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www.choc-lit.com www.rubyfiction.com "... really heart-warming and thoroughly uplifting, satisfyingly emotional, and yes, a real lump in the throat and a few tears. I'll very much look forward to reading more from Helen Buckley – this was a book I thoroughly enjoyed."

Anne Williams, Being Anne, Blogger and Reviewer



## STRICTLY ON ICE BY HELEN BUCKLEY

A heartwarming and inspirational debut from a promising new talent in romance fiction. The first novel in the 'Spotlight' series.

# When falling in love comes with the risk of falling flat on your face ...

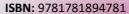
Former Olympic skating champion Katie Saunders is well known for her 'ice queen' persona in the press. On the face of it, perhaps Katie should have forgiven her former skating partner and exboyfriend, Alex Michaelson, for the accident that shattered both her ankle and their Olympic dreams – but she just can't seem to let it go.

When Katie reluctantly agrees to take part in a new TV skating show, it's only because she's desperate for cash. What she didn't count on is the drama – not only is she partnered up with infamous love rat rugby player Jamie Welsh, but one of the judges is none other than Alex Michaelson himself. As the show progresses, will Katie be shown the hard way, once again, that romance on the ice should remain strictly off-limits?

## **Helen Buckley**

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Novels: Strictly on Ice, Celebrity SOS: Love Survives, Strictly Christmas Spirit, Keeping up with the Kershaws



Pages: 256

Category: Contemporary

Setting: UK Rights: World

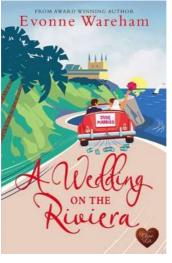
Format:

eBook/audio/paperback
Book 1 in Spotlight series



"A story to make you want to read it again and again, and also to read anything else by this author."

A. Roberton, Top 1000 Amazon Reviewer



#### A WEDDING ON THE RIVIERA BY EVONNE WAREHAM

A romance to set the pulse racing – featuring suspense, sunshine and a wedding on the Riviera!

# A return to the Riviera on the trail of a runaway groom ...

When out-of-work actor Ryan Calder attends a wedding as the plus-one of successful businesswoman, Nadine Wells, he doesn't expect to get in a scuffle with the groom.

But Ryan has a good reason. He recognises the groom from another wedding where the same man made a quick getaway, taking the wedding money and leaving a heartbroken bride in his wake. It seems he's struck again, and Nadine's poor friend is the target.

Ryan and Nadine decide they can't let it happen to another woman, so with a group of friends they hatch a plan that will take them to the French Riviera, hot on the heels of the crooked groom. But could their scheme to bring him to justice also succeed in bringing them closer together?

#### **Evonne Wareham**

Evonne Wareham was born in South Wales and spent her childhood there. After university she migrated to London, where she worked in local government, scribbled novels in her spare time and went to the theatre a lot. Now she's back in Wales, living by the sea, writing and studying a PHD in history. She still loves the theatre, likes staying in hotels and enjoys the company of other authors through her membership of the Romantic Novelists' Association. Evonne's debut novel, Never Coming Home won the 2012 Joan Hessayon New Writers' Award, the 2013 Colorado Romance Writers' Award for Romantic Suspense, the Oklahoma National Readers' Choice Award for Romantic Suspense plus was a nominee for a Reviewers' Choice Award from RT Book Reviews. Her latest novel, A Villa in Portofino, is currently nominated for the Jackie Collins Award for Romantic Suspense. Novels: Never Coming Home, Out of Sight Out of Mind, What Happens at Christmas, Summer in San Remo, A Wedding on the Riviera, A Villa in Portofino



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ISBN: 9781781895016

Pages: 288 Category:

Contemporary/Suspense **Setting:** French Riviera

Rights: World Format:

eBook/audio/paperback

Book 2 in the Riviera series



DEBUT THRILLER JANUARY 2022

"This is a book that hits the ground running and then doesn't let up with the tension and twists!"

Karen Mace, Blogger and Reviewer, Books and Me



### ONE BY ONE BY HELEN BRIDGETT

This gripping, well-crafted thriller will have you completely absorbed!

## When practising what you preach is easier said than done ...

Professor Maxie Reddick has her reasons for being sceptical of traditional policing methods, but, in between her criminology lecturing job and her Criminal Thoughts podcast, she stays firmly on the side lines of the crime solving world.

Then a young woman is brutally attacked, and suddenly it's essential that Maxie turns her words into actions; this is no longer an academic exercise, this is somebody's life.

But as she delves deeper, the case takes a sickening turn, which leads Maxie to the horrifying realisation that the attack might not have been a one-off. It seems there's a depraved individual out there seeking revenge, and they'll stop at nothing to get it ... little by little ... one by one.

# **Helen Bridgett**

Helen Bridgett lives in the North East of England. Outside of writing feel good fiction, Helen loves the great outdoors and having a good laugh with friends over a glass of wine. Helen lives with her husband and their chocolate Labrador, Angus; all three can often be found walking the Northumberland coastline that inspired Summer at Serenity Bay and Christmas at Serenity Bay.

**Novel:** Summer at Serenity Bay, Christmas at Serenity Bay, One By One, Wrong Sort of Girl



ISBN: 9781912550432

Pages: 320 Category: Rights: World Setting: UK

Format: eBook/audio/paperback
Book 1 in the Professor Maxie

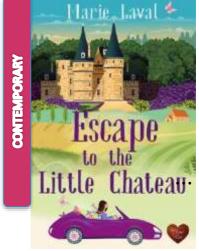
**Reddick Files** 



AWARD-NOMINATED BOOK JANUARY 2022

"This is one of those books that makes you want to pack up all your stuff and head for the French countryside in the hope that you'll discover your own Fabien!! Swoon!!"

Karen Mace, Books and Me, Blogger and Reviewer



#### ESCAPE TO THE LITTLE CHATEAU BY MARIE LAVAL

An award-nominated book from a bestselling author – set in the idyllic location of rural France.

# Will Amy's dreams of a Provençal escape come true?

There are many reasons Amy Carter is determined to make Bellefontaine, her farmhouse hotel in the French countryside, a success. Of course, there's the time and money she's put in to making it beautiful, but she also has something to prove – particularly to people like Fabien Coste.

Fabien is the owner of the nearby château, and he might just be the most arrogant, patronising man Amy has ever met ... unfortunately, he's also the most handsome.

But as rumours circulate in the local community and secrets about the old farmhouse begin to reveal themselves, Amy quickly sees the less idyllic side of life at Bellefontaine. Could Fabien be the man to help prevent her Provençal dream from turning into a nightmare?

### **Marie Laval**

Originally from Lyon in France, Marie now lives in Lancashire with her family. She works full-time as a modern languages teacher, and in her spare times loves writing romance and dreaming about romantic heroes. She writes both historical and contemporary romance, and her historical romance *Queen of the Desert* won the Gold Medal at the Global eBook Awards (category Historical Romance). She is a member of the Romantic Novelists Association and the Society of Authors. Her native France, as well as her passion for history and research, very much influences her writing, and all her novels have what she likes to call 'a French twist'! *Escape to the Little Chateau* was nominated for the Jackie Collins Award for Romantic Suspense.

Novels: Little Pink Taxi, A Paris Fairy Tale and Bluebell's Christmas Magic, Escape to the Little Chateau, Angel of the Lost Treasure, Happy Dreams at Mermaid Cove, Queen of the Desert.

ISBN: 9781781894767

Pages: 352 Category:

Contemporary/Suspense

Setting: Provençe, France

Rights: World



"Beyond Grey is a moving, unique, highly original, emotional and utterly heartbreaking story of love and loss."

Frankie, Blogger and Reviewer, Chicks Rogues and Scandals



#### **BEYOND GREY BY ELLA COOK**

Have the tissues ready for this beautifully written, emotional debut novel.

# What if you became an outsider in your own life?

Jennifer Hughes doesn't have an extraordinary life, but that doesn't matter – she loves her family and enjoys her job as a teacher. In her eyes, her unextraordinary life is utterly perfect.

But then, in the blink of an eye, Jennifer finds herself cut off from everything she knew and loved, confined to a strange new world and forced to watch from a distance as her family and friends pick up the pieces.

Can Jennifer hold her perfect life together, even though she's not living it herself?

#### Ella Cook

Ella is one of those people who is addicted to the written word. She's been obsessed with books since before she could walk. She decided to become a writer as soon as she realised that stringing letters together in the right order could actually be a career. She grew up in the outskirts of London, where fairies lived at the bottom of her Grandma's garden, so it isn't surprising that she still looks for magic in every day life — and often finds it. When she's not living in a fantasy world of her own creation, she writes bids and develops programmes for children's services, and lives in rural Warwickshire (where there are probably more fairies). She shares her house with two small parrots, one of whom likes to critique her writing from his favourite spot on her shoulder, and her husband who is ever loving and understanding and makes her gallons of tea in magical cups that can keep drinks warm for whole chapters.

**Novels:** Beyond Grey, Summer's Christmas

**ISBN:** 9781912550425

**Pages: 320** 

**Category:** Women's Fiction/Contemporary

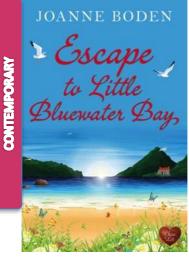
Rights: World Setting: UK



DEBUT JANUARY 2022

"A genuinely lovely read ... engaging characters and stunning setting."

Yvonne Greene, Reader and Reviewer



#### ESCAPE TO LITTLE BLUEWATER BAY BY JOANNE BODEN

A fresh and hopeful romance from an exciting debut talent in contemporary romance!

## Start the new year in Little Bluewater Bay ...

New year, new Willow Jenkins? All Willow knows is that she needs an escape. So, she takes an extended break from her PR job and retreats to her grandmother's cosy cottage by the sea in Little Bluewater Bay, where a limitless supply of hot chocolate will soothe her broken heart and a limited wi-fi connection will prevent her workaholic tendencies.

Willow is soon made to feel welcome by the friendly locals – although grumpy artist Noah Atkinson doesn't seem to like her very much. Just what is his problem?

But then Willow is asked by her grandmother to approach Noah with a very special commission, only to discover that he hasn't painted people for a long time – and with good reason. Will he make an exception, and in doing so usher in a hopeful and healing new era for them both?

#### Joanne Boden

Joanne lives in Lancashire with her husband and their two sons. When she is not busy writing, she likes to take her boys to the local museums, cafes and for walks in the countryside. Joanne has published 4 non-fiction works aimed at parenting children on the Autistic spectrum, based upon her experiences as a mother of an autistic son. She has also self published a contemporary romance novel, *Picking up the Pieces*.

Joanne writes contemporary romances with gorgeous heroes. *Escape to Little Bluewater Bay* is her debut novel with Choc Lit.

Novels: Escape to Little Bluewater Bay, A Vacancy for a Village Vet

ISBN: 9781781895023

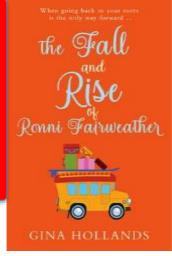
Pages: 288

Category: Contemporary

Setting: UK Rights: World



"When life gives you lemons ... read about Ronni! This was a gem of a read for me." Reconciliation, Kindle Reader and Reviewer



### THE FALL AND RISE OF RONNI FAIRWEATHER BY GINA HOLLANDS

An uplifting and inspiring story about a woman who has to lose everything to find herself ...

## When going back to your roots is the only way forward ...

Raegan Kent-Walters is living the high life. Thanks to her husband's salary, she enjoys the elite Surrey housewife existence of luxury holidays, exclusive gym memberships and skinny lattes. But then the high life comes crashing down, and, whilst reeling from the discovery that her husband wasn't the man she thought he was, Raegan is also confronted with the reality that she and her daughter, Sabrine, will have to make some major life changes.

So, out goes the state-of-the-art Range Rover, and in comes the beat-up old Transit van to take them away; back to Raegan's roots in Yorkshire and the life she abandoned. But perhaps by embracing who she used to be, Raegan can find the strength she never knew she had, building something unexpected – but truly special – to get her and Sabrine through to a brighter future.

#### **Gina Hollands**

Originally from Yorkshire, Gina now lives by the sea in West Sussex with her husband and son. When she's not working in her job in marketing and PR, or writing her latest book, Gina can be found dancing everything from lindy hop to salsa, shopping (she loves clothes far too much for her own good), eating out (she hates cooking far too much for her own good), or relaxing, which generally involves reading a book someone else has written or indulging in her new hobby of learning to play the piano. She has a sneaky suspicion she may be a musical genius in the making, but isn't about to give up the day job just yet. Gina writes for both Choc Lit & Ruby Fiction.

**Novels:** Little Village of Second Chances, Yours, Trudy and The Fall and Rise of Ronni Fairweather

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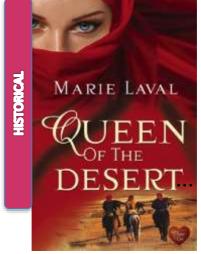
Setting: Surrey and Yorkshire, UK. **Format:** eBook/audio/paperback



AWARD-WINNING NOVEL FEBRUARY 2022

"A phenomenal read that you truly won't want to put down. Set against the backdrop of the Sahara, this tale will whisk you away on a kidnapping trail full of pure adventure ..."

Fran Stevens, Reader and Reviewer



#### **QUEEN OF THE DESERT BY MARIE LAVAL**

A wonderful and captivating romantic adventure set in the Sahara Desert

Sometimes the most precious treasures exist in the most barren and inhospitable of places ... Harriet Montague is definitely too much of a gentlewoman to be frequenting the backstreet taverns of Algiers. But her father has been kidnapped whilst on an expedition to the tomb of an ancient desert queen, and she's on a mission to find the only person who could save him. It's just unfortunate that Lucas Saintclair, the man Harriet hopes will rescue her father from scoundrels, is the biggest scoundrel of the lot. With a bribe in the form of a legendary pirate treasure map, securing his services is the easiest part – now Harriet must endure a treacherous journey through the desert accompanied by Saintclair's band of ruffians.

But on the long, hot Saharan nights, is it any wonder that her heart begins to thaw towards her guide – especially when she realises Lucas's roguish façade conceals something she could never have expected?

Linked to Angel of the Lost Treasure.

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Pages: 352

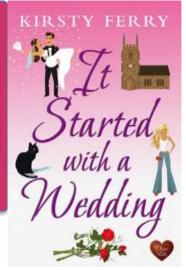
Category: Contemporary
Setting: Algiers/Sahara

Desert/London Rights: World



"I settled down with great anticipation to enjoy a wander through this latest offering from Kirsty Ferry – her whimsical imagination seems boundless, and I am never disappointed."

Gill Leivers, Reader and Reviewer



#### IT STARTED WITH A WEDDING BY KIRSTY FERRY

A quirky new rom-com in Kirsty Ferry's 'Schubert' series. Filled with fun, flowers and a certain fabulous feline!

It's one thing to be asked to plan your sister's wedding; it's quite another when your sister is Nessa McCreadie ...

Alfie McCreadie wants his twin sister Nessa to have the best wedding ever, but he's not happy at being roped in as wedding planner — especially as, unbelievably, his main assistant seems to be Nessa's cat, Schubert. Anyway, Alfie is a scientist. He might know his protons from his neutrons, but what does he know about weddings?

It's Nessa who points him in the direction of Bea's Garden, just outside Edinburgh, where he's tasked with picking a "very-relevant-bouquet". It's there he meets Fae Brimham, who might be prettier than any bouquet bloom but doesn't seem impressed by Alfie's sensible, scientific side. But when Nessa and Schubert are involved, surprises are bound to happen and, despite less-than-perfect first impressions, perhaps something new and beautiful can still blossom for Alfie and Fae ...

# **Kirsty Ferry**

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Series of Novels: The Rossetti Mysteries, Schubert, The Hartsford, Cornish Secrets, Tempest Sisters and Padcock Village



ISBN: 9781781890608

Pages: 256 Category:

Contemporary/Romance/Rom-com

Rights: World

Setting: Edinburgh, Scotland
Format: eBook/audio/paperback
Book 5 in the Schubert series



"A lovely book full of romance and a good storyline that draws you in from the first pages so that I read it in one sitting. Perfect relaxing summer read."

Sally Coles, Reader and Reviewer



#### IT'S ONLY ROCK AND ROLL BY BERNI STEVENS

A rocking new rom-com from Berni Stevens – set in the glamorous world of an internationally famous rock band!

# Is the rock and roll lifestyle all it's cracked up to be?

Being the girlfriend of a rock star isn't all glitz and glamour – at least that's what Izzy Grant has found since she started dating Seth Roberts of Scarlet Gryphon fame; it's actually a lot of waiting and wondering and worrying as Seth travels the world whilst she's stuck in London. Can she ever rely on Mr Cool to settle down?

But rock gods get insecure too, and whilst Seth is jetting off to far-flung locations to perform soldout shows, he worries that Izzy will find a "Joe Normal" and opt for a more ordinary life. Plus, he could do with some support when a certain entitled rock star girlfriend gets too big for her Jimmy Choos and threatens to break up the band.

There is a solution, but are either of them willing to take the plunge?

#### **Berni Stevens**

Berni Stevens lives in a four-hundred-year-old cottage in Hertfordshire, England, with her husband, son and black cat. She trained in graphic design and has worked as a book cover designer for more than twenty years.

Books and art remain her passion, and her love of the paranormal began when she first read Bram Stoker's Dracula, aged fourteen. She is now on both the committee and the book panel of the Dracula Society, a society for fans of gothic literature and film.

Berni writes contemporary and fantasy romance.

Novels: Dance until Dawn, Revenge is Sweet, One Magical Christmas, Izzy's Christmas Star, Laughing All the Way on the Jingle Bells Express, It's Only Rock and Roll



ISBN: 9781781890899

Pages: 256

Category: Contemporary Setting: London/Sussex, UK/Australia/Honolulu

Rights: World

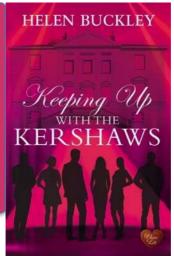
Format: eBook/audio/paperback

Book 2 in the Izzy series



"Overall this is a brilliant addition to this series. One hope I have is that Rafe gets to find his happily ever after in the future. I wonder if we have seen the last of the Spotlight Series, this reader certainly hopes not."

BookGeek, Book Blogger & Reviewer



#### KEEPING UP WITH THE KERSHAWS BY HELEN BUCKLEY

The Kardashians have nothing on the Kershaw family! A compelling contemporary with twists, turns and plenty of drama – but also a heartwarming romance.

# What do you do when your life becomes more dramatic than reality TV?

As the devoted carer for famous antique expert Harold Kershaw, Karrie Morgan was always happy to keep a professional distance from his four spoilt grown-up children, who rarely made time for their father. But then a surprise involving Harold's Will means Karrie is flung headlong into a press scandal, and into the chaotic world of the surviving Kershaws.

With the support of her trusted childhood friend Andrew, mild-mannered Karrie must face down ruthless ice queen Portia, master manipulator Gabriel, Botox fanatic Arabella, and ladies' man Rafe, star of reality TV show Raised in Richmond ... although perhaps not as fake and flashy as he initially seems?

As vicious rumours circulate and Karrie's past comes back to haunt her, she struggles to know who to trust. Can she keep up with the Kershaws' schemes?

# **Helen Buckley**

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Novels: Strictly on Ice, Celebrity SOS: Love Survives, Strictly Christmas Spirit, Keeping up with the Kershaws



ISBN: 9781781895115

Pages: 320

Category: Contemporary

Setting: London, UK Rights: World

Format:

eBook/audio/paperback
Book 4 in Spotlight series



"A lovely story with some great characters in the wonderful little community."

Sally Coles, Reader and Reviewer



## SPRING ON RENDEVOUS LANE BY ANGELA BRITNELL

Transatlantic romance. All of Angela's novels are set in Cornwall or Tennessee

#### Can even the most seasoned traveller find a home on Rendezvous Lane?

'Community spirit' is not a phrase in travel junkie Taran Rossi's vocabulary. As a former 'third culture kid' and now spicy street food connoisseur and social media influencer, he's never really stayed in one place long enough to feel part of a community. And that's just the way he likes it.

But a springtime stint house sitting for his grandmother on Rendezvous Lane in East Nashville could lead to a long overdue wake-up call. With the help of single mum Sandy Warner and her young son Chip, can Taran come to understand that sometimes it's not about the place – it's about the people?

## **Angela Britnell**

Angela was born in St. Stephen, Cornwall, England. After completing her A-Levels she worked as a Naval Secretary. She met her husband, a US Naval Flight Officer while being based at a small NATO Headquarters on the Jutland Peninsula in Denmark. They lived together in Denmark, Sicily, California, southern Maryland and London before settling in Franklin, Tennessee. Angela took a creative writing course in 2000 and loved it so much that she has barely put her pen down since. She has had short stories and novels published in the US. Her novel Sugar & Spice, won Choc Lit's Search for an American Star competition and is her UK debut.

**Books:** Sugar and Spice, What Happens in Nashville, The Wedding Reject Table, You're the One That I Want, Celtic Love Knot, Love Me for a Reason, Here Comes the Best Man, Christmas at Black Cherry Retreat, One Summer at Little Penhaven, Christmas at Little Penhaven, New Year New Guy, A Summer to Remember in Herring Bay, Christmas at Moonshine Hollow, Spring on Rendezvous Lane, A Cornish Summer at Pear Tree Farm and A Cornish Christmas at Pear Tree Farm, Summer at Seaspray Cottage

ISBN: 9781781895160

Page: 288

Category: Contemporary

Rights: World Setting: Tennessee



"A pulsating and engrossing addition to the Lisa Carter series ."

Karen Mace, Books and Me, Blogger and Reviewer



### A SILENT CHILD BY CLAIRE SHELDON

A gritty crime thriller with a shocking twist. Book two in the Lisa Carter Files, a planned series of three.

# The streets are no place for a child ...

After a traumatic event that almost ripped Jen Garner's family apart, life is finally starting to get back to normal.

Then a woman's body is found in the river. Shortly afterwards, a young boy is discovered wandering the streets. He refuses to speak to anyone, just repeats one name over and over, to the confusion of most of the local authorities —but Jen knows exactly who he's asking for, and it's enough to make her blood run cold ...

## **Claire Sheldon**

Claire lives in Nottingham with her family, a cat called Whiskers and a dog called Podrick. She suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and as a result of the disease had to reduce her hours working in insurance for an Insolvency Insurer. This spare time enabled her to study a creative writing course which inspired her to write her debut, *Perfect Lie*. When Claire isn't working she enjoys reading crime novels and listening to music. Claire is also an avid reader and book blogger.

**Novel:** Perfect Lie, A Silent Child, A Burning Lie





ISBN: 9781912550678

**Pages: 320** 

Category: Thriller/Crime/Police

Procedural Rights: World

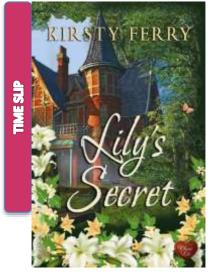
**Setting:** Nottingham/London, UK **Format:** eBook/audio/paperback

Book 2 in series



"My, oh my! Oh, my! How much do I love this book??? I was completely spellbound, enthralled and charmed ..."

Frankie, Chicks, Rogues and Scandals, Blogger and Reviewer



#### LILY'S SECRET BY KIRSTY FERRY

A tale of secrets and romance. Set in Cornwall and part of the author's 'Cornish Secrets' series.

# 'There's nothing logical about Pencradoc!'

Aspiring actress Cordelia Beaumont is fed up of spending summer in the city. So, when the opportunity presents itself, she jumps straight on a train to pay a visit to Pencradoc the beautiful Cornish estate where her friend Merryn works.

But far from the relaxing break Cordy imagined, she soon finds herself immersed in the glamorous yet mysterious world of Victorian theatre sensation, Lily Valentine. Lily was once a guest at Pencradoc and, with the help of visiting artist Matt Harker, Cordy comes to discover that the actress left far more than memories at the old house. She also left a scandalous secret ...

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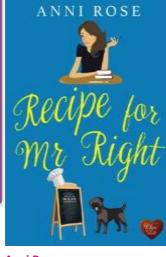
Rights: World

Setting: Bodmin Moor, Cornwall Format: eBook/audio/paperback Book 2 in the Cornish Secrets series



"Some laugh out loud moments from this super new author."

Yvonne Greene, Reader and Reviewer



#### RECIPE FOR MR RIGHT BY ANNI ROSE

A hilarious and quirky romcom from an exciting new writing talent

# A sprinkle of luck and a dollop of fate ...

Ruby Brooks is a little sceptical when her horoscope say she's going to have a fabulous year – especially when she loses a boyfriend and a job in quick succession. Plus, a rogue kitchen fitter has run off and taken everything, including the kitchen sink!

So, Ruby takes luck and fate into her own hands with an unusual resolution – she'll enter ten competitions a day, whether they're for her dream Japanese holiday or a year's supply of dog food (she doesn't have a dog), and win her way to happiness.

But when a Valentine's Day prize from a local restaurant results in chef Adam Finder (and his dog, Brutus) appearing in her life, is that luck or fate? And will Ruby ultimately find out that true happiness doesn't need to be won?

# **Anni Rose**

Anni lives in Wiltshire with her husband, her sister, two dogs, a cat and a grey speckled hen. She has had a number of short stories published in various magazines and her work also appears in a number of anthologies. Anni writes modern day romances with happy endings and a healthy dollop of humour thrown in. Away from writing, Anni can usually be found behind a camera, walking her dogs, enjoying her husband's curries or one of her sister's bakery treats.

Novels: Recipe For Mr Right, Recipe For Mr Perfect, Recipe for Mr Super





ISBN: 9781781895139

Pages: 352 Category:

Contemporary/Romantic Comedy

Setting: UK Rights: World

Format: eBook/audio/paperback

Book 1 in series



# "Emotional and heart-warming read. I cannot recommend it highly enough" Karen Mace, Books and Me, Blogger and Reviewer



#### MEET ME ON THE BUDDY BENCH BY HANNAH PEARL

An uplifting and heartwarming new novel from Hannah Pearl – about chance encounters and the kindness of strangers.

# When an ordinary park bench becomes a lifeline ...

As a primary school teacher, Ava Lam is familiar with the 'buddy bench': a rainbow painted bench where sad or lonely children can sit to show they need a friend.

But are buddy benches just for kids? Ava might have assumed so – until she finds herself sobbing her heart out on a park bench and a kind stranger sits down next to her.

The stranger, Dr Sam Stone, has a house, an impressive job and he's even training for a marathon – all things that have become painfully out of reach for Ava in her new and scary circumstances. But whilst Sam appears to have everything figured out, it seems he needs a sympathetic ear just as much as she does.

Is the encounter a one-off, or could the 'buddy bench' begin to represent a source of comfort and support that will become precious to them both?

### **Hannah Pearl**

Hannah Pearl was born in East London. She is married with two children and now lives in Cambridge. She has previously worked as a Criminology researcher at a university in Leicester, as a Development Worker with various charities and even pulled a few pints in her time. In 2015 she was struck down by Labrynthitis, which left her feeling dizzy and virtually housebound. She has since been diagnosed with ME. Reading has allowed Hannah to escape from the reality of feeling ill. She read upwards of three hundred books during the first year of her illness. When her burgeoning ereader addiction grew to be too expensive, she decided to have a go at writing. In 2017 she won Simon and Schuster's Books and the City #heatseeker short story competition, in partnership with Heat magazine, for her short story *The Last Good Day*. Hannah writes for both Choc Lit and Ruby Fiction.

ISBN: 9781912550708

Pages: 320

Category: Contemporary Setting: Cambridge, UK

Rights: World

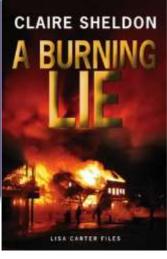
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Novels: Evie's Little Black Book, It's My Birthday, Daisy's Christmas Gift Shop, Daisy's Summer Mission, Burn, Meet Me on the Buddy Bench

# "Claire Sheldon is better than Anne Cleaves! Superb!" Lorna Baker, Reader and Reviewer



#### A BURNING LIF BY CLAIRE SHELDON

Another chilling British detective crime thriller by Claire Sheldon. Book three in the Lisa Carter Files

# When a deadly explosion brings secrets and lies to light ...

A city shaken to its foundations by a fire in a well-known music venue. A nightclub owner seemingly more concerned about money than the lives of the young people who fill the dance floor at the end of every week. A dangerous bomber still on the loose.

All things that Detective Jen Garner must face in her first week of local level policing whilst trying to start afresh and finally make a break with her past.

Working alongside DI Chris Jackson, it's crucial that Jen connects the dots to bring the culprit to justice. But it seems that everywhere Jen turns there is somebody with something to hide – and whilst she and her team attempt to unravel a web of lies years in the making, could the bomber be getting ready to strike again?

## **Claire Sheldon**

Claire lives in Nottingham with her family, a cat called Whiskers and a dog called Podrick. She suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and as a result of the disease had to reduce her hours working in insurance for an Insolvency Insurer. This spare time enabled her to study a creative writing course which inspired her to write her debut, *Perfect Lie*. When Claire isn't working she enjoys reading crime novels and listening to music. Claire is also an avid reader and book blogger.

Novel: Perfect Lie, A Silent Child, A Burning Lie





ISBN: 9781912550678

**Pages: 320** 

Category: Thriller/Crime/Police

Procedural Rights: World

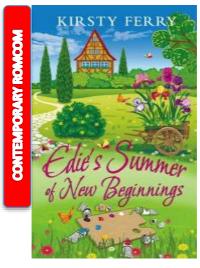
**Setting:** Nottingham/London, UK **Format:** eBook/audio/paperback

Book 3 in series



"Another winner from Ms Ferry – her imagination really amazes me."

Gill Leivers, Reader and Reviewer



#### EDIE'S SUMMER OF NEW BEGINNINGS BY KIRSTY FERRY

A quirky and uplifting summer romance with a feisty and fun heroine – the ultimate summer romcom!

# Can Edie rediscover her artistic mojo and become a 'Watercolour Wonder'?

Edie Brinkley went from rising star on the London art scene to hiding out at her gran's cottage in the little village of Padcock after a series of unfortunate circumstances leave her almost too panicky to pick up a paintbrush.

When celebrity artist Ninian Chambers rocks up in the village to film Watercolour Wonders, a new TV art competition, Edie is horrified – especially as he played no small part in her decision to leave London.

But, with the support of the Padcock community, and one very special fellow contestant, could Ninian's show ultimately offer a fresh start for Edie and her art career? Or will Annabel the sixties' style stealer, along with make-up artist Tallulah and her 'Caravan of Hell', sabotage her summer of new beginnings?

# **Kirsty Ferry**

Kirsty lives in the North East of England with her husband and son. She won the English Heritage/Belsay Hall National Creative Writing competition in 2009 and has had articles and short stories published. Her work also appears in several anthologies, incorporating such diverse themes as vampires, crime, angels and more. Kirsty loves writing ghostly mysteries and interweaving fact and fiction. Her day job involves sharing a building with an eclectic collection of ghosts, which can often prove rather interesting.

**Series of Novels:** The Rossetti Mysteries, Schubert,

The Hartsford, Cornish Secrets, Tempest Sisters and Padcock Village



ISBN: 9781912550722

Pages: 288 Category:

Contemporary/Romantic Comedy

Rights: World

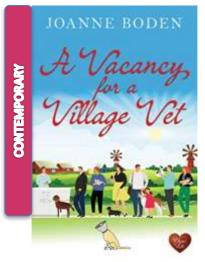
Setting: Sussex/London, UK
Format: eBook/audio/paperback

Book 2 in series



"From the very first page I was hooked ... a book I will read several times over the years - yes it really is that good."

A Roberton, Amazon Top 1000 Reviewer



#### A VACANCY FOR A VILLAGE VET BY JOANNE BODEN

A wonderful novel for romance fans and animal lovers alike!

# From big city high-flyer to little village vet ...

Hannah and Daniel were teenage sweethearts, but then Daniel left their sleepy village of Middlefern and his grandfather's veterinary practice behind for the bright lights of London.

Now, fifteen years later, the prodigal grandson has returned to temporarily take over the village practice with a veterinary qualification and his dog, Sammy, in tow. Daniel is ready for rabbits with tummy aches, guinea pigs who've lost their squeak, plenty of cow complaints and a whole lot of memories – both good and bad. But is he ready to see Hannah again?

Of course, a high-flying city vet like Daniel was never planning to stay in Middlefern for good – especially given his history with the place. But could another, even more important, vacancy convince him to change his mind?

### Joanne Boden

Joanne lives in Lancashire with her husband and their two sons. When she is not busy writing, she likes to take her boys to the local museums, cafes and for walks in the countryside. Joanne has published 4 non-fiction works aimed at parenting children on the Autistic spectrum, based upon her experiences as a mother of an autistic son. She has also self published a contemporary romance novel, *Picking up the Pieces*.

Joanne writes contemporary romances with gorgeous heroes. *Escape to Little Bluewater Bay* is her debut novel with Choc Lit.

Novels: Escape to Little Bluewater Bay, A Vacancy for a Village Vet

ISBN: 9781781890059

Pages: 288

Category: Contemporary

Setting: UK Rights: World



"A lovely book in this Portuguese series that transports you to sunny Portugal and is a perfect light summer beach read."

Sally Coles, Reader and Reviewer



## THE HOUSE ON THE HILL BY CHRIS PENHALL

Feel the Portuguese sunshine on your skin with this uplifting and amusing new book from Chris Penhall – the third in the author's Portuguese Paradise series ...

Layla is calm, in control and is definitely not about to lose her serenity for the man next door! Surely it can't be hard to stay peaceful at one of the oldest yoga and mindfulness retreats in the Algarve, surrounded by sea, sun and serenity? Mostly, owner Layla Garcia manages it — with the help of meditation and plenty of camomile tea, of course.

But keeping her grandparents' legacy alive is stressful, and Layla has become so shackled to the work that, for her, The House on the Hill is fast becoming 'The Fortress on the Hill'.

Then writer Luke Mackie moves to the villa next door, bringing with him a healthy dose of chaos to disrupt Layla's plans, plus a painful reminder of a time when she was less-than-serene. But could his influence be just what Layla needs to 'dance like no-one's watching' and have the fun she's been missing?

## **Chris Penhall**

Chris is a freelance writer and radio producer. Born in South Wales, she has also lived near London and in Portugal. It was whilst living in Cascais near Lisbon that she began to dabble in writing fiction, but it was many years later that she was confident enough to start writing her first novel, and many years after that she finally finished it. A lover of books, music and cats, she is also an enthusiastic salsa dancer, a keen cook and loves to travel. She is never happier than when she is gazing at the sea. Chris has two grown-up daughters and lives in the Essex countryside. Chris debut novel, *The House That Alice Built* won Choc Lit's Search for a Star competition sponsored by *Your Cat Magazine*.

**Novels:** The House That Alice Built, New Beginnings at the Little House in the Sun, Finding Summer Happiness, The House on the Hill





ISBN: 9781912550739

Pages: 288
Category:

Contemporary/Romantic Comedy

Rights: World

Setting: The Algarve, Portugal Format: eBook/audio/paperback

**Book 3 in series** 



"I read this whilst relaxing in the sunshine and it just seemed so appropriate and heartwarming. I thoroughly enjoyed escaping to Cornwall (and Wales) in this lovely read. It has family mysteries, secrets, surprises and romances in a small, seaside community."

Elaine, Splashes into Books, Blogger and Reviewer



#### A SUMMER TO REMEMBER IN HERRING BAY BY ANGELA BRITNELL

A gorgeous uplifting romance to escape with this summer. Transatlantic romance. All Angela's books are set in Cornwall or Tennessee.

Essy Havers is good at finding things. Her company specialises in helping clients track down anything, from missing china pieces to rare vintage clothing. But now Essy has something more important to find: herself.

Essy has always been curious about her mother's secret past and her Cornish roots. So, when the opportunity arises, she hops on a plane in Tennessee and ends up in Herring Bay in Cornwall; the village where her mother grew up. But once there, she's mystified by the reactions of the villagers when they realise who she is. Was Essy's decision to visit Cornwall a mistake, or will it lead to a summer she'll never forget?

## **Angela Britnell**

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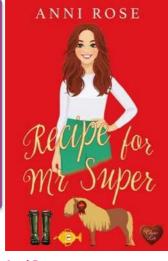
Category: Contemporary

Rights: World Setting: Cornwall



"This is different, entertaining and genuinely amusing and the first time you read it will not be the last."

Isabelle J, Reader and Reviewer



## RECIPE FOR MR SUPER BY ANNI ROSE

Another hilarious and quirky romcom from Anni Rose – set in the world of heir-hunting and horses!

# Where's a hero when you need him?

In Autumn Rigden's case, enjoying semi-celebrity status on the other side of the world. Although Nick Flynn is no superman talented horse rider and Super Sportstar of the Year he might be, but he has a habit of leaving Autumn in the lurch when she needs him most.

Anyway, Autumn is too busy with her new career to care about Nick. Okay, so she's had to give up her Olympic dressage dream, her childhood home and beloved Shetland pony and all to the benefit of Gordon, Nick's money-grabbing father. But Autumn's new ambition is to become an heir hunter extraordinaire, and with a promising commission and only a few weirdos demanding she prove they're related to royalty, she's all set.

But when Mr Super returns, will Autumn find that forgetting about horses and the Flynns is harder  $\,$ 

than she could have ever imagined?

# **Anni Rose**

Anni lives in Wiltshire with her husband, her sister, two dogs, a cat and a grey speckled hen. She has had a number of short stories published in various magazines and her work also appears in a number of anthologies. Anni writes modern day romances with happy endings and a healthy dollop of humour thrown in. Away from writing, Anni can usually be found behind a camera, walking her dogs, enjoying her husband's curries or one of her sister's bakery treats.

Novels: Recipe For Mr Right, Recipe For Mr Perfect, Recipe for Mr Super

ISBN: 9781781894026

Pages: 352 Category:

Contemporary/Romantic Comedy

Setting: UK Rights: World

Format: eBook/audio/paperback

Book 3 in series





"A Summer of Second Chances is a wonderful story about friendship, community and love and just the kind of escapist reading I enjoy."

Joanne Baird, Portobello Book Blog, Reviewer and Blogger



#### A SUMMER OF SECOND CHANCES BY CAROL THOMAS

A heart-warming romance full of love, friendship and four legged friends!

### Does first love deserve a second chance?

Ava Flynn sometimes feels like the clothes donated to her charity shop have seen more life than her, but 'maximum dedication for a minimal wage' is what it takes to keep her mother's beloved wildlife charity, All Critters Great and Small, running – especially in the village of Dapplebury, where business is certainly not booming.

But when Ava's first love, Henry Bramlington, returns to the village, suddenly life becomes a little too eventful. Henry escaped Dapplebury many years before, but now he has the power to make or break the village he left behind – All Critters Great and Small included. Can Ava trust the boy who ran away to give both her and her charity a second chance?

#### **Carol Thomas**

Carol Thomas lives on the south coast of England with her husband, four children and lively young Labrador. She has been a playgroup supervisor and was a primary school teacher for over fifteen years, before dedicating more of her time to writing. Carol is a regular volunteer at her local Cancer Research UK shop. She has a passion for reading, writing and people watching and can often be found loitering in local cafes drinking too much tea and working on her next book. Carol writes for both Choc Lit and Ruby Fiction.

Novels: The Purrfect Pet Sitter, Maybe Baby, A Summer of Second Chances

ISBN: 9781781894705

Pages: 320 Category:

Contemporary/Romantic

Comedy Rights: World

Setting: Sussex (fictional English

village)



"This was just delicious!! It's one of those books that you just totally lose yourself in and start packing up your belongings so you can move to the location featured - and hope to bump into someone like Harry!!"

Karen Mace, Blogger and Reviewer, Books and Me

### SUMMER AT SEASPRAY COTTAGE BY ANGELA BRITNELL

A gorgeous second chance romance to escape with this summer. Transatlantic romance. All Angela's books are set in Cornwall or Tennessee.

# What would you do if you inherited a Cornish cottage by the sea?

If you're Thea Armitage, sell it as soon as possible. Whilst there's no denying that Seaspray Cottage has its charm, it just holds too many bad memories for Thea to consider keeping it although at least spending the summer preparing it for sale gives her a distraction from troubles back home in Tennessee.

What Thea didn't count on was her worst Cornish memory moving in right next door. Local bad boy Harry Venton played no small part in Thea's decision never to return to Cornwall twenty years before and now he's her neighbour! Could things get any worse?

Except Harry isn't the boy he was, and as Thea comes to realise that her opinion of him was built on lies and misunderstandings, perhaps things will start looking up for her summer at Seaspray Cottage ...?



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Page: 288

Category: Contemporary

Rights: World Setting: Cornwall



"Mermaids, mobile libraries and a swoonsome hero?!! Yes please!!"

Karen Mace, Books and Me, Blogger and Reviewer

Happy Dreams at Mermaid Cove

#### HAPPY DREAMS AT MERMAID COVE BY MARIE LAVAL

An uplifting and unique romance, set on the beautiful Isle of Skye.

# From the big city to a little yellow mobile library on the Isle of Skye ...

When Jenna Palmer agrees to the new position of mobile librarian on the tiny Arrandale peninsular of the Isle of Skye, she knows she's signing up for difficult working conditions and mediocre wages. But Jenna needs to get away, and a little yellow mobile library called Buttercup could be her escape to happier dreams ...

However, whilst Jenna can get to grips with foggy island roads, local mermaid legends and even big purple monsters, she never expected to have to contend with a boss as grumpy as Daniel McGregor, or a young book lover as enthusiastic as his niece, Katrina.

Arrandale might represent Jenna's safe port in a storm, but could she and Buttercup also become a beacon of hope to Daniel, Katrina and the entire island community?

### **Marie Laval**

Originally from Lyon in France, Marie now lives in Lancashire with her family. She works full-time as a modern languages teacher, and in her spare times loves writing romance and dreaming about romantic heroes. She writes both historical and contemporary romance, and her historical romance *The Lion's Embrace* won the Gold Medal at the Global eBook Awards 2015 (category Historical Romance). She is a member of the Romantic Novelists Association and the Society of Authors. Her native France, as well as her passion for history and research, very much influences her writing, and all her novels have what she likes to call 'a French twist'!

Novels: Little Pink Taxi, A Paris Fairy Tale and Bluebell's Christmas Magic, Escape to the Little Chateau, Angel of the Lost Treasure, Happy Dreams at Mermaid Cove, Queen of the Desert

ISBN: 9781781894828

Pages: 312 Category:

Contemporary/Romance

Setting: Isle of Skye Rights: World



"Whilst I know that every word has been agonised over and lovingly crafted, the prose just whizzes off the page and into your heart."

Emma M, Amazon Reviewer

# SUMMER OF HOPES AND DREAMS BY SUE MCDONAGH

A quirky romcom by Sue McDonagh. Set in Wales and part of the author's 'Art Café' series. Can "Dozy Rosie" spice up her life and prove she's not boring?

Rosie Bunting has spent her life caring for others, often at the expense of her own hopes and dreams. But when she overhears somebody describing her as "boring", she decides it's time for a change. Little does she realise that the outdoor pursuits weekend brochure handed to her at the local Art Café will kick start a summer that will see her abseiling down a Welsh cliff face in "eye watering" leggings, rediscovering her artistic side and unexpectedly inheriting an old fire engine. It also involves meeting hunky outdoor instructor, Gareth Merwyn-Jones — although of course he'd never be interested in Dozy Rosie Bunting ... would he?

One thing's for certain: Rosie's path to achieving her hopes and dreams might not be smooth, but it's definitely not boring.

### Sue McDonagh

Sue McDonagh's career as a policewoman for Essex Police was cut short when she was diagnosed at the age of twenty-four with ovarian cancer. After a successful recovery and a stint working as a Press Officer she moved to Wales. In Wales her love of art evolved into a full-time occupation and she made a living teaching and sketching portraits at shows. In 2009 she learned to ride a motorbike, and now helps run Curvy Riders, a national, women only, motorbike club. Her joy of motorbikes and her love of writing inspired her to write the Art Café series. When she's not painting, she's writing or on her motorbike. Novels: Summer at the Art Café, Meet Me at the Art Café, Escape to the Art Café, Summer of Hopes and Dreams



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Pages: 320 Category:

Contemporary/Romantic Comedy

Rights: World

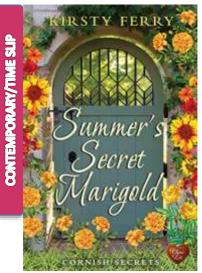
Setting: Wales – on the coast
Format: eBook/audio/paperback

Book 4 in the series



"I love to get my hands on one of these amazing novels for sheer joy of snuggling up in a cosy chair with a hot cuppa and being carried away, yet again, with all the intrigue."

Fran Stevens, Reader and Reviewer



#### SUMMER'S SECRET MARIGOLD BY KIRSTY FERRY

An atmospheric time slip romance. Set in Cornwall and part of the author's 'Cornish Secrets' series. Can a summer secret from the past allow a new future to bloom?

For two people who run competing arts centres in Cornwall, Sybill Helyer and Coren Penhaligon get on rather well. So well in fact that Sybill often wishes the owner of Pencradoc Arts Centre would look up from his spreadsheets for a minute and notice her. Unfortunately, even that's too much to ask from workaholic Coren.

However, when the pair join forces to run an exhibition on the wild and wonderful life of Elsie Pencradoc, a talented artist who lived at Coren's estate in the early twentieth century, they're in for a surprise. How will a secret sketchbook and an exquisite gothic dress from a long-ago midsummer costume ball lead them to the scandalous truth about Elsie – and perhaps encourage them to reveal a few long-kept secrets of their own? *Book 4 in the Cornish Secrets series*.

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Series of Novels: *The Rossetti Mysteries, Schubert, The Hartsford, Cornish Secrets* and Tempest Sisters.



ISBN: 9781781894880

Pages: 320 Category:

Contemporary/Romance/Time Slip

Rights: World

Setting: Bodmin Moor, Cornwall Format: eBook/audio/paperback Book 4 in the Cornish Secrets

series



# "Don't think anyone else does transatlantic romance better." Joy Bleach, Reader and Reviewer

### A CORNISH SUMMER AT PEAR TREE FARM BY ANGELA BRITNELL

An uplifting summer romance to be read at any time of year! Transatlantic romance. All of Angela's novels are set in Cornwall or Tennessee.

# Cornish charm and a Tennessee twist - the perfect pair?

Nessa Vivian is determined to keep her parents' business afloat, but Pear Tree Farm near the backwater Cornish village of Polgarth didn't do well as farm, and it's not faring much better as a camp site. Maybe it's due to Nessa's habit of taking in troubled runaways, like ex-soldier Crispin, for next to nothing. Or perhaps her highly-strung sister Lowena is right — caravans named after Beatles' songs and homegrown pears are not enough to turn the farm into a tourist haven. Then another troubled runaway turns up, posing the greatest threat yet. Ex-musician Ward Spencer from Tennessee is certainly intriguing, but could his plans to put nearby Tregereth House on the map mean Pear Tree Farm is finished — or does his arrival signal a second lease of life, and not just for Nessa's business?

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Page: 288

Category: Contemporary

Rights: World Setting: Cornwall

Format: eBook/audio/paperback
Book 1 in Pear Tree Farm series.



"This is a fascinating, well crafted book - and as I have come to expect from this author, it's extremely well researched too."

The Word Bird, Amazon Reviewer



# HER NANNY'S SECRET BY JAN BAYNHAM

A compelling story of love, loss and self-discovery. Set in Wales and France.

## How far would you go to save the person you loved the most?

It's 1941, and Annie Beynon has just become the first stable girl for the most powerful family in her Welsh village. Whilst her gift for working with horses is clear, there are some who are willing to make her life very difficult on the Pryce estate, simply for being a girl.

There are other – secret – ways Annie is defying conventions, too. As the war rages, and when Edmund, the heir to the Pryce fortune, leaves to join the RAF, it seems that it's only a matter of time before Annie's secret is exposed. That is, until she makes a shocking decision.

It's 1963 before Annie is able to face up to the secret she chose to keep over twenty years before. Justifying that decision takes her to Normandy in France, and an outcome she could never have expected ...

## Jan Baynham

After retiring from a career in teaching and advisory education, Jan joined a small writing group in a local library where she wrote her first piece of fiction and from then on, she was hooked! She soon went on to take a writing class at the local university and began to submit short stories for publication to a wider audience. Her stories and flash fiction pieces have been longlisted and shortlisted in competitions and several appear in anthologies both online and in print. Her stories started getting longer and longer so that, following a novel writing course, she began to write her first full-length novel. She loves being able to explore her characters in further depth and delve into their stories. Originally from mid-Wales, Jan lives in Cardiff with her husband.

Novels: Her Mother's Secret, Her Sister's Secret, Her Nanny's Secret





ISBN: 9781912550579

**Pages: 320** 

Category: Saga/Romance

Rights: World

**Setting:** Wales/Normandy, France **Format:** eBook/audio/paperback

Book 3 in series





# MISTLETOE AND MAYHEM AT THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS MALL BY HANNAH PEARL

A fun and quirky Christmas romcom from award-winning author.

Count down to Christmas with mistletoe, mayhem, meddling friends and mystery men ...

There's a saying about all work and no play – but there's never a dull moment for Caroline working at Holly Walk Mall, especially at Christmas. When she's not dealing with orders from Ian, 'the manager who can't manage' as her friend Rachel puts it, she's overseeing the usual late-night shopping sessions, Santa's grotto construction and, most importantly, the sampling of many delicious festive treats at the Italian café her friends Nina and Marco own.

But when a new jewellery shop moves in and brings 'mysterious guy with the cute bottom' to Holly Walk, Caro isn't yet aware just how much mayhem she's in for in the countdown to Christmas. With strategically placed mistletoe, revealing cowboy outfits and even a bit of sleuthing, could this festive season turn out to be the liveliest yet for both Caro and her beloved Mall?

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ISBN: 9781912550784

Pages: 288 Category:

Contemporary/Christmas

Rights: World Setting: UK



"Lovely characters and a warmhearted Christmassy feel make this the perfect book to curl up in front of the fire with."

Sally Coles, Reader and Reviewer



#### A CORNISH SUMMER AT PEAR TREE FARM BY ANGELA BRITNELL

An uplifting summer romance to be read at any time of year! Transatlantic romance. All of Angela's novels are set in Cornwall or Tennessee.

# Pairing up at Pear Tree Farm in time for Christmas ...

Pear Tree Farm in Cornwall, owned by the kind-hearted Nessa Vivian, is known for taking in lost souls, and ex-soldier Crispin Davies is certainly one of those. But the once sleepy caravan park is now a thriving business, and far from the peace and quiet Crispin was craving, he soon finds himself roped into helping out with a short-notice Christmas festival, organised by Nessa's force-of-nature sister, Lowena.

But despite Crispin's initial reluctance, his involvement in the festival serves to throw him together with Ashley Spencer, an American woman and fellow lost soul, who works at the nearby Tregereth House. Could Lowena's ambitious scheme result in a more hopeful Christmas and New Year for them both – with a few surprises along the way?

Sequel to A Cornish Summer at Pear Tree Farm

# **Angela Britnell**

Angela was born in St. Stephen, Cornwall, England. After completing her A-Levels she worked as a Naval Secretary. She met her husband, a US Naval Flight Officer while being based at a small NATO Headquarters on the Jutland Peninsula in Denmark. They lived together in Denmark, Sicily, California, southern Maryland and London before settling in Franklin, Tennessee. Angela took a creative writing course in 2000 and loved it so much that she has barely put her pen down since. She has had short stories and novels published in the US. Her novel Sugar & Spice, won Choc Lit's Search for an American Star competition and was her UK debut.

**Books:** Sugar and Spice, What Happens in Nashville, The Wedding Reject Table, You're the One That I Want, Celtic Love Knot, Love Me for a Reason, Here Comes the Best Man, Christmas at Black Cherry Retreat, One Summer at Little Penhaven, Christmas at Little Penhaven, New Year New Guy, A Summer to Remember in Herring Bay, Christmas at Moonshine Hollow, Spring on Rendezvous Lane, A Cornish Summer at Pear Tree Farm, A Cornish Christmas at Pear Tree Farm



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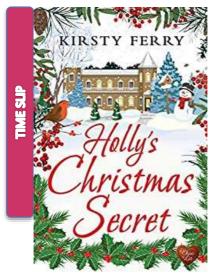
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Format: eBook/audio/paperback Book 2 in Pear Tree Farm series.



# "A brilliant curl up in an armchair kind of book." Fran S, Reader and Reviewer



#### HOLLY'S CHRISTMAS SECRET BY KIRSTY FERRY

A perfect and heartwarming cosy Christmas romance. Set in Cornwall and part of the author's 'Cornish Secrets' series.

# Once upon a Cornish Christmas ...

It's almost Christmas at the Pencradoc estate in Cornwall which means that, as usual, tea room owner Sorcha Davies is baking up a festive storm. And this year Sorcha is hoping her mince pies will be going down a treat at 'The Spirit of Christmas Past' exhibition being organised at the house by new local antiques dealer, Locryn Dyer.

But as Locryn and Sorcha spend more time together, they begin to uncover a very special story of Christmas past that played out at Pencradoc more than a century before, involving a certain 'Lady' Holly Sawyer, a festive dinner party and a magical secret encounter with a handsome author ...

# **Kirsty Ferry**

Kirsty lives in the North East of England with her husband and son. She won the English Heritage/Belsay Hall National Creative Writing competition in 2009 and has had articles and short stories published. Her work also appears in several anthologies, incorporating such diverse themes as vampires, crime, angels and more. Kirsty loves writing ghostly mysteries and interweaving fact and fiction. Her day job involves sharing a building with an eclectic collection of ghosts, which can often prove rather interesting.

Series of Novels: The Rossetti Mysteries, Schubert, The Hartsford, Cornish Secrets, Tempest Sisters and Padcock Village



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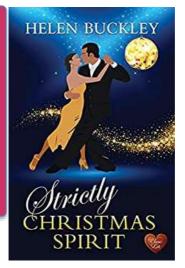
Slip/Christmas Rights: World

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"This book warms the soul on these long winter nights. It is exactly the kind of read I like with the theme of selfishness turning to selflessness."

Reconciliation, Amazon Reviewer



## STRICTLY CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BY HELEN BUCKLEY

A heart-warming Christmas romance. Perfect for Strictly Come Dancing fans! From disco balls to Christmas baubles ...

Ex-dancer Emily Williams turned her back on the sparkle of popular dancing show Strictly Dancing with Celebs to help those in need. Now the only dancing she does is teaching lonely pensioners to waltz, and the closest she gets to disco balls is making baubles with the homeless people in her Christmas crafts class.

She's certainly not star-struck when Hollywood heart-throb Blake Harris is sent to her at short notice for community service, and has no desire to babysit the arrogant actor with his bad boy antics and selfish ways. Christmas might be a time for miracles, but Blake seems to be a lost cause.

But Emily's reasons for abandoning her dancing passion means she understands the Hollywood wild child more than she'd like to admit. Could their time together, coupled with a dash of Christmas spirit, lead to a miracle change of heart for them both?

Book 3 in Helen's Spotlight series but they can all be read as standalone stories.

## **Helen Buckley**

Helen Buckley lives in Bedfordshire with her husband and two sons. After working in the charity sector in the UK and abroad, she turned her hand to writing and her first novel, Star in the Shadows, was published in 2019. She writes any moment that she can, enthralled by stories of fame, romance and happy ever afters. Apart from being addicted to writing and enjoying soft play with her sons, she's an avid reader, action-movie fan and chocolate addict.

Novels: Strictly on Ice, Celebrity SOS: Love Survives, Strictly Christmas Spirit, Keeping up with the Kershaws



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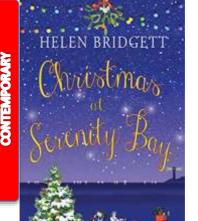
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"A brilliant revisit to Serenity Bay. That perfect Christmas read full of mystery, drama, twists and turns and of course a smattering of romance."

Fran S, Reader and Reviewer



### CHRISTMAS AT SERENITY BAY BY HELEN BRIDGETT

A heartwarming feel-good Christmas romance set in a cosy small community on the Northumberland coast.

# A peaceful Christmas in Serenity Bay? Think again!

Chloe Walsh's skills as location manager for the beautiful seaside village she calls home have come up trumps again, and Serenity Bay is now the setting for cosy crime drama *The Montgomery Mysteries*, starring amateur sleuth Dominic Montgomery and his crime-solving dog, Agatha. But Chloe is in a race against time. Filming has to finish before the village Midwinter Festival but schedules are tight – and a mystery saboteur is intent on slowing things down even further. Not only is Chloe facing problems with the shoot, she also has some personal conundrums to solve – a diva actor has commandeered her flat, her mum is having a late mid-life crisis, plus she has no idea what to buy for her Christmas-obsessed boyfriend!

Can Chloe sort out her life and save Christmas for an entire village? Sequel to Summer at Serenity Bay

# **Helen Bridgett**

Helen Bridgett lives in the North East of England. Outside of writing feel good fiction, Helen loves the great outdoors and having a good laugh with friends over a glass of wine. Helen lives with her husband and their chocolate Labrador, Angus; all three can often be found walking the Northumberland coastline that inspired Summer at Serenity Bay.

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Helen writes romantic comedies and chilling thrillers.

**Novels:** Summer at Serenity Bay, Christmas at Serenity Bay, One by One, Wrong Sort of Girl

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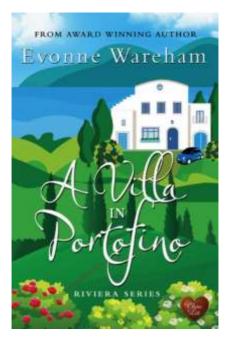
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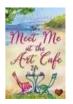
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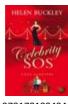
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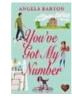
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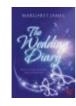
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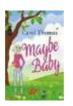
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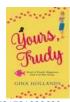
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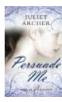
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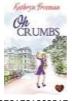
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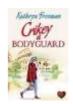
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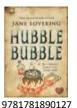
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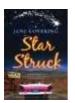
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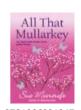
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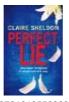
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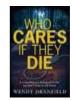
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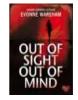
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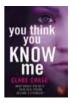


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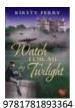
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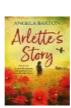
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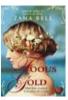
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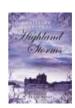
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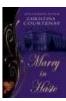
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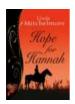


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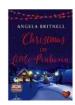
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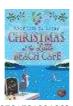
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