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## The Saffron Trail

Discover Marrakech in this perfect escapist read

*Hachette UK* **An exotic tale of lost family secrets from the #1 Kindle Bestseller 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'The ultimate feel-good read' - Candis 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best \*\*\*\*\* After the death of her beloved mother, Nell travels from rural Cornwall to the colour and chaos of Marrakech. Her marriage may be on the rocks, but exploring the heady delights of Moroccan cuisine could help her fulfil her dream of opening her own restaurant. It's there she meets Amy - a young photographer trying to**

unravel the story behind her family's involvement in the Vietnam War. The two women develop a close friendship and discover a surprising connection between their own pasts. This connection will take Nell and Amy on a journey to find their own 'saffron trail' - from the labyrinthine medina and bustle of Moroccan bazaars all the way back home to Cornwall and to the heart of their families' origins. \*\*\*\*\* SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ABOUT ROSANNA LEY: 'An impeccably researched and deftly written narrative that kept me hooked until the end' - Kathryn Hughes, bestselling author of *The Letter* 'Loved it from start to finish. A brilliant holiday read' - Amazon reviewer 'Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Victoria Hislop and Leah Fleming' - Candis 'On so many levels a fantastic read' - Amazon reviewer 'A fascinating story with engaging themes' - Dinah Jefferies, bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife* 'Warm, enthralling, one of my favourite authors' - Amazon reviewer

## Bay of Secrets

Escape to the beaches of Barcelona with this gorgeous summer read!

*Hachette UK* The #1 Kindle Bestseller returns with a gorgeous summer read about romance, family and the secrets we keep from those we love. 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'The ultimate feel-good read' - Candis 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best \*\*\*\*\* Spain, 1939 Following the wishes of her parents to keep her safe during the war, a young girl, Julia, enters a convent in Barcelona. Looking for a way to maintain her links to the outside world, she volunteers to help in a maternity clinic. But worrying adoption practices in the clinic force Sister Julia to decide how far she will go to help those placed in her care. England, 2012 Six months after her parents' shocking death, 34-year-old journalist and jazz enthusiast Ruby Rae has finally found the strength to pack away their possessions and sell the family home. But as she does so, she unearths a devastating secret that her parents, Vivien and Tom, had kept from her all her life. \*\*\*\*\* SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ABOUT ROSANNA LEY: 'An impeccably researched and deftly written narrative that kept me hooked until the end' - Kathryn Hughes, bestselling author of *The Letter* 'Loved it from start to finish. A brilliant holiday read' - Amazon reviewer 'Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Victoria Hislop and Leah Fleming' - Candis 'On so many levels a fantastic read' - Amazon reviewer 'A fascinating story with engaging themes' - Dinah Jefferies, bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife* 'Warm, enthralling, one of my favourite authors' - Amazon reviewer

## Last Dance in Havana

Escape to Cuba with the perfect holiday read!

*Quercus Publishing* From the #1 Kindle Bestseller comes an exotic tale of love, family and friendship 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'The ultimate feel-good read' - Candis 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best \*\*\*\*\*  
 Cuba, 1958 Elisa is only sixteen years old when she meets Duardo and she knows he's the love of her life from the moment they first dance the rumba together in downtown Havana. But Duardo is a rebel, determined to fight in Castro's army, and Elisa is forced to leave behind her homeland and rebuild her life in distant England. But how can she stop longing for the warmth of Havana, when the music of the rumba still calls to her? England, 2012 Grace has a troubled relationship with her father, whom she blames for her beloved mother's untimely death. And this year more than ever she could do with a shoulder to cry on - Grace's career is in flux, she isn't sure she wants the baby her husband is so desperate to have and, worst of all, she's begun to develop feelings for their best friend Theo. Theo is a Cuban born magician but even he can't make Grace's problems disappear. Is the passion Grace feels for Theo enough to risk her family's happiness? \*\*\*\*\*  
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## The Lemon Tree Hotel

An enchanting story about family, love and secrets that is perfect for Spring!

*Quercus Publishing* A story about love, family secrets, and a little piece of heaven . . . In the beautiful village of Vernazza, the Mazzone family have transformed an old convent overlooking the glamorous Italian Riviera into

the elegant Lemon Tree Hotel. For Chiara, her daughter Elene and her granddaughter Isabella, the running of their hotel is the driving force in their lives. One day, two unexpected guests check in. The first, Dante, is a face from Chiara's past, but what exactly happened between them all those years ago, Elene wonders. Meanwhile, Isabella is preoccupied with the second guest, a mysterious young man who seems to know a lot about the history of the old convent and the people who live there. Isabella is determined to find out his true intentions and discover the secret past of the Lemon Tree Hotel.

## The Bookseller of Kabul

*Back Bay Books* The Norwegian journalist provides a portrait of a committed Muslim man and his family living in post-Taliban Kabul, Afghanistan.

## From Venice with Love

### The enchanting holiday read

*Quercus Publishing* The bestselling author of *The Lemon Tree Hotel* returns with an enchanting new holiday read about family bonds and following your heart, wherever it might take you... With her marriage in danger of falling apart, Joanna returns home to the beautiful but dilapidated Mulberry Farm Cottage in rural Dorset, where her sister Harriet is struggling to keep the Farm afloat and cope with their eccentric mother. When Joanna discovers a bundle of love letters in the attic, written by a watercolourist named Emmy, she is intrigued and sets out to discover Emmy's true story. Emmy's letters take Joanna to the picturesque alleyways and bridges of Lisbon, Prague, and the most romantic place of all: Venice - where a whole new magical world seems to unfold in front of her. Meanwhile, back at Mulberry Farm Cottage, a mysterious prowler adds to Harriet's problems and interrupts her search for a perfect partner. Will she ever find true love? Where will Emmy's mesmerising pathway lead? And more importantly, will Joanna and Harriet be able to rescue the cottage and finally be able to re-discover their sisterly bond?

## Indian Summer

*Bantam Press* Some memories are best forgotten . . . Others won't ever go away. For Kit, the quiet Devon village she visits every year is the perfect retreat. But this summer, she arrives with a heart in turmoil: years have passed since Kit last saw Jake, but now he has written asking to meet again. For Mungo, the village is simply home and the ideal getaway for friends, like Kit, even if he aches at the old memories they bring - and the secrets they stir in him. As the summer unfolds, hidden truths are uncovered that will shatter the sleepy community. But those involved soon

realize that the only way to move forward might be to confront the past . .  
 . Praise for Marcia Willett: 'A genuine voice of our times' The Times  
 'Riveting, moving and utterly feel-good' Daily Mail

## The Word Rhythm Dictionary

### A Resource for Writers, Rappers, Poets, and Lyricists

*Scarecrow Press* This new kind of dictionary reflects the use of “rhythm rhymes” by rappers, poets, and songwriters of today. Users can look up words to find collections of words that have the same rhythm as the original and are useable in ways that are familiar to us in everything from vers libre poetry to the lyrics and music of Bob Dylan and hip hop groups.

## The Villa

### Escape to Sicily with the Number One Bestseller

*Hachette UK* **THE #1 KINDLE BESTSELLER.** An unforgettable story set off the sun-soaked coast of Sicily for fans of Dinah Jefferies, Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore. 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'The ultimate feel-good read' - Candis 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best \*\*\*\*\* When Tess Angel receives a solicitor's letter inviting her to claim her inheritance - the Villa Sirena, perched on a clifftop in Sicily - she is stunned. Her only link to the island is through her mother, Flavia, who left Sicily during World War II and cut all contact with her family. When Tess goes to Sicily, Flavia realises the secrets from her past are about to be revealed and decides to try to explain her actions. Meanwhile, Tess' teenage daughter Ginny is stressed by college, by her blooming sexuality and filled with questions that she longs to ask her father, if only she knew where he was... \*\*\*\*\* SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ABOUT ROSANNA LEY: 'An impeccably researched and deftly written narrative that kept me hooked until the end' - Kathryn Hughes, bestselling author of *The Letter* 'Loved it from start to finish. A brilliant holiday read' - Amazon reviewer 'Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Victoria Hislop and Leah Fleming' - Candis 'On so many levels a fantastic read' - Amazon reviewer 'A fascinating story with engaging themes' - Dinah Jefferies, bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife* 'Warm, enthralling, one of my favourite authors' - Amazon reviewer

# The Orange Grove

*Quercus Publishing*

## The Little Theater by the Sea

The bestselling author returns with a gorgeous and evocative summer read about love and starting over. 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'It will make you want to jump on the first flight out to Sardinia' - Hello 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best \*\*\*\*\* Faye has just completed her degree in interior design when she finds herself jobless and boyfriend-less. While debating what to do next she receives a surprise phone call from her old college friend Charlotte who now lives in Sardinia and is married to Italian hotelier, Fabio. When Charlotte suggests that Faye relocate for a month to house-sit, Faye wonders if a summer break in sunny Sardinia might be the perfect way to recharge her batteries and think about her future. But then Charlotte tells Faye that there's something more behind the sudden invitation: her friends Marisa and Alessandro are looking for a designer to renovate a crumbling old theatre they own in the scenic village of Deriu. The idea certainly sounds appealing to Faye, but little does she know what she's letting herself in for if she accepts this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity . . . \*\*\*\*\* SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ABOUT ROSANNA LEY: 'An impeccably researched and deftly written narrative that kept me hooked until the end' - Kathryn Hughes, bestselling author of *The Letter* 'Such a wealth of fascinating characters set in a glorious village in Sardinia' - Amazon reviewer 'The ultimate feel-good read, perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Victoria Hislop and Leah Fleming' - Candis 'On so many levels a fantastic read' - Amazon reviewer 'A fascinating story with engaging themes' - Dinah Jefferies, bestselling author of *Before The Rains* 'Warm, enthralling, one of my favourite authors' - Amazon reviewer

## 100 Great War Movies: The Real History Behind the Films

*ABC-CLIO* This book serves as a fascinating guide to 100 war films from 1930 to the present. Readers interested in war movies will learn surprising anecdotes about these films and will have all their questions about the films' historical accuracy answered. • Applies an internationalist perspective to the war film through entries from countries including Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Australia, Japan, Poland, Finland, and Latvia • Defines great war films as the most artistically accomplished, politically subversive, and thought-provoking, not merely as the most popular or commercially successful, and is therefore a relevant reference for students and film and history buffs • Provides clearly written and

informative histories of the films themselves as well as of the cultural context surrounding the making and reception of them • Recounts critical controversies and analyzes the ideological biases implicit in these films in its examination of how the films shaped their source material and what they included, distorted, and added or left out

## The Glass Palace

*Penguin Books India* **The Glass Palace Begins With The Shattering Of The Kingdom Of Burma, And Tells The Story Of A People, A Fortune, And A Family And Its Fate. It Traces The Life Of Rajkumar, A Poor Indian Boy, Who Is Lifted On The Tides Of Political And Social Turmoil To Build An Empire In The Burmese Teak Forest. When British Soldiers Force The Royal Family Out Of The Glass Palace, During The Invasion Of 1885, He Falls In Love With Dolly, An Attendant At The Palace. Years Later, Unable To Forget Her, Rajkumar Goes In Search Of His Love. Through This Brilliant And Impassioned Story Of Love And War, Amitav Ghosh Presents A Ruthless Appraisal Of The Horrors Of Colonialism And Capitalist Exploitation. Click Here To Visit The Amitav Ghosh Website**

## The Merman's Kiss

*Twin Leaf Press* **A sexy, sleek-tailed monster. Zantu has evaded the mate-bond for thirty-five years, dodging promiscuous mermaids with vile intents. Unlike mermaids, mermen bond for life, and Zantu refuses to accept the heartbreak most mermen die of. That is, until the glint of gold catches his eye, and a simple salvage mission turns to passion. Now he's bonded to a human. A woman looking for a reason to live. Briana thinks her life is over after the loss of her child. Instead, she falls into the arms of a merman who is anything but cold-blooded. He's wild, seductive, and sets her blood on fire every time he touches her, and soon she begins to need him for more than his magic to breathe underwater. He might just give her a new purpose. But as dangers encroach from every side, Zantu must choose; keep his new mate at his side or keep her safe. Either way, he's sure he'll end up with a broken heart. Content Warning: Explicit love scenes, dangerous mermaids, and sexy merman secrets. Guaranteed HEA with no cliffhangers. Intended for mature audiences.**

## Creed

*Kristen Ashley* **As children, Tucker Creed and his neighbor Sylvie Bissenette find they have something awful in common. The bond they form blossoms with their ages. Creed breaks free from the town, and Sylvie is forced to endure a nightmare-- and do the unspeakable to end it. To deal, she develops a hard shell with sharp edges that very few can break through. When Creed again finds his Sylvie, he discovers he has to find his way back**

into her heart without getting shredded in the process.

## The Zartman Family

## Saving Fish From Drowning

*HarperCollins UK* Please note that due to the limitations of some ereading devices, it was not possible to represent diacritical marks in this title. The highly anticipated novel from the bestselling author of 'The Joy Luck Club' and 'The Bonesetter's Daughter'.

## Her Mother's Secret

## Escape to sunny France with the Number One bestselling author

*Hachette UK* 'A beautifully written story of loss and love, **Her Mother's Secret** is Rosanna Ley at her best' My Weekly Escape to the heart of enchanting Brittany with the bestselling author of *The Villa* and *The Little Theatre by the Sea*. The perfect treat for fans of Santa Montefiore and Veronica Henry. For many years Colette has avoided returning to her homeland - the magical island of Belle-Île-en-Mer in Southern Brittany - afraid to confront the painful memories she left behind. She is living on the Cornish coast when she hears about her mother Thea's failing health and realises that the time has come for her to go home. But can Colette ever forgive Thea for what she has done? Despite Colette's wariness, romantic Belle-Île still fascinates her. She takes on the running of her mother's flower shop and makes friends with Élodie from the Old Lighthouse where Thea once worked as a nanny and with the enigmatic Étienne who shares Colette's mixed feelings about the island. As Thea opens up to her for the first time, Colette finds herself softening and being drawn back into the landscape of her past. But can Belle-Île also be a part of her future? The ghosts of that past still linger. What happened all those years ago and how did it cause the rift between mother and daughter? It becomes clear that the beauty of Belle-Île hides a devastating family secret - one that Colette is determined to unravel at any cost.

## Gendering Urban Space in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa

*Springer* The essays in this book critically examine the ways in which gendered subjects negotiate their life-worlds in Middle Eastern, South

Asian, and African urban landscapes. They raise issues surrounding the city as a representative site of personal autonomy and political possibilities for women and/or men.

## Crocker-Langlely San Francisco Directory

## Global Digital Cultures

## Perspectives from South Asia

*University of Michigan Press* **Digital media histories are part of a global network, and South Asia is a key nexus in shaping the trajectory of digital media in the twenty-first century. Digital platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, and others are deeply embedded in the daily lives of millions of people around the world, shaping how people engage with others as kin, as citizens, and as consumers. Moving away from Anglo-American and strictly national frameworks, the essays in this book explore the intersections of local, national, regional, and global forces that shape contemporary digital culture(s) in regions like South Asia: the rise of digital and mobile media technologies, the ongoing transformation of established media industries, and emergent forms of digital media practice and use that are reconfiguring sociocultural, political, and economic terrains across the Indian subcontinent. From massive state-driven digital identity projects and YouTube censorship to Tinder and dating culture, from Twitter and primetime television to Facebook and political rumors, Global Digital Cultures focuses on enduring concerns of representation, identity, and power while grappling with algorithmic curation and data-driven processes of production, circulation, and consumption.**

## The French Gardener

*Simon and Schuster* **A spellbinding novel about marriage, passion, loss, renewal, and the healing power of love from the number one bestselling author of Songs of Love and War. Married couple, Miranda and David, move out of London into a beautiful country house with an idyllic garden. But reality turns out to be very different from their bucolic dream. Soon the latent unhappiness in the family begins to come to the surface, isolating each family member in a bubble of resentment and loneliness. Then a mysterious Frenchman arrives on their doorstep. With the wisdom of nature, he slowly begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he? When Miranda discovers his secret in the cottage by the garden, the whole family learns that a garden, like love itself, can restore the human spirit,**

not just season after season, but generation after generation. Wise and winsome, poignant and powerfully moving, *The French Gardener* combines the savvy of contemporary women's fiction with an old fashioned sensibility steeped in the importance of family and the magical power of love.

## The Orphan House

### Absolutely gripping and heartbreaking historical fiction

*Bookouture* As she looks at the baby wriggling in her father's arms, a bolt of recognition goes through her and she takes a step back. And it's in that moment that she begins to protect her father's secrets. 1934, Weirfield-on-Thames. Connie Burroughs loves living in the orphanage that her father runs. Exploring its nooks and crannies with her sister, hearing the pounding of a hundred pairs of feet on the wooden stairs, having a father who is doing so much good. But everything changes the day she sees him carrying a newborn baby that he says he found near the broken front gate. A baby she recognises... Present day. Arriving at her father's beloved cottage beside the river, Sarah Jennings is hoping for peace and quiet, to escape her difficult divorce. But when she finds her father unwell and hunched over boxes of files on the orphanage where he was abandoned as a child, she decides to investigate it herself. The only person left alive who lived at Cedar Hall is Connie Burroughs, but Connie sits quietly in her nursing home for a reason. The sewing box under Connie's bed hides secrets that will change Sarah's life forever, uncovering a connection between them that has darker consequences than she could ever imagine. A heartbreaking but ultimately uplifting tale inspired by the lives of the children who lived at the author's great-grandfather's orphanage. Fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *The Orphan's Tale* and *The Orphan Train* will be hooked. What readers are saying about *The Orphan House*: 'Oh my goodness. What an amazing story of life, love, loss and finding yourself... Awe inspiring. I honestly am left reeling. This is my first book from this author, although it definitely will not be my last. Thank you for a journey that I will not soon forget.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'An amazing and spellbinding read. Exceptionally well done. I hated when it ended.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wonderful storytelling! I have just finished reading this book and I'm bereft! I was able, for a few days, to lose myself completely in the story... I highly recommend this book to anyone.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'What an amazing read!!! I didn't expect this to be a rollercoaster of emotions, suspense, and mystery but it was everything!!... I recommend this book so much!!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book gave me all the feelings at once... Keeps you hooked

through the whole book.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'If there were ever to be a perfect bookclub book, it would be *The Orphan House*... Beautifully portrayed characters, who were so vivid... Almost felt like watching it on the big screen, every place, person, and circumstance came to life and felt almost tangible... Will surely touch your soul.' Goodreads reviewer 'True to life and totally believable. The plot was intriguing, and the delivery was perfect.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I was hooked only a few pages in to the story... I cannot say enough about this book and I hope you will love it too.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Loved this book... captures so many emotions... Couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This was a fantastic read... It lured me in and I ended up hooked. By about the halfway point, I was completely captivated by the story and the mystery kept me guessing as I tried to figure it out... Beautifully written.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh what a wonderful book! This beautifully written story tugs at the heart strings... I lived this book, it hooked me from the first line and kept me engrossed until the last... A book to treasure and reread. A masterpiece.' Renita D'Silva, 5 stars This book was previously published as *The Foundling's Daughter*.

## The Chequer Board

*Vintage* John Turner, a young man with a checkered past, has been told he has just one year to live. He decides to use his remaining time in search of three very different men he met in the hospital during the war, each of them in trouble of some kind: a pilot whose wife had betrayed him, a young corporal charged with killing a civilian in a brawl, and a black G.I. wrongly accused of the attempted rape of a white English girl. As Turner discovers where these men have landed on the checkerboard of life, he learns about compassion, tolerance, and second chances, and overcomes his fear of death.

## Twelve Years a Slave

*Prabhat Prakashan* "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

## The Orange Grove

## a mouth-watering holiday romance set in sunny Seville

*Hachette UK* 'Utterly enchanting' *Woman's Weekly* 'Pure escapism' *Yours* An unforgettable story of past love and family secrets, set in sunny Seville Holly loves making marmalade. Now she has a chance to leave her stressful city job and pursue her dream - of returning to the Dorset landscape of her childhood to open Bitter Orange, a shop celebrating the fruit that first inspired her. Holly's mother Ella has always loved Seville. So why is she reluctant to go back there with Holly to source products for the shop? What is she frightened of - and does it have anything to do with the old Spanish recipe for Seville orange and almond cake that Ella keeps hidden from her family? In Seville, where she was once forced to make the hardest decision of her life, Ella must finally face up to the past, while Holly meets someone who poses a threat to all her plans. Seville is a city full of sunshine and oranges. But it can also be bittersweet. Will love survive the secrets of the orange grove? Praise for Rosanna Ley: 'Beautifully written and gently captivating' *Heat* 'Sun-soaked escapism' Best 'The ultimate feel-good read' *Candis* 'Holiday romance at its most evocative and escapist' *The Lady* 'Unabashedly romantic . . . slips down like easy-drinking vino infused with Mediterranean sunshine' *Saga* 'A gorgeous, mouth-watering dream of a holiday read!' *Red Magazine* 'Beautiful, evocative writing' *Sun*

## Midnight in the Snow

## Lose Yourself in an Alpine Love Story to Thaw the Coldest Heart

*Pan Macmillan* Set amongst the snow-covered mountains of the Austrian Alps, *Midnight in the Snow* is the story of a forbidden attraction that will reveal long-buried secrets, from Sunday Times bestselling author of *Christmas at Tiffany's*, Karen Swan. Award-winning director Clover Phillips is riding high when she encounters Kit Foley; a surfer and snowboarder as well-known for controversy as he is for winning championships. Involved in an accident that had devastating consequences for a bitter rival, Kit has never spoken about what really happened that day. Determined to find out the truth, Clover heads to the snowy wilderness of the Austrian Alps, sharing a romantic winter wonderland with a man who can't stand her. But as she delves deeper, Clover finds herself both drawn to Kit, and even more convinced he's hiding something. Is Kit Foley really as cold as he seems? \*\*\* What readers are saying about *Midnight in the Snow*: 'Heartwarming, romantic, uplifting. Great writing that wraps you like a

blanket' 'Real and wonderfully, subtly painted so that, yet again, her novel makes you stay up until silly o'clock' 'An amazing gift for taking you to fabulous locations & gradually unwrapping secrets about her characters' 'Glamorous, thrilling and unashamedly romantic'

## Finding George Orwell in Burma

*Penguin* A fascinating political travelogue that traces the life and work of George Orwell, author of 1984 and ANIMAL FARM, in Southeast Asia Over the years the American writer Emma Larkin has spent traveling in Burma, also known as Myanmar, she's come to know all too well the many ways this brutal police state can be described as "Orwellian." The life of the mind exists in a state of siege in Burma, and it long has. But Burma's connection to George Orwell is not merely metaphorical; it is much deeper and more real. Orwell's mother was born in Burma, at the height of the British raj, and Orwell was fundamentally shaped by his experiences in Burma as a young man working for the British Imperial Police. When Orwell died, the novel-in-progress on his desk was set in Burma. It is the place George Orwell's work holds in Burma today, however, that most struck Emma Larkin. She was frequently told by Burmese acquaintances that Orwell did not write one book about their country - his first novel, *Burmese Days* - but in fact he wrote three, the "trilogy" that included *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. When Larkin quietly asked one Burmese intellectual if he knew the work of George Orwell, he stared blankly for a moment and then said, "Ah, you mean the prophet!" In one of the most intrepid political travelogues in recent memory, Emma Larkin tells of the year she spent traveling through Burma using the life and work of George Orwell as her compass. Going from Mandalay and Rangoon to poor delta backwaters and up to the old hill-station towns in the mountains of Burma's far north, Larkin visits the places where Orwell worked and lived, and the places his books live still. She brings to vivid life a country and a people cut off from the rest of the world, and from one another, by the ruling military junta and its vast network of spies and informers. Using Orwell enables her to show, effortlessly, the weight of the colonial experience on Burma today, the ghosts of which are invisible and everywhere. More important, she finds that the path she charts leads her to the people who have found ways to somehow resist the soul-crushing effects of life in this most cruel police state. And George Orwell's moral clarity, hatred of injustice, and keen powers of observation serve as the author's compass in another sense too: they are qualities she shares and they suffuse her book - the keenest and finest reckoning with life in this police state that has yet been written.

## One Summer in Crete

# Escape to a Magical Greek Island in This Gripping Holiday Read

*Pan Macmillan* **A gloriously sunny book of family secrets, lost loves and self-discovery, *One Summer in Crete* by Nadia Marks is an engrossing holiday read. 'If you don't think you're about to get to Crete this is the next best thing . . . we've never needed books of this kind more' - Vanessa Feltz** On the run from heartbreak, she might just end up finding happiness . . . Calli's world has fallen apart - her relationship is suddenly over and her chances of starting a family are gone. So when she's sent to write a magazine article about the Greek island of Ikaria, it seems the perfect escape. Travelling to Crete, where her family is from, Calli soon realizes there is more to discover than paradise beaches and friendly locals. When her aunt Froso begins to share the story of her own teenage heartache, will the love, betrayal and revenge she reveals change Calli's life forever? Travel further with *Secrets Under the Sun* and *Between the Orange Groves* by Nadia Marks.

## The Tuscan Contessa

### A heartbreaking new novel set in wartime Tuscany

*Penguin UK* **ONE WAR. TWO WOMEN. WILL THEY BE ABLE TO SAVE THE ONES THEY LOVE?** A sweeping new novel from the number one Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife* In 1943, Contessa Sofia de' Corsi's peaceful Tuscan villa among the olive groves is upturned by the sudden arrival of German soldiers. Desperate to fight back, she agrees to shelter a wounded British radio engineer in her home, keeping him hidden from her husband Lorenzo - knowing that she is putting all of their lives at risk. When Maxine, an Italian-American working for the resistance, arrives on Sofia's doorstep, the pair forge an uneasy alliance. Feisty, independent Maxine promised herself never to fall in love. But when she meets a handsome partisan named Marco, she realizes it's a promise she can't keep... Before long, the two women find themselves entangled in a dangerous game with the Nazis. Will they be discovered? And will they both be able to save the ones they love? 'Dinah Jefferies has a remarkable gift for conjuring up another time and place with lush descriptions, full of power and intensity' Kate Furnivall 'A stunning story of love and loyalty in wartime' Rachel Hore 'Beautiful writing, wonderful characters, gripping story, and such a gorgeously evoked Tuscan setting - how I loved this! Such a perfect, immersive summer read!' Jenny Ashcroft 'A lush, fast-

moving, gripping story that will keep you guessing till the last pages. A perfect summer read' Gill Paul 'It's so rich & the historical details so transporting. Reading this novel is like being swept into a wonderful movie' Eve Chase

## The Oyster Catcher

A warm and witty novel filled with Irish charm

*Headline* It's sink or swim in the search for love. . . Ebook bestseller **The Oyster Catcher** is Jo Thomas's first irresistibly feel-good novel, set on the coast of Ireland. 'A world you long to live in with characters you love' Katie Fforde Dooleybridge, County Galway: the last place Fiona Clutterbuck expects to end up, alone, on her wedding night. But after the words 'I do' have barely left her mouth, that's exactly where she is - with only her sequined shoes and a crashed camper van for company. One thing is certain: Fi can't go back. So when the opportunity arises to work for brooding local oyster farmer, Sean Thornton, she jumps at the chance. Now Fi must navigate suspicious locals, jealous rivals and an unpredictable boss if she's to find a new life, and love, on the Irish coast. And nothing - not even a chronic fear of water - is going to hold her back. Join Fi as she learns the rules of the ocean - and picks up a few pearls of Irish wisdom along the way... What readers are saying about **The Oyster Catcher**: 'A fantastic debut novel which was the perfect escapism read; I literally could not put it down and read it at every opportunity I could get' 'Beautifully written. You feel like you are breathing in the sea air and walking along the sand' 'A realistic romance with some strong and colourful characters, set in a fascinating, modern Irish coastal community'

## The Rome Affair

*Pan Macmillan* The glamorous capital city of Italy is brought to startling life in **The Rome Affair**, a compelling novel by bestselling author Karen Swan. 1974 and Elena Damiani lives a gilded life. Born to wealth and a noted beauty, no door is closed to her, no man can resist her. At twenty-six, she is already onto her third husband when she meets her love match. But he is the one man she can never have, and all the beauty and money in the world can't change it. 2017 and Francesca Hackett is living la dolce vita in Rome, leading tourist groups around the Eternal City and forgetting the ghosts she left behind in London. When she finds a stolen designer handbag in her dustbin and returns it, she is brought into the orbit of her grand neighbour who lives across the piazza - famed socialite Viscontessa Elena dei Damiani Pignatelli della Mirandola. Elena greets the return of the

bag with exultation for it contains an unopened letter written by her husband on his deathbed, twelve years earlier. Mutually intrigued by each other, the two women agree to collaborate on a project, with Cesca interviewing Elena for her memoirs. As summer unfurls, Elena tells her sensational stories, leaving Cesca in her thrall. But when a priceless diamond ring found in an ancient tunnel below the city streets is ascribed to Elena, Cesca begins to suspect a shocking secret at the heart of Elena's life. 'Glittering jewels, designer labels galore and the most mouth-watering pizza in Rome make this a satisfying summer beach read' - Veronica Henry, Daily Express Enjoy more of Karen Swan's captivating seasonal novels with *The Greek Escape* and *The Paris Secret*.

## The South Australian Government Gazette

### The Love Child

*Simon and Schuster* Brilliantly evoking the changing attitudes of the time, *The Love Child* is a novel about love, family, separation, despair, and hope, full of tenderness and deep feeling. A young mother's sacrifice. A child's desperate search for the truth... London, 1917 When nineteen-year-old Alice Copeman becomes pregnant, she is forced by her father and stepmother to give up the baby. She simply cannot be allowed to bring shame upon her family. But all Alice can think about is the small, kitten-like child she gave away, and she mourns the father, a young soldier, so beloved, who will never have the chance to know his daughter. Edith and Philip Burns, a childless couple, yearn for a child of their own. When they secretly adopt a baby girl, Irene, their life together must surely be complete. Irene grows up knowing that she is different from other children, but no one will tell her the full truth. Putting hopes of marriage and children behind her, Alice embarks upon a pioneering medical career, striving to make her way in a male-dominated world. Meanwhile, Irene struggles to define her own life, eventually leaving her Suffolk home to find work in London. As two extraordinary stories intertwine across two decades, will secrets long-buried at last come to light?

### The Spanish Promise

### Escape to Sun-soaked Spain with

# This Perfect Summer Read

*Pan Macmillan* **The Spanish Promise** is a sizzling summer novel from Sunday Times bestselling author Karen Swan, set in the vibrant streets of Madrid, for fans of Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore. One of Spain's richest men is dying. But as he prepares his estate, his family is shocked to discover he is making plans to give away his wealth to a young woman they have never even heard of. Who is she and what hold does she have over him?

Charlotte Fairfax is asked to travel to the troubled family's home in Spain to get to the bottom of the mysterious bequest. It's the week before her wedding but she is confident she has time - there's only one reason an older man leaves his money to a beautiful woman, isn't there? But in Madrid, things don't go to plan when the woman denies knowing anything about the gift. Is she lying? Looking for clues, Charlotte digs into the prominent family's history and unearths a dark and shocking past in which two people were torn apart by conflict. But now, their long-buried secrets are starting to reach into the present and Charlotte starts to wonder whether love does not need to forgive or forget in order to endure - but just needs two hearts to keep beating. 'The perfect summer read' - Hello! Enjoy more of Karen Swan's captivating summer novels with *The Greek Escape* and *The Rome Affair*.

## A Springtime To Remember

The perfect feel-good love story for 2020 from the #1 bestseller

*Boldwood Books Ltd* \*From the bestselling author of *Snowflakes over Holly Cove*\* 'Wonderfully escapist, romantic and heart-warming, Lucy Coleman's stories are the perfect tonic when life is a little grey.' Holly Martin Let Lucy Coleman transport you to glorious, sun-drenched France, for the perfect feel-good read. Paris and the Palace of Versailles have always meant a lot to TV producer Lexie. Her grandma Viv spent a year there, but her adventures and memories were never discussed, and Lexie has long wondered why they were a family secret. When work presents the perfect excuse to spend Springtime in Versailles, Lexie delves into Viv's old diaries and scrapbooks, and with the help of handsome interpreter Ronan, she is soon learning more about the characters that tend to the magnificent gardens, now and in the past. In amongst the beauty and splendour of the French countryside, a story of lost love, rivalry and tragedy unfolds. Can Lexie and Ronan right the wrongs of the past, and will France play its tricks on them both before Lexie has to go home? Will this truly be a Springtime to Remember...? Let Lucy Coleman sweep you away with this perfect feel-

good love story. Perfect for fans of Holly Martin, Sue Moorcroft and Heidi Swain. What readers are saying about *A Springtime to Remember*: 'Lucy Coleman writes wonderfully escapist, romantic and heart-warming stories that transport you far away from the every day grind. Beautifully written, comforting and utterly uplifting, Lucy Coleman's stories are the perfect tonic when life is a little grey.' Holly Martin, bestselling author of *The Gift of Happiness* 'Uplifting, funny, romantic and charming.' 'The perfect escapist read.' 'What's not to love!' 'A unique, charming premise for a story with a wonderfully, romantic location to fall in love with.' 'This story is about love, hope, happiness, fairytale ending and happy ever afters. I loved it.'

## The City of Gems

In 1879 the Queen of Mandalay ordered eighty members of the royal family to be clubbed to death. In England, Maria knew nothing of Mandalay, its cruelty and enchantment. Soon Maria, Archie and Grace come together in Burma and explore this extravagant world that is key to their destinies.

## Greek Island Escape

### The perfect uplifting escapist read

*Bonnier Zaffre Ltd.* The new escapist novel from the author of *Island of Secrets*. Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore and Lucinda Riley. 'I am Sofia. I am searching for my daughter, born 1st November 1972. Can you help me?' On the beautiful beaches of Crete, an old woman is handing out scraps of paper. Sofia, eighty-five years old, unable to speak, is desperate to find a daughter she has never known. After a tragic childhood in Athens and a soaring career as a singer, the brutal treatment of the man she loved by a tyrannical regime forced her to give up her daughter mere days after her birth. Now she longs to be reunited with her child before it's too late. Meanwhile in London, Zoe is searching too. In the months since the disappearance of her teenage daughter, Zoe's life has crumbled apart. Her husband has left her, her son feels forgotten, and every day is a struggle. But Zoe is desperate to track her daughter down, even if she doesn't want to be found . . . And why not check out *The Island Escape Collection*, two books in one, consisting of Patricia Wilson's *Villa of Secrets* and *Secrets of Santorini*, for more perfect escapist reads. Search B0886HJG6.