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The Silent Wife Random House

A heartbreaking historical novel from the No.1 bestselling author of *Stolen* Charity Stratton's bleak childhood is changed for ever when both her parents are killed in a fire. Separated by the authorities from her younger brothers and sister, Charity is sent out to work as a skivvy in a boys' boarding school. Her loneliness and misery are eased when she falls deeply in love with the dashing but fickle sixth-former, Hugh Mainwaring, but when she discovers she is pregnant with Hugh's baby she soon realises just how alone she really is. Determined to be reunited with her siblings and to make something of herself, Charity runs away to London and begins to forge a new life.

Belle Michael Joseph

Amelia White dreams of being a reporter. The closest she's come is selling advertising in the local paper - until the fateful day she stumbles on a shocking scoop. Round the corner from her home, she discovers the body of a murder victim, dumped among the rubbish. When the police and reporters descend, Amelia is horrified at the lies soon to be spread about the young woman. Determined to protect the victim from these smears, she convinces her paper's editor to let her tell the true story. And when another body is found, Amelia discovers that she may be the only one with any chance of learning the truth and stopping more killings. If only she can work out who the liar is . . .

Stolen HarperCollins UK

Orphaned at fifteen when her mother is fished from a river in rural Sussex, Camellia discovers a cache of letters among her mother's effects, and realises that the past she has always been so sure of is a tissue of lies. Devastated, she runs away to London and tries to lose herself among the dangers and temptations of the metropolis, but her past won't stay buried forever...

Survivor Harper Collins

The Queen of Storytellers is back - with a triumphant tale of one woman's struggle over adversity. In 1786 a fisherman's daughter from Cornwall called Mary Broad was sentenced to be hung for

theft. But her sentence was commuted, and she was transported to Australia, one of the first convicts to arrive there. How Mary escaped the harsh existence of the colony and found true love, and how she was captured and taken back to London in chains, only to be released after a trial where she was defended by no less than James Boswell, is one of the most gripping and moving stories of human endeavour (based on an amazing true story) you will ever read.

LESLEY PEARSE UNTITLED Simon and Schuster

11-year-old Robert is asked by the beautiful Mrs. Rendall to catch the infamous 'Girt Pike' from her pond. Too poor to buy the appropriate fishing rod for the daunting task, Robert fashions his own, proving to himself, Mrs. Rendall and the rest of the village that he is capable of anything. However, it is not all happy endings . . . Part of the Storycuts series, this short story was previously published in the collection *Notwithstanding*.

A Haunting and Heartbreaking Story of 1920s Historical Fiction HarperCollins

Stolen Penguin UK

Tara Bookouture

The number one bestselling author Claudia Carroll returns! Perfect for fans of Marian Keyes and Joanna Trollope. Frank Woods at number seventy-nine Primrose Square is about to turn fifty, and nobody seems to care. His friends are all busy; his wife and children have other plans. After years of being 'Mr Cellophane', he decides, finally, to do something for himself. But when he gets home to a surprise birthday party, it is his guests who get the real surprise. Standing in the doorway is not Frank, but Francesca. As she transitions, Francesca struggles to come to terms with her true self, and her relationship with her family is thrown into turmoil. At a loss of where to turn, she moves in with her cantankerous neighbour Miss Hardcastle, who hasn't left her home for decades. There she befriends fellow lodger Emily Dunne - fresh out of rehab, finally off the drink and desperate to make amends. As gossip spreads through Primrose Square and every relationship is tested, nothing in this close-knit community will ever be the same again . . .

Faith Dial Press

Tara, a beautiful and talented woman who wants life on her own

terms, must battle against the legacy of the mistakes of her grandmother and mother, the prejudices and dangers of Whitechapel in the 1960s, and the passionate love she has for a charming wideboy.

The Smuggler's Girl Stolen

She defied her parents to marry for love . . . Following her heart, Fifi moves with Dan to London where they rent a seedy flat in Dale Street, Kennington. Though Fifi must now become acquainted with squalor, she is soon drawn into the goings on behind the shabby front doors of her new neighbours. But it is the Muckles, at number 11, who are the street's focus. Rumours of criminal depravity and shocking behaviour are rife. So when Fifi steps in to help their youngest child, she risks the wrath of this frightening family. Suddenly, not only her marriage and her family but the lives of all the inhabitants of Dale Street are at the mercy of the immoral Muckles . . . Praise for Lesley Pearse 'With characters it is impossible not to care about . . . This is story-telling at its very best.' Daily Mail 'An epic tale of endurance and triumph.' Woman & Home

Charity Penguin UK

"A Southern Cinderella story with heart, soul, and humor. As sweet and tart as summer lemonade." —Christie Ridgway, USA Today bestselling author A delightful new voice in Southern fiction, Lorelle Marinello makes a truly dazzling debut with *Salting Roses*—a novel that immediately places her in the esteemed company of Elinor Lipman, Lorraine Despres, and Stephanie Gayle. In *Salting Roses*, a young woman abandoned as an infant on an Alabama porch is horrified to discover that she is the missing heiress to a vast Connecticut fortune—a birthright she wants desperately to reject in favor of her Peachtree Lane roots. A modern-day fairy tale with a Southern twist, rich in atmosphere and chock full of unforgettably eccentric characters, Lorelle Marinello's novel is not to be missed.

A gripping emotional page turner with a twist that will take your breath away HarperCollins UK

'If you enjoy Dilly Court or Rosie Goodwin, this one will be right up your street' reader review 'One of the nation's favourite saga writers' Lancashire Post In the grand tradition of Catherine Cookson, Josephine Cox and Poldark, comes a page-turning and

enthraling new Cornish-set saga of shipwrecks, smugglers, secrets and romance, from Jennie Felton.

..... She always knew a piece of her heart was missing... Cecile has been raised to a life of privilege at Polruan House, by her widowed father and aunt. Now she's of age, they are determined that she make a proper match, but Cecile's heart belongs to their coachman, Sam - most definitely not suitable marriage material. When Sam turns to his friend, smuggler Zach Carver, for help eloping with Cecile, Zach tells of a recent encounter with Lise, a beautiful but poor girl in St Ives, who is the mirror image of Cecile. And so a daring plan is born to briefly swap the girls. But bringing Cecile and Lise together will uncover an astonishing family secret of a bold escape from a loveless marriage, a treacherous shipwreck and a sister thought lost to the sea long ago...

..... For more heartwrenching, heartwarming saga, look out for *The Stolen Child* and *A Mother's Sacrifice*, out now! And don't miss Jennie's Families of Fairley Terrace series, which began with Maggie's story in *All The Dark Secrets* and continued with Lucy's story in *The Miner's Daughter*, Edie's story in *The Girl Below Stairs*, Carina's story in *The Widow's Promise* and Laurel's story in *The Sister's Secret*.

The epic and heartbreaking story of three extraordinary women fighting for Ireland's freedom Penguin UK

War brings them together. Liberation will tear them apart. FROM THE AUTHOR OF *WHILE PARIS SLEPT*, A POWERFUL NOVEL OF WAR AND RETRIBUTION, ATONEMENT AND LOVE. 'Words are power. They can bring you down, lift you up, make your heart soar, make you fall in love. Or make you hate.' Paris 1944. Elise Chevalier knows what it is to hate. Her fiancé, a young French soldier, was killed by the German army at the Maginot Line. Living amongst the enemy Elise must keep her rage buried deep within. Brittany 1963. Reaching for the old suitcase under her mother's bed, eighteen-year-old Josephine Chevalier uncovers a secret that shakes her to the core. Determined to discover the truth, Josephine travels to Paris where she learns the story of a forbidden love as a city fought for its freedom. Of the last stolen hours before the first light of liberation. And of a betrayal so deep that it would irrevocably change the course of a young woman's life for ever... A powerful portrait of war and its aftermath, THE

LAST HOURS IN PARIS is also a story of tragedy and betrayal, and the triumph of redemption and forgiveness. Acclaim for the unforgettable international bestseller *WHILE PARIS SLEPT*: 'A heartbreaking debut' JANET SKESLIEN CHARLES, AUTHOR OF THE PARIS LIBRARY 'What a book... Emotional and heartrending...absolutely phenomenal. I was on tenterhooks throughout. A wonderful achievement' JILL MANSELL 'I absolutely loved it. An ingenious plot, wonderful believable characters and it moved me to tears. A fabulous read' LESLEY PEARSE 'A gripping tale of love and sacrifice' WOMAN & HOME 'An amazing story of love, resilience and the human spirit' TRACY REES 'You'll have your heart in your mouth and tears on your cheeks as it reaches its rich, life-affirming conclusion... Had me completely and utterly enraptured' LOUISE CANDLISH 'Brace yourself for a brilliant read. This will tug at your heartstrings' BEST 'Made me think and cry and rage and smile at mankind's capacity for both terrible, heartbreaking cruelty and beautiful, selfless love' NATASHA LESTER

Trust Me Michael Joseph

Ellie and Bonny meet in London at the end of the war when, seduced and abandoned by two American airmen, they pool their wits and resources and set off to make a living on the stage. Their story is one of sacrifice and ambition but most of all of a powerful friendship that lasts against all odds.

Rosie Headline

Half a million copies sold! The breakout novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Orphan Collector*, *What She Left Behind* weaves together riveting stories of past and present, exploring the strength of women in two different times as they face adversity in two very different ways. Go inside the horrifying walls of a 1920s New York asylum as a wrongly imprisoned woman fights for what is most important to her—and meet the young woman confronting the pain and mystery of her own family's mental illness two generations later. Ten years ago, Izzy Stone's mother fatally shot her father while he slept. Devastated by her mother's apparent insanity, Izzy, now seventeen, refuses to visit her in prison. But her new foster parents, employees at the local museum, have enlisted Izzy's help in cataloging items at a long-shuttered state asylum. There, amid piles of abandoned belongings, Izzy discovers a stack of unopened letters, a decades-old journal, and a window into her own past. Young flapper and

suffragette Clara Cartwright is caught between her overbearing parents and her desire to be a modern woman. Furious when she rejects an arranged marriage, instead finding love with an Italian Immigrant, Clara's father sends her to a genteel home for nervous invalids. But when his fortune is lost in the stock market crash of 1929, he can no longer afford her care—and Clara is committed to the public asylum. Even as Izzy deals with the challenges of yet another new beginning, Clara's story keeps drawing her into the past. If Clara was never really mentally ill, could something else explain her own mother's violent act? Piecing together Clara's fate compels Izzy to re-examine her own choices—with shocking and unexpected results. "Screams with authenticity, depth, and understanding." —The New York Journal of Books "A real page turner...will appeal to all readers of fiction." —The Historical Novels Review "Amazing...A great read!" —The San Francisco Book Review "Will both haunt and inspire you... a moving, and at times chilling story that totally endears you to her characters." —SpaWeek "A great coming-of-age story." —School Library Journal

Deception Penguin UK

London, 1914. Belle Reilly finally has the life she's dreamed of thanks to a devoted husband in Jimmy and the hat shop she's wanted to own since she was a child. But as the storm clouds of World War One begin to gather, Belle's already turbulent life is to change in ways she never imagined possible. When Jimmy enlists in the army and leaves for the battlefields of Ypres, her world is shattered and she realises she can no longer stand by and watch, she must volunteer to help the wounded. But her work as a Red Cross ambulance driver in France throws her into the path of Etienne, the enigmatic man who played a significant role in her childhood, and Belle finds herself torn agonisingly between forbidden passion and loyalty to a good man. But the past returns to haunt her present in other - more unpleasant - ways and Belle's character is put to the test like never before. Can she survive this most brutal of wars with her spirit intact? And will destiny finally lead her to lasting happiness even while war rages all around?

Where can she go with no-one left to care for her? Penguin UK

A sweeping historical saga from the internationally best-selling author Lesley Pearse. London, 1910. Though raised in a brothel, fifteen-year-old Belle is still an innocent, carefree girl. That all

changes when she witnesses a murder. After seeing a girl strangled by her client, Belle's life is turned upside down. From the brothel to the streets, Belle is sold into the seedy world of sex trafficking and shipped away to New Orleans where she is made a courtesan. With little autonomy and even less hope, Belle is at the mercy of the men she is forced to entertain. With a broken spirit, dreams of her home and family are all that keep Belle going. But if she were to find her freedom, would she have a home to return to? PRAISE FOR LESLEY PEARSE & BELLE 'An atmospheric cracker with lots of twists' - Woman 'Pearse will pull on your heartstrings with this well-crafted story' - Sun 'Storytelling at its very best' - Daily Mail 'Evocative, compelling, told from the heart' - Sunday Express 'Glorious, heart-warming' - Woman & Home 'Intrigue, heart-tugging, beautifully written' - Closer 'Characters it is impossible not to care about' - Daily Mail

Stolen Penguin

Two young sisters sent far, far from home ... When tragedy deprives little Dulcie Taylor and her sister May of their parents, they are sent first to an orphanage and then shipped off to begin a new life in Australia. But the 'better life' the sisters are promised in this new and exciting country turns out to be a lie. It seems everyone who ever stood up for them, who ever said 'trust me', somehow betrays that trust: their parents, teachers and the sisters at the convent. But then Dulcie meets Ross, another orphanage survivor, and finds a kindred spirit. Can Dulcie ever

get over the pain of the past and learn to trust again? And does she have the strength to fight for her own happiness as well as that of her sister?

Ellie Penguin UK

Laura Brannigan is in jail for murder. For two years she's been battling for justice - insisting that she didn't kill her best friend, Jackie. Yet with her spirits at their lowest ebb, she receives a letter that takes her back to a different time and memory of an old love.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Michael Joseph

Discover the Sunday Times bestselling novel that inspired the beloved film. The book that inspired the box office hit *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie, Dev Patel and Penelope Wilton Enticed by advertisements for a luxury retirement home in India, a group of strangers leave England to begin a new life. On arrival, however, they discover the palace is a shell of its former self, the staff are more than a little eccentric and the days of the Raj appear to be long gone. But, as they soon discover, life and love can begin again, even in the most unexpected circumstances. Previously published with the title *These Foolish Things*.

Rebel Sisters Random House

Lesley Pearse, No.1 bestselling author of *The Promise* and *Belle* is back with *Survivor*, the story of Mariette, a born fighter. It is 1938

and Mariette Carrera is a defiant, strong-willed and selfish seventeen-year-old. And sooner or later, if she stays in the small, gossip town of Russell, New Zealand, she'll get herself into some serious trouble. Her doting parents, Belle and Etienne, fear for her reputation. So, with the world on the brink of war, Mari leaves home on the SS Rimutaka, bound for her aunt and uncle's house in London. Armed with the freedom she's longed for since childhood, Mari quickly falls for Morgan, the handsome cockney steward on board ship. But once she reaches London, there are other temptations. Mari loves her new life - caught up in a whirl of dances and parties in the glittering West End, relishing her freedom as she earns her own money as a typist. Finally, she feels she is mistress of her own future. Until it is all snatched away by the war. As London endures the Blitz, Mari's new life is cruelly blown apart. Forced from her loving new home, she ends up alone in the East End, and it's worlds away from the London she knows. But there, even in the face of so much despair, she finds the chance to make a difference. Amidst the destruction, Mari learns that the only way to survive this war is to fight, with all the strength, selflessness and compassion within her...and only then will she find true happiness. Because Mari is a survivor... From internationally bestselling author, Lesley Pearse, *Survivor* is a story of bravery and love. 'Utterly riveting, brilliant' Closer 'Characters it is impossible not to care about' Daily Mail 'Full of love, passion and heartbreak' Best

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