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 Territorial Rights **World**

## Poles Apart

### An uplifting, feel-good read about the power of friendship and community

**Anna and Jacqui Burns**

#### Sales Points

- *Poles Apart* is an uplifting and empowering novel that follows four women who undergo personal transformation through pole dancing classes.
- Anna and Jacqui Burns are a mother and daughter writing team. They live over two hundred miles apart and write their multi-viewpoint novels by emailing chapters back and forth.
- The emphasis on a close-knit community will appeal to fans of recent books by Libby Page and Sara Cox, and films such as *Calendar Girls* and *Military Wives*.

#### Reviews

- 'In *Poles Apart* there is a character that every woman can identify with. This uplifting story of four women, taking on pole dancing and changing their lives, is heartwarming, hilarious and empowering. An excellent summer read!' - *Helen Hawkins, author of A Concert for Christmas*
- '*Poles Apart* is an absolute joy to read and a reminder of the value of female friendship' - *Helga Jensen, author of Fly me to Paris*
- 'This book is an absolute tonic. If you need a lift, read it! Funny, relatable, touching, and with a heartfelt message for any woman who's ever felt less than confident about her body or asserting herself... *Poles Apart* left me with a beaming smile on my face.' - *Luisa A. Jones, author of The Broken Vow*

#### Comparable Titles



#### Description

The Pembrokeshire village of Morlan is undoubtedly a beautiful place to live, but four of its female residents find themselves in search of something more.

Gwen seems to have it all but in reality her marriage is on the rocks. Meg has struggled with her health and her love life has barely got a pulse, but is she ready to shake things up? Recently widowed Ivy is fed up, but at seventy-two can she put herself first and revamp more than just her home? Mum of two Summer dearly loves her young children but is desperate to escape the sleep-deprived fog that has settled over her.

The announcement that pole dancing exercise classes are coming to the village hall offers something fresh and exciting to each of them, as well as the discovery of previously hidden strengths. As the group come together, a bond is formed that will allow them to overcome the trials and tribulations that lie ahead...

#### Author Biography

##### Anna Burns (Author)

Anna Burns is a psychiatrist and one half of a writing team with her mother Jacqui Burns. They write their novels while living over two hundred miles apart, emailing chapters back and forth, focussing on strong but relatable women at the centre of families and communities. *Love at Café Lompar* was shortlisted for the RNA Debut Novel Award.

##### Jacqui Burns (Author)

Jacqui Burns is a lecturer and one half of a writing team with her daughter

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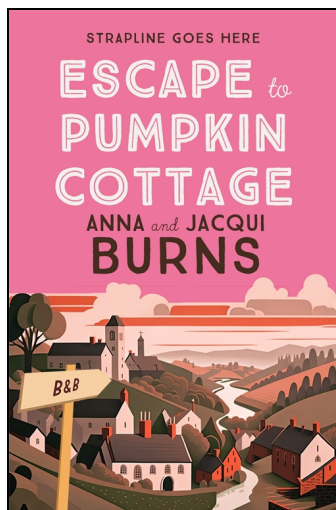
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## Escape to Pumpkin Cottage

### An feel-good read about romance and rivalry

#### Anna and Jacqui Burns

#### Sales Points

- *Escape to Pumpkin Cottage* follows the hilarious rivalries of two rival B&B owners in the idyllic the Wye Valley.
- Anna and Jacqui Burns are a mother and daughter writing team. They live over two hundred miles apart and write their multi-viewpoint novels by emailing chapters back and forth.
- For fans of Libby Page, Sara Cox and Heidi Swain.

#### Reviews

- 'A gloriously summery and transporting read' - *The Bookseller on Anna and Jacqui Burns*

#### Comparable Titles



#### Description

Pippa Mason is ready for a fresh start. She has bought Pumpkin Cottage in the picturesque Wye Valley village of Riverdean, where her late mother grew up, and plans to renovate a run-down bed and breakfast. Despite the complications of the project and a very surly builder, Pippa is settling into village life and starting to fall for the charms of local Jake when problems start coming thick and fast ...

Jenny Foster has enough on her plate running Riverside Lodge as well as managing her husband Phil's diagnosis of early-onset dementia. She didn't need the threat of another B&B on her doorstep. When the spat between them escalates and an autumn storm brings matters to a head, Pippa and Jenny will have to see if Riverdean is big enough for the both of them.

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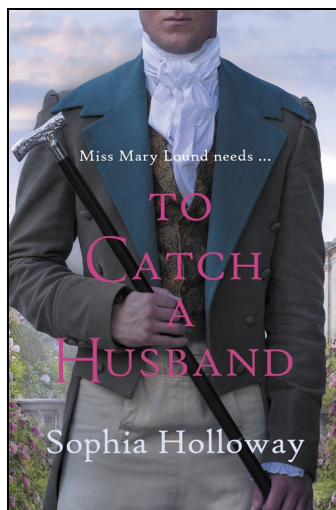
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## To Catch a Husband

### The heart-warming Regency romance from the author of Kingscastle

**Sophia Holloway**

#### Sales Points

- The next instalment of Sophia Holloway's Regency romances follows on from the recent success of *Kingscastle* and *The Chaperone*
- A classic Regency romance in the tradition of Georgette Heyer's beloved novels
- A genre that has seen a surge of interest following the Netflix adaptation of *Bridgerton* and books such as *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting*

#### Reviews

- 'For once the comparison with Heyer is very apt' - *Mary Kingswood, author of Stranger at the Dower House*

#### Comparable Titles



#### Description

Gloucestershire, 1813. Miss Mary Lound of Tapley End would be the first to say that she demonstrates more grace with a fishing rod in her hand than she might ever twirling in a ballroom. This was not, however, a problem until her ne'er-do-well brother sold the family estate, leaving Mary and her mother in very straitened circumstances. When the new owner, Sir Rowland Kempsey, takes up residence, Mary decides to direct her energies into recovering her beloved home by catching a husband.

Promisingly, Sir Rowland thinks Miss Lound is a breath of fresh air. But with awkward attempts at flirtation, a duplicitous predator at large in the neighbourhood and the emergence of feelings that complicate her pragmatic goal, Mary discovers that landing the man she wants is more difficult than she had anticipated.

#### Author Biography

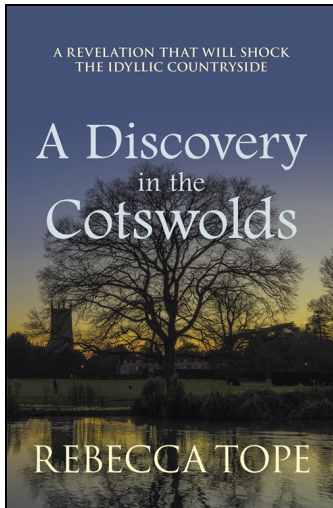
Sophia Holloway read Modern History at Oxford and also writes the Bradecote and Catchpoll medieval mysteries as Sarah Hawkswood.

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**FICTION / Mystery & Detective / Amateur Sleuth (FIC022100)**

Series **Cotswold Mysteries 21**

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## A Discovery in the Cotswolds

### The page-turning cosy crime series (Cotswold Mysteries 21)

**Rebecca Tope**

#### Sales Points

- A classic British cosy crime mystery set in the idyllic Cotswold countryside
- Rebecca Tope has made the Top 50 Most Borrowed Adult Author list in recent PLR figures
- A long-running and well-loved series with hordes of devoted fans

#### Reviews

- 'The Cotswold setting will appeal to readers who enjoy cozy village mysteries' - *Publishers Weekly*
- 'Rich in psychological insight... Tope is particularly skilled in creating interesting and unique characters' - *Deadly Pleasures*
- 'Tope has considerable skill in creating a large cast of fully rounded characters, who are not only believable but also memorable' - *Mystery People*

#### Previous Titles



#### Description

Thea Osborne reconnects with her friend Emmy while on a visit to the church in Baunton, near Cirencester with her stepdaughter Stephanie. Emmy, now married to local farmer Nick Weaver, asks Thea to, help them find their missing niece, Ginny.

But before Thea can get started, she stumbles upon the recently killed body of Alice, a woman they had briefly seen in Cirencester the day before. Stephanie concentrates on searching for Ginny via social media while Thea is diverted into helping the police with the murder investigation. It soon becomes clear that Ginny and Alice are linked in a sinister way.

#### Author Biography

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees.

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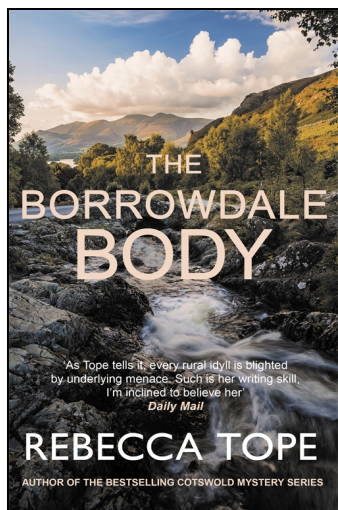
#### EBook

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FULL TITLE LISTING FOR **THE COTSWOLD MYSTERIES** SERIES  
BY REBECCA TOPE (in release date order)

A Cotswold Killing  
A Cotswold Ordeal  
Death in the Cotswolds  
A Cotswold Mystery  
Blood in the Cotswolds  
Slaughter in the Cotswolds  
Fear in the Cotswolds  
A Grave in the Cotswolds  
Deception in the Cotswolds  
Malice in the Cotswolds  
Shadows in the Cotswolds  
Trouble in the Cotswolds  
Revenge in the Cotswolds  
Guilt in the Cotswolds  
Peril in the Cotswolds  
Crisis in the Cotswolds  
Secrets in the Cotswolds  
A Cotswold Christmas Mystery  
Echoes in the Cotswolds  
Betrayal in the Cotswolds  
A Discovery in the Cotswolds  
A Cotswold Casebook (stories)





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## The Borrowdale Body

### The enthralling English cosy crime series (Lake District Mysteries 13)

**Rebecca Tope**

#### Sales Points

- Tope is a go-to author for cosy crime fiction with an atmospheric setting, whether in the Cotswolds, the West Country or, with this latest addition, the stunning Lake District.
- A must-read for fans of MC Beaton and Carola Dunn.
- This compelling addition to the series is set in the Borrowdale area of the Lake District.

#### Reviews

- 'Tope has considerable skill in creating a large cast of fully rounded characters, who are not only believable but also memorable.' - *Mystery People*
- 'Rich in psychological insight... Tope is particularly skilled in creating interesting and unique characters.' - *Deadly Pleasures*

#### Previous Titles



#### Description

Two days before an auction of the contents of High Gates House in Borrowdale, Christopher Henderson bumps into Jennifer Reade, the heir to the entire estate, and the expected recipient of the proceeds of the house clearance sale. She discovers a dead man in the cellar of the house but threatens and cajoles Christopher into remaining silent about it until after the auction to avoid complications and delays.

The auction begins but is soon halted by the police with the news that a murder has been committed. Simmy, Christopher's wife and amateur sleuth, applies herself to the mystery of the deaths but not everyone is as they appear and Simmy will have to contend with a ruthless and determined killer in her fight for the truth.

#### Author Biography

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees.

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#### EBook

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SERIES BY REBECCA TOPE (in release date order)

The Windermere Witness

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The Coniston Case

The Troutbeck Testimony

The Hawkshead Hostage

The Bowness Bequest

The Staveley Suspect

The Grasmere Grudge

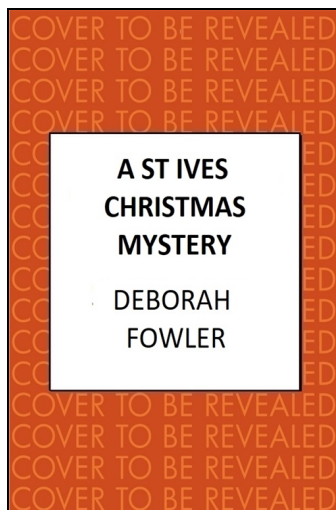
The Patterdale Plot

The Ullswater Undertaking

The Threlkeld Theory

The Askham Accusation

The Borrowdale Body



**A ST IVES  
CHRISTMAS  
MYSTERY**

**DEBORAH  
FOWLER**

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## A St Ives Christmas Mystery

### Sales Points

- A&B has longstanding success with local crime writers. Deborah is set to join Stephanie Austin and Rebecca Tope.
- Deborah Fowler has already gathered an active readership for her self-published crime novels. Expect much more active local promotion for the new A&B title.

### Comparable Titles



### Description

Merrin expects to encounter dirty laundry and the odd phone charger when cleaning holiday rentals in the idyllic St Ives. She didn't bargain to find a dead body in the run-up to Christmas...

### Author Biography

Deborah Fowler's first short story was published when she was seventeen. Since then, she has published over six hundred short stories for a variety of women's magazines. She has also written seven novels and a series of eight crime novels.

With her husband, Alan, an accountant, she wrote a number of small business guide books and also several books on both property and money management. On her own, she also published several works of non-fiction on subjects as diverse as adoption and herbal medicines.

Deborah lives in a small hamlet just outside St Ives. She has four children, four stepsons and twelve grandchildren.



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Series **Blind Detective 8**

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## Murder at Bletchley Park

### The thrilling wartime mystery series (Blind Detective 8)

**Christina Koning**

#### Sales Points

- Allison & Busby are proud to publish a brand new instalment in the Blind Detective series, *Murder at Bletchley Park*, having successfully reissued Koning's earlier thrilling mysteries
- *Murder at Bletchley Park* follows the injured war veteran and amateur sleuth, Frederick Rowlands, as he investigates the case of a missing woman at the World War Two code breaking hub
- Koning's books have won awards and attracted great critical success

#### Reviews

- 'With vivid characterisation and a keen ear for dialogue, Christina Koning has all the qualities of a first-class mystery writer' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Beautifully written, the period feel is utterly convincing, and the hero - who is blind - is one of the most fascinating detectives' - *Amanda Craig, author of Hearts and Minds*

#### Previous Titles



#### Description

Spring, 1941. The Second World War has entered a dangerous phase, with British ships being torpedoed in the Atlantic and nightly bombing raids on major ports. At Bletchley Park, top secret home of the nation's code-breakers, the race is on to crack the German Enigma code and thus prevent further naval and military losses. This endeavour is suddenly very close to home for Frederick Rowlands, blind veteran of the Great War, when his daughter, Margaret, who works at 'the Park' as a cryptographer, is arrested on suspicion of betraying secrets to the enemy.

Then a young woman is found murdered, and Rowlands is drawn into a deadly battle of wits where he must decode a series of clues that will lead him to the killer and enable him to discover the real traitor at Bletchley Park.

#### Author Biography

Christina Koning has worked as a journalist, reviewing fiction for *The Times*, and has taught Creative Writing at the University of Oxford and Birkbeck, University of London. From 2013 to 2015, she was Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Newnham College, Cambridge. She won the Encore Prize in 1999 and was long-listed for the Orange Prize in the same year.

#### EBook

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CHRISTINA KONING (in release date order)

The Blind Detective

Murder in Regent's Park

Murder at Hendon Aerodrome

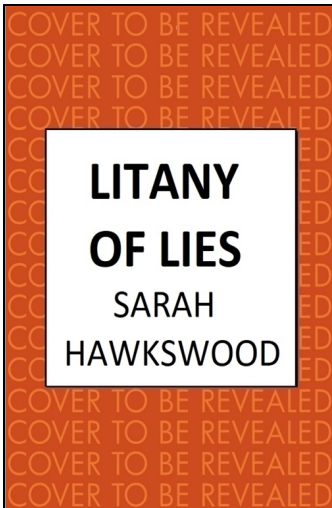
Murder in Berlin

Murder in Cambridge

Murder in Barcelona

Murder in Dublin

Murder at Bletchley Park



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**Litany of Lies**  
**The must-read medieval mystery series (Bradecote & Catchpoll 12)**

**Sarah Hawkswood**

**Sales Points**

- Following the massive success of the earlier titles in the Bradecote and Catchpoll series, we are proud to launch Sarah Hawkswood's new book in hardback
- This title will appeal particularly to fans of C. J. Sansom's books and Ariana Franklin's Mistress of Death series
- Author brings to life the mysterious world of twelfth-century Worcestershire

**Reviews**

- 'A new Bradecote and Catchpoll (and Wakelin) medieval mystery is always a true delight' - *M. J. Porter*

**Previous Titles**



**Description**

Midsummer, 1145. The steward of Evesham Abbey is found dead at the bottom of a well pit. The Abbot, whose relationship with the lord Sheriff of Worcestershire is strained at best, dislikes needing external help with the unfortunate incident. However, he grudgingly receives the trio of Undersheriff Hugh Bradecote, Serjeant Catchpoll and Underserjeant Walkelin.

As the sheriff's men probe who had more reason to want Walter the Steward dead, they discover that truth is in short supply. With the tensions between the Abbey and the local castle guard reaching boiling point, another killing will force the investigation down a dangerous path.

**Author Biography**

Sarah Hawkswood describes herself as a 'wordsmith' who is only really happy when writing. She read Modern History at Oxford and first published a non-fiction book on the Royal Marines in the First World War before moving on to medieval mysteries set in Worcestershire.

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SARAH HAWKSWOOD (in release date order)

Servant of Death

Ordeal by Fire

Marked to Die

Hostage to Fortune

Vale of Tears

Faithful Unto Death

River of Sins

Blood Runs Thicker

Wolf at the Door

A Taste for Killing

Too Good to Hang

Litany of Lies