerry Watts had me on the edge of my seat... I literally couldn't put it down... A must-read and worthy of 5 stars.'

Goodreads reviewer 'Kerry

Watts delivers a gripping, emotionally intense, page-turning crime thriller... It's almost impossible to put Her Missing Child down.' Goodreads reviewer

'Gripping read from start to finish... a great read with lies, secrets, deceits, betrayals and loss. Can't wait for the next in the series.' Goodreads reviewer  
Three-year-old Millie Everleigh disappears on a crisp winter 's day, and nothing is as it seems... It 's the phone call every

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mother dreads. I ' m climbing into the car after a trip to the grocery store. As the engine starts, my phone rings. It ' s my stepdaughter, Shelby, who is babysitting my three-year-old little girl Millie. ' I only went upstairs for a second, ' she says through her sobs. ' She ' s gone. ' I race home to find my blue-eyed baby girl missing, and my heart ripped out of my chest. When the police turn up, Shelby ' s story starts to unravel. What is she hiding? Then I get a message saying, ' Your husband is not who you think he is. ' Could he be lying? Suddenly, my family feel like strangers. Everyone has a secret – even me. No one knows why I was late coming back from the shop, and the guilt I ' ve been feeling ever since... Once the truth comes out, all of our lies exposed, will it be too late to save my precious child? A pulse-pounding psychological thriller about family secrets, shocking pasts

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and the lies we tell ourselves in order to survive. You ' ll lose sleep as you race through the pages until the final gasp-worthy twist! Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and The Wife Between Us. Readers love The Stepchild:

‘ Omg, wow... Just wow. There are not enough superlatives in the English dictionary to express how much I loved this incredible thriller. I was hooked into the story from the first page and found myself so captivated that I was compelled to read the whole book in one sitting. The author takes the reader on a rollercoaster ride with multiple twists and turns that culminates with a nail-biting, seriously chilling epilogue. The story caused me to experience a wide range of conflicting emotions and even caused me to experience a lump in my throat... If I could, I would award The Stepchild far more than five stars... Very very highly

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recommended by little old me. ' Nicki ' s  
Life of Crime, ' Amazing  
amazing amazing. The Stepchild is  
brilliantly written. There is every kind of  
emotion that a person could feel within the  
plot... I adore Nicole Trope. ' NetGalley  
reviewer, ' Had me  
HOOKED from page one. Seriously. It  
dives right in and is absolutely  
unputdownable... Everyone has secrets  
and no one is spilling... It ' s twisty-turny  
and full of holy shiiiiii moments... The  
story flows fast and furious. There ' s no  
downtime in this one, each page more  
gripping than the last. You ' ll definitely  
want to clear your schedule, because  
you ' ll be finishing this in one sitting. Off  
to add all of Nicole Trope ' s books to my  
TBR. ' Goodreads reviewer,  
' Wow, what a brilliant read this  
was!!!!...It had me shocked and jumping  
up with joy all at the same time... I got so

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' I found myself racing through the pages, wanting to know who all these characters were and how they were connected! If you want a book to keep you guessing, pick this one up... I LOVED the brilliant ending. '

@coffee.break.book.reviews,

' I am blown away by this book, the twists and turns are mind-boggling!...

BRILLIANT... If I could, I would give it more than 5 stars. Excellent. ' NetGalley reviewer, ' Nicole Trope has

done it again! She has quickly become one of the few authors who I will drop

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whatever I ' m reading for when I see she has a new book out. This book was amazing. Heart-wrenching, suspenseful, plot twists I never saw coming.... Fantastic book! ' Goodreads reviewer,

' Oh my word... Had me gripped from the first page. So many twists and turns that were completely unexpected. '

NetGalley reviewer, ' This book kept me guessing until the very end, I was hooked! I ' m not sure how to accurately portray how much I loved this thriller! ' Goodreads reviewer,

' This book is simply phenomenal... Kept me on the edge of my seat. ' Ashlovestea.com,

After years of traveling the world in search of her missing twin, a young woman returns home to uncover the truth in this suspenseful novel. Twin sisters Freya and Imogen are planning a grand voyage around the world with their best friend,

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Emily. When Freya disappears on the day of their intended departure, Imogen wonders if she decided to go on her own. But when Emily goes missing three days later, Imogen suspects something more sinister. Five years later, Imogen is living in Australia, having searched the world for her sister. But when her mother calls, she knows it ' s finally time to come home. Because Emily has returned, and she has a child. When Imogen questions Emily about Freya ' s whereabouts, her answers are elusive. But as buried secrets rise to the surface, Imogen discovers that the truth she ' s been searching for is closer to home than she ever imagined . . .

What if you were holding your daughter's hand, and then you bent down to discover it was another child? An hour ago, Emma's six-year-old daughter entered the busy underground, and she was holding her mother's hand. The police don't

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believe her; they think that she's on drugs. There were no witnesses, and nothing ties in with Emma's tale of events. Emma only wants her daughter back, but she's being charged with kidnapping another child and killing her own. Emma's been caught up in a web of lies. Her only chance of survival is silence and her best friend, Will. The man that she hurt so many years ago. She believes that he'll unravel the truth and will find her daughter. The Lost Child is a gripping thriller with so many twists that it will have you on the edge of your seat. It is perfect for fans of The Girl on the Train and Gone Girl.

A Novel

The Epic Struggle to Change Foster Care  
Child Taken

A novel of psychological suspense

A totally gripping psychological thriller

"One woman's journey through



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heartbreak and loss to courage and resolve as she searches for the truth about a missing child"--Flap of front cover.

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The classic novel of suspense is "a headlong story of nerve-wracking tension, psychological validity and emotional drive" (Oakland Tribune). Blanche Lake is not like the other mothers who come to collect their children at the local nursery school on New York's Upper East Side. She lives alone, has a job, and has never been married. It's the first day of school when this story begins, and Blanche is eager to see how her daughter, Bunny, has fared away from home. But her expectant waiting becomes a mother's most dreaded nightmare: Bunny never materializes.

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Neither teachers nor students recall the small girl, and soon Blanche is engaged in a frantic search for any trace of her missing daughter. And the worst part is . . . no one believes her. In this fraught and at times freakish tale of suspense, Evelyn Piper takes us deep into the psyche of the 1950s to explore American fetishes, fallacies, and fears around motherhood and sexuality. Blanche emerges as a new kind of heroine—a hard-boiled mom with gun in hand, willing to take any risk to find her missing daughter. “A classic thriller—a riveting revisit to the dark side of the fifties, where the tension beneath the calm surface has an undertow that drags the reader into its grip. Prime pulp—pure pleasure.”  
—Linda Fairstein, author of *The Bone Vault*

Perfect for fans of the NYT bestseller

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Sold on a Monday, this Southern historical novel based on the true story of a boy's mysterious disappearance examines despair, loyalty, and the nature of truth. In 1913, on a summer's day at Half Moon Lake, Louisiana, four-year-old Sonny Davenport walks into the woods and never returns. The boy's mysterious disappearance from the family's lake house makes front-page news in their home town of Opelousas. John Henry and Mary Davenport are wealthy and influential, and will do anything to find their son. For two years, the Davenports search across the South, offer increasingly large rewards and struggle not to give in to despair. Then, at the moment when all hope seems lost, the boy is found in the company of a tramp. But is he truly Sonny Davenport? The circumstances of his discovery raise

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more questions than answers. And when Grace Mill, an unwed farm worker, travels from Alabama to lay claim to the child, newspapers, townsfolk, even the Davenports' own friends, take sides. As the tramp's kidnapping trial begins, and two desperate mothers fight for ownership of the boy, the people of Opelousas discover that truth is more complicated than they'd ever dreamed.

The Girl in the Red Coat

The Day I Lost You

Once More We Saw Stars

The Missing Daughter

The Boy in the Photo

Her Missing Daughter

I stare at the newspaper article about a baby snatched from the back of a car thirty years ago, and wonder why someone would post it through my door. Looking closer, my blood

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freezes. The little girl in the photo has an unusual scar - just like mine. I've never met anyone with one like it. Is this stolen child... me? Trembling with shock, I know I have to confront my mother. My parents got me through a horrific accident, helped me find a job I love, teaching art, and even with buying my own house. But was it all built on lies? She tells me the day I was born was the best day of her life, and I'm flooded with guilt for questioning her - but why do I catch her burning papers in the garden the next day? Then I come home to find a woman sitting on my doorstep, covered in bruises and claiming she knows who abducted me. I don't know if I can trust her - or if I'll be the next to get hurt. Because all the while, I've been hiding my own secret. Does whoever sent the article

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know what really happened the day of my accident? Desperate for the truth, I break into the house of my supposed kidnapper. Inside, I find a handwritten list of names. A shiver goes down my spine as I realise wasn't the only child to be stolen. Then I hear a key in the lock, and I know my life is in terrible danger... An absolutely addictive read that will have you racing through the pages and questioning everything you thought you knew about your family. Perfect for fans of *The Girl on the Train*, Lisa Jewell and Shari Lapena. Read what everyone's saying about Kerry Wilkinson: 'Wow, wow, wow!!!!!!' This author never ceases to amaze me... I raced right through this one... I couldn't believe that ending... so many twists and turns and I loved it. I didn't know which way was up or

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down by the time I finished the book. That ending will stick with me for a long time... definitely recommend it.' Blue Moon Blogger [REDACTED] 'Absolutely the most unique and twisted thriller I have ever read... The reader will not be able to put this book down once it captures you... The twist at the end is amazing and one no-one will see coming... a wonderfully told tale that kept me reading well past my usual bedtime.' Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] 'Oh my - this kept me guessing all the way through. I was literally gagging to find out the truth... you should have seen my jaw drop... I am so glad I started this book on a day when I had nothing else going on... It hit the ground running, sucked me in, chewed me up and spat me out.' NetGalley reviewer [REDACTED] 'Close the curtains. Turn on all the lights. Lock

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the doors... a goosebump-causing heart-racing thriller... I desperately flipped pages... twists and turns keep readers on edge... like taking a rollercoaster ride... What a ride!

Goodreads reviewer □□□□□

From the #1 bestselling author of My Sister's Secret and No Turning Back  
For the first time in your life, she is going to tell you the truth...

Little Secrets

Missing (A gripping psychological thriller with a shocking twist you won't see coming)

Lost Child