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'Compassionate' Guardian 'Extremely affecting' Scotsman As a teenager, Harriet Shawcross stopped speaking at school for almost a year. As an adult, she became fascinated by the limits of language. From the inexpressible trauma of trench warfare and the aftermath of natural disaster to the taboo of coming out, Harriet examines all the ways in which words scare us. She studies wartime poet George Oppen, interviews the author of *The Vagina Monologues*, meets Nepalese earthquake-survivors and the founders of the Samaritans and asks what makes us silent? 'Simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie' *The Sunday Times* Discover the novels that inspired the hit ITV series *Midsomer Murders*, seen and loved by millions. The compelling fifth novel in the *Midsomer Murders* series by Caroline Graham, starring Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby. Features an exclusive foreword by John Nettles. Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie, Ann Granger and James Runcie's *The Grantchester Mysteries*. The Fawcett Green bell-ringers don't bat an eyelid when Simone Hollingsworth fails to turn up to practice. They merely assume that bell-ringing has become the latest in a long list of her abandoned hobbies. But then the increasingly strange behaviour of Simone's husband, Alan, begins to raise neighbourly suspicions about her whereabouts. And when the discovery of a body draws Chief Inspector Barnaby to the village, it becomes clear that unravelling the couple's tangled lives will have painful repercussions for the whole village. . . Praise for Caroline Graham's novels: 'Everyone gets what they deserve in this high-class mystery' *Sunday Telegraph* 'A witty, well-plotted, absolute joy of a book' *Yorkshire Post* 'A treat . . . haunting stuff' *Woman's Realm* 'Swift, tense and highly alarming' *TLS* 'Lots of excellent character sketches . . . and the dialogue is lively and convincing' *Independent* 'Hard to praise highly enough' *The Sunday Times* 'Her books are not just great whodunits but great novels in their own right' *Julie Burchill* 'Enlivened by a very sardonic wit and turn of phrase, the narrative drive never falters' *Birmingham Post* 'Read her and you'll be astonished . . . very sexy, very hip and very funny' *Scotsman* One of NPR's 50 Favorite Sci-Fi and Fantasy Books of the Past Decade Magic and mayhem clash with the British elite in this whimsical and sparkling debut. The Royal Society of Unnatural Philosophers maintains the magic within His Majesty's lands. But lately, the once proper institute has fallen into disgrace, naming an altogether unsuitable gentleman as their Sorcerer Royal and allowing England's stores of magic to bleed dry. At least they haven't stooped so low as to allow women to practice what is obviously a man's profession. . . At his wit's end, Zacharias Wythe, Sorcerer Royal of the Unnatural Philosophers, ventures to the border of Fairyland to discover why England's magical stocks are drying up, an adventure that brings him in contact with Prunella Gentlewoman, a woman with immense power and an unfathomable gift, and sets him on a path which will alter the nature of sorcery in all of Britain—and the world at large. . . 'Simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie' *The Sunday Times* Discover the novels that inspired the hit ITV series *Midsomer Murders*, seen and loved by millions. Featuring Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby and created by Caroline Graham, *Death in Disguise* is the third *Midsomer Murders* mystery, now featuring an exclusive foreword by John Nettles, ITV's DCI Tom Barnaby. Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie, James Runcie's *The Grantchester Mysteries* and Ann Granger. To the distaste of the Compton Dando villagers, the big house has been taken over by a group of New Age eccentrics. And when the first death is reported, no one is surprised . . . or disappointed. The Coroner rules it an accident. But only weeks later, there's another death. And this time, it is murder. Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby is called to the scene immediately, and there'll be no escape until he has sifted through the world of psychics, cult leaders and horrifying deaths to get to the cause of it all. Praise for Caroline Graham's novels: 'Swift, tense and highly alarming' *TLS* 'Tension builds, bitchery flares, resentment seethes . . . lots of atmosphere, colourful characters and fair clues' *Mail on Sunday* 'A mystery of which Agatha Christie would have been proud. . . A beautifully written crime novel' *The Times* 'Wickedly acidic, yet sympathetic' *Publishers Weekly* 'Everyone gets what they deserve in this high-class mystery' *Sunday Telegraph* 'Read her and you'll be astonished . . . very sexy, very hip and very funny' *Scotsman* Sherlock Holmes is dead. Days after Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind. Aply assisted by Inspector Athelney Jones, a devoted student of Holmes's methods of investigation and deduction, Chase must hunt down this shadowy figure, a man much feared but seldom seen, a man determined to engulf London in a tide of murder and menace. The game is afoot . . . An onstage murder in a small English village draws the beloved detective into "a theatrical whodunit worthy of a deep bow" (*The New York Times*). Actors do love their dramas, and the members of the Causton Amateur Dramatic Society are no exception. However, even the

most theatrically minded have to admit that murdering the leading man in full view of the audience is a bit over the top. Luckily, Inspector Barnaby is in that audience, and while he may lack certain skills as a theater critic, he's just the man to catch a killer. In this second Barnaby mystery, the inspector is in his element, and so is author Caroline Graham, a former actress, who tweaks her collection of community-theater artistes and small-town drama queens with merciless delight. *Death of a Hollow Man* was the basis for the second episode in season one of the acclaimed ITV crime drama *Midsomer Murders*. All is not well in the beautiful county of Midsomer. On the eve of its first Villages In Bloom competition, a man lies dead, smelling of damson jam. Who could have done it? Well, that's where you come in. Step into the shoes of Midsomer CID's newest recruit, choose your own path and decide which way the story goes. Will you get to the bottom of the mystery? Will you bring the perpetrator to justice? And perhaps most importantly of all, could you avoid an untimely, and possibly bizarre, death... will YOU survive Midsomer? Your task is to make the right choices, solve the case and - most tricky of all - stay alive!... Good luck. An official *Midsomer Murders* Interactive novel set in ITV's most celebrated and murderous county. 'Simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie' *The Sunday Times* Discover the novels that inspired the hit ITV series *Midsomer Murders*, seen and loved by millions. *A Ghost in the Machine* is the captivating seventh novel in the *Midsomer Murders* series starring Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby. Features an exclusive foreword by John Nettles, ITV's DCI Tom Barnaby. If you love Agatha Christie, Ann Granger and James Runcie's *The Grantchester Mysteries* you'll love the *Midsomer Murders* mysteries by Caroline Graham. For all its old-fashioned charm, *Forbes Abbot* is far from the close-knit community that ex-Londoners Mallory and Kate Lawson expected. In this village, everyday squabbles can quickly turn to murder. As the couple begins to settle into their new life away from the big city, it isn't long until they're thrown into the horror and mayhem of a true *Midsomer Murders* mystery. Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby has encountered many intriguing cases in his years on the force, but soon he will discover that the incident of the ghost in the machine is the most challenging of them all. Praise for Caroline Graham's novels: 'Wickedly acidic, yet sympathetic' *Publishers Weekly* 'Swift, tense and highly alarming' *TLS* 'One to savour' *Val McDermid* 'Lots of excellent character sketches . . . and the dialogue is lively and convincing' *Independent* 'Hard to praise highly enough' *The Sunday Times* 'Her books are not just great whodunits but great novels in their own right' *Julie Burchill* 'Enlivened by a very sardonic wit and turn of phrase, the narrative drive never falters' *Birmingham Post* 'An uncommonly appealing mystery . . . a real winner' *Publishers Weekly* 'Read her and you'll be astonished . . . very sexy, very hip and very funny' *Scotsman* 'The mystery is intriguing, the wit shafts through like sunlight . . . do not miss this book' *Family Circle* **SHE PLANNED HER OWN FUNERAL. BUT DID SHE ARRANGE HER OWN MURDER?** New York Times bestselling author of *Magpie Murders* and *Moriarty*, Anthony Horowitz has yet again brilliantly reinvented the classic crime novel, this time writing a fictional version of himself as the Watson to a modern-day Holmes. One bright spring morning in London, Diana Cowper – the wealthy mother of a famous actor - enters a funeral parlor. She is there to plan her own service. Six hours later she is found dead, strangled with a curtain cord in her own home. Enter disgraced police detective Daniel Hawthorne, a brilliant, eccentric investigator who's as quick with an insult as he is to crack a case. Hawthorne needs a ghost writer to document his life; a Watson to his Holmes. He chooses Anthony Horowitz. Drawn in against his will, Horowitz soon finds himself at the center of a story he cannot control. Hawthorne is brusque, temperamental and annoying but even so his latest case with its many twists and turns proves irresistible. The writer and the detective form an unusual partnership. At the same time, it soon becomes clear that Hawthorne is hiding some dark secrets of his own. A masterful and tricky mystery that springs many surprises, *The Word is Murder* is Anthony Horowitz at his very best. When a visiting author is suspected of murder, the case is hardly open and shut in this English village mystery novel by the author of *Death in Disguise*. The *Midsomer Worthy's Writers' Circle* has never had much luck in attracting guest speakers. Consequently, there is much surprise when best-selling novelist Max Jennings accepts their invitation. But the members are even more surprised by their secretary, Gerald Hadleigh, who furiously objects to hosting Jennings—and offers no explanation. Surprise turns into a variety of responses when Hadleigh is found dead the morning after Jennings' visitation. Chief Inspector Barnaby soon determines that the key to solving the murder will lie with the illustrious Jennings. There's only one problem: the famous author has disappeared. Murder comes to *Madingley Grange* when a game goes horribly wrong. From the creator of the *Midsomer Murders* series which began with *The Killings at Badger's Drift* comes a standalone murder mystery novel that will shock you and intrigue you. 'Simply the best detective writers since Agatha Christie' *The Sunday Times* When a failed entrepreneur is temporarily left in charge of his aunt's huge gothic home, he knows he must be able to make a profit from it somehow. Murder, he decides, is the only way to do it. For *Madingley Grange* is the perfect venue for a 1930s murder-mystery weekend and Simon Hannaford - with the reluctant help of his long-suffering sister - soon hatches a plan for money-spinning mayhem. From the conservatory to the claret cellar, the clues are carefully sprinkled. But when the guests arrive it is obvious that the game won't be going as planned. Not one of the visitors is willing to play the victim. And when a body does appear, it hardly takes Hercule Poirot to guess it is not a volunteer. Now the game really begins . . . First in the

Magic Trilogy. A clever, beautiful woman disguises herself as a mousy Scottish lass to keep the notoriously rakish Earl of Rothermere from marrying her, only to find she was chosen for that very reason. After the earl discards her, she sheds her dowdy facade to become London society's brightest star—rousing the ire and igniting the passions of her faithless husband. Let multi-million copy seller Elvi Rhodes sweep you away with this moving and heart-warming saga set by the sea. Perfect for fans of Rosamunde Pilcher and Maeve Binchy. READERS ARE LOVING MIDSUMMER MEETING! "Thoroughly enjoyed reading this book with its descriptive story and characters involved and I would recommend the reading of this to anyone" - 5 STARS "What a good writer [Elvi Rhodes] is...!" - 5 STARS "Magic" - 5 STARS
***** AFTER HEARTBREAKING TRAGEDY, CAN SHE FACE THE CHALLENGES OF HER NEW LIFE? Petra is at an all time low when she is unexpectedly left a cottage in the tight-knit village of Mindon by an old friend of her mother's: her parents had been killed in a car accident, her boyfriend had decided to go back to his wife, and as a painter she led a solitary life in her North Yorkshire home town. But she feels immediately at home in the gracious stone house that had been bequeathed to her, and is made welcome by the local residents - in particular, by the members of the Mindon Amateur Dramatic Society (somewhat appropriately known as MADS) presided over by the formidable Ursula. When Ursula decides to put on A Midsummer Night's Dream as the next production, Petra, to her surprise and pleasure, is put in charge of the wardrobe. Rivalries, squabbles, love affairs and seething resentments threaten to scupper the production, but Petra has more pressing things on her mind... A mystery from her past begins to haunt her - and the answer to that mystery might solve the puzzle of why she has been left such a beautiful house by a total stranger. Monthly current affairs magazine from a Christian perspective with a focus on politics, society, economics and culture. A guide to English-language works that have been adapted as theatrical and television films, this volume includes books (both fiction and non-fiction), short stories, newspaper and magazine articles and poems. Entries are arranged alphabetically by literary title with cross-listings for films made under different titles. Each entry includes the original work's title, author, year of first publication, literary prizes, and a brief plot summary. Information on film adaptation(s) of the work, including adaptation titles, director, screenwriter, principal cast and the names of the characters they portray, major awards, and availability in the most common formats (DVD, VHS), is also offered. The book is published as a set of two volumes. Replacement volumes can be obtained individually under ISBN 0-7864-2503-2 (for Volume 1) and ISBN 0-7864-2504-0 (for Volume 2). Charlie Leathers was not the most popular man in the charming English village of Ferne Basset, but few people seemed to hate him enough to murder him. Still, that was his fate one night, and it brings Inspector Barnaby to the scene to investigate. What Barnaby doesn't know is that before his death, Charlie witnessed what might have been the suicide--or murder--of a young woman whose troubles with the law have landed her in the home of a local retired minister and his none-too-pleased wife. Now a man is dead, a girl is missing, and a town is in chaos as long-kept secrets begin to unravel, with deadly repercussions. Since the Bible appears so frequently in Dylan Thomas' work, some critics have decided that he must be a religious poet. Others, noting blasphemous statements and certain irreligious aspects of Thomas' personal life, contend that he was no such thing. Rushworth M. Kidder, investigating this problem, looks below the surface of the obviously religious imagery and discovers a more profound poetry. The first part of this book discusses the nature of religious poetry and the application of that term to Thomas' work; it then develops the necessary background based on his letters and prose comments to provide a foundation for the study; and finally it examines the relationship between the religious aspects of his poetry and his well-known ambiguity. The author re-defines the vocabulary for dealing with religious imagery by establishing three distinct categories of imagery: referential, allusive, and thematic. This original technique is used to examine critically Thomas' poems to show the development of his religious and poetic thought. There are numerous close, sensitive readings of individual poems to show how his poetry, like the Bible, teaches by parable, speaking deliberate ambiguity rather than simple dogma. This strategy inspired poetry that is technically complex but thematically simple, a mode of verse that became more explicitly religious in the poet's final years. Originally published in 1973. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905. It is Midsummer's Eve. Three young friends meet in a wood to act out an elaborate masque. But, unknown to them, they are being watched. Each is killed by a single bullet. Soon afterwards, one of Inspector Wallander's colleagues is found murdered. Is it the same killer, and what could the connection be? In this investigation Wallander is always, tantalisingly, one step behind. Chief Inspector Barnaby and his faithful sidekick, Sergeant Troy, investigate doings at an exotic New Age commune and find themselves in a whirlpool of murder and mistaken identities After washing all of the Flower Fairy outfits for the midsummer party, Lavender plays a game of hide and seek with her friends, but when a group of children threaten to expose

the fairies, Lavender and her friends must save the day. A quaint English village is home to a murderer in the Macavity Award-winning mystery series debut that launched the British crime drama Midsomer Murders. Badger's Drift is the ideal English village, complete with vicar, bumbling local doctor, and kindly spinster. But when the spinster dies suddenly, her best friend kicks up a fuss loud enough to attract the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby. And when Barnaby and his eager-beaver deputy start poking around, they uncover a swamp of ugly scandals and long-suppressed resentments seething below the picture-postcard prettiness. In the grand English tradition of the quietly intelligent copper, Barnaby has both an irresistibly dry sense of humor and a keen insight into what makes people tick. The Killings at Badger's Drift marks Inspector Barnaby's debut, and offers ample proof that Caroline Graham may indeed be "simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie" (Sunday Times of London). "Murder most pleasing . . . a corking good mystery." —Los Angeles Times

It's Midsummer in Early Renaissance Scotland. Amid black crags and ocean spray, a troubled clan chief weighs a decision that will determine the course of war in the Highlands. Torn between his kin and his king, he summons a secret courier called Silk to carry a message and bring back a response that will help him choose. Silk is a woman skilled at many clandestine arts, but mostly that of remaining unseen, unnoticed, silent. During the long midsummer days, she journeys in solitude when she can and blends unremarkably into a crowd when she must. She spends the dark nights alone and in hiding-until she hears graceful music within the woods. Drawn from hiding to listen more closely, she spies handsome musician Velvet Hugh MacToro. The grandson of a shipwrecked Spanish troubadour, Velvet Hugh practices upon his father's vihuela every midnight as he travels to compete for acceptance into the Guild and a possible position at court. His songs evoke a range of emotions Silk has rarely experienced in her life of stealth: yearning, melancholy, playfulness, passion. She finds herself lingering, silent in the shadows. Inexplicably, the man notices her. Sensitive to the desires of his audience, he improvises a new melody to entice her closer... But enemies move closer also. Horse thieves invade Velvet's camp. Velvet defends himself well, but he is outnumbered. Silk suspects these ruffians' connection with her chieftain's rivals, who seek to intercept her message and ensure that the Highlands rise up against the king. Risking discovery, she creeps behind with her garrote, overcomes one and then another. Velvet drives off the attackers, then joins Silk in adopting the disguise of a pair of festival-goers riding together to Edinburgh. In this way they hope to mislead her pursuers-and hope, even more, for another night of musical intimacy. Clouds gather as darkness falls. Winds grow wild. Love is near as Velvet plays, but enemies are near as well. The storm that strikes at midnight may end the lovers' chances, their romance, even their lives-yet Silk holds secrets still... A plain-clothes copper in Paris, Kleber is 40 years old, drinks hard and smokes fifty a day. He is devoted to his young wife, Elenya, a former prostitute whom he rescued from her pimp, but he is embittered by 22 years on the streets, and his sleep is haunted by dreams of death. Kleber has many enemies, and only one friend: a criminal named Mark. When Kleber is suspended from the police force for punching a fellow officer, his underworld adversaries seize their chance to bring him to heel. Down but not out, Kleber will show no mercy to those who harm the ones he loves. Derek Raymond's final book ? the typescript was discovered after his death in 1994 ? Nightmare in the Street is a fitting finale to a career spent writing about, and indeed living among, the darkest reaches of humanity. 'EASILY THE GREATEST OF OUR CRIME WRITERS'Sunday Times 'My favourite literary hero at the moment is Anthony Horowitz' Shari Lapena 'Pure pleasure for readers ... A must-read delight.' WALL STREET JOURNAL 'Sheer genius ... A joy from start to finish' INDEPENDENT _____ Death, deception, and a detective with quite a lot to hide: the second novel in the bestselling series starring Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne. _____ 'You shouldn't be here. It's too late...' These were Richard Pryce's last words, overheard moments before the celeb divorce lawyer was bludgeoned to death with a £3,000 bottle of wine. Strange circumstances pile up. Pryce was teetotal, so why this bottle? Why those words? Why did the killer paint a number on his wall? And, most importantly, which of the man's many, many enemies did the deed? Baffled, the police are forced to bring in Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick, the author Anthony, who's really getting rather good at this murder investigation business. But as Hawthorne takes on the case with characteristic relish, it becomes clear that he, too, has secrets to hide. Anthony knows they must be exposed - even at the risk of death... _____ 'This is meta-fiction I can get behind.' Shari Lapena 'Anthony Horowitz gets away with murder in all sorts of ways and emerges triumphant' THE TIMES, Books of the Year 'This is crime fiction as dazzling entertainment, sustained by writing as skilfully light-footed as Fred Astaire' SUNDAY TIMES CRIME CLUB (STAR PICK) 'A crime story that keeps you up into the small hours... a page-turning mystery' METRO 'Sheer genius ... The narrative is hilarious and full of Holmesian clues and deliberate errors which will leave the eagle-eyed reader feeling just a bit smug. A joy from start to finish' INDEPENDENT 'Fans of traditional puzzle mysteries will be enthralled' PUBLISHERS WEEKLY 'One of the most creative writers in the country today' JEREMY VINE 'Huge fun... It's hard to know why anyone who loves a good mystery wouldn't thoroughly enjoy the ride' IRISH INDEPENDENT 'Anyone who likes a good Midsomer-style murder mystery will love The Sentence is Death' CULTUREFLY 'Succeeds on all levels ... Horowitz has the Midas touch' BOOKLIST 'Brilliant and enigmatic' AARP 'No one currently

working the field has anywhere near this much ingenuity to burn' KIRKUS Hilary Kent, a Londoner all his working life, retires to Wiltshire after an estranged cousin unexpectedly leaves him an inhabitable tower surrounded by an overgrown physic garden – and that's when graduate student Tom Laurence suddenly erupts into his life, convincing him that together they can restore the ancient garden to its former glory. Tom's cheerful friendship is the best thing that's ever happened to Hilary and he's perfectly content with that until, to his astonishment and confusion, it seems that Tom's affection for him is beginning to grow into something more ... something he feels he probably shouldn't allow. Fans of Rosamunde Pilcher and Maeve Binchy will love this warm-hearted and moving novel from multi-million copy seller Elvi Rhodes. Let this story sweep you away! READERS ARE LOVING A BLESSING IN DISGUISE! "I loved this book...the character comes to life within the first few pages" - 5 STARS Such a perfect book...it just flows and you don't want to stop reading" - 5 STARS "Brilliant" - 5 STARS "[I was] compelled to read to the end ASAP!" - 5 STARS

***** AS SHE TRIES TO MAKE A NEW LIFE, WILL SHE EVER FEEL SHE FITS IN? Young, attractive, a widow with a ten-year-old daughter - Venus Stanton was certainly not the vicar that the traditional parish of Thurston had been expecting. The village was agog and surprised and, in some cases, not at all pleased. Venus had to endure curiosity, misunderstandings and even downright hostility. But she also found warmth, friendship and kindness - sometimes from the most unexpected quarters. Still mourning the death of her husband, and having to cope with the problems of single parenthood, Venus began to think that she would never manage the task she had set herself. Perhaps the doubters were right. But many others - including the local handsome doctor - thought otherwise... Venus's story continues in Mixed Blessings. The story of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles is one of the most remarkable love stories of our time. Spanning decades, the path of their love has never run smoothly, with the couple encountering passion, misery and betrayal before their reconciliation and acceptance by the establishment and the public. This sensational biography reveals everything about their relationship, from meeting in the summer of 1970 to their historic wedding nearly a quarter of a century later and beyond as Camilla officially takes her place at Charles's side as the Duchess of Cornwall. Last year, Jerry Flack was a dork. So this year, at a new school in a new town, he's decided to start a new life altogether--as a Cool Kid. He's been preparing all summer: studying teen magazines, acquiring hair gel, and distressing his jeans. Things get off to a good start, and before you know it, Jerry's in, Rollerblading with the pros. But soon, Jerry finds himself tangled up in a complicated web of lies; and what's more, he's battling a terrible urge to put his glasses back on, join the science team, build a hovercraft, and, worst of all, date Brenda, a 100% geek. Does he really want to be a dork in disguise forever? Carol Gorman perfectly captures the horror and hilarity of the middle-school social scene in this fast-paced and funny take on what it really means to be yourself. Eventyret om hvordan den uskyldige ungdomsforelskelse mellem overklassepigens Camilla og prinsen af Wales udviklede sig til en kærlighedshistorie der - foreløbig - har varet i 25 år “In the pure poetry and intoxication of words, Shakespeare never rose higher than he rises in this play.” —G. K. Chesterton This Norton Critical Edition includes: • Shakespeare's most popular comedy—with its unforgettable love triangles, woodland fairies, and magic—based on Grace Ippolo's conflated text (Q1 with F1 variants) and accompanied by her introduction, note on the text, and explanatory annotations. • Five illustrations. • Seven sources for the play, including those by Geoffrey Chaucer, Plutarch, and Lucius Apuleius. • Fifteen wide-ranging critical assessments, including ones by Jan Kott, Margo Hendricks, and Peter Brook. • Adaptations of A Midsummer Night's Dream by Robert Cox and Henry Purcell and Elkanah Settle. • A Selected Bibliography. About the Series Read by more than 12 million students over fifty-five years, Norton Critical Editions set the standard for apparatus that is right for undergraduate readers. The three-part format—annotated text, contexts, and criticism—helps students to better understand, analyze, and appreciate the literature, while opening a wide range of teaching possibilities for instructors. Whether in print or in digital format, Norton Critical Editions provide all the resources students need. Bachelor Thesis from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, University of Osnabrück, 26 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Compared to other writers of his time, Shakespeare introduces an unusual amount of deep female characters in his comedies. His representation of women, in particular the ways in which his female roles are interpreted and put on stage, have become topics of scientific interest. Especially the young women often show vitality, great intelligence, and a strong sense of personal independence, which marks them as “queen[s] of comedy” (Palmer 72). Therefore, they are often referred to as Shakespeare's heroines. In the following, I want to show their importance and point out that each heroine, although they all share character traits, has distinct and unique qualities. In doing so, I will occasionally refer to a secondary literature and involve positions of different critics. Though, my attention will be focussed on the plays treated in this research paper: A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, Much Ado About Nothing, The Tempest, and Twelfth Night. On the basis of these romantic comedies, I will analyse how the young women are presented and subsequently compare them among one another. In the first part I will look at each heroine individually and introduce their plays. Then I will develop possible similarities between them: Beautiful but unworldly Miranda seems to be

totally controlled by her father Prospero, but she shows a strong will in planning a shared future with Ferdinand and she is aware of her superiority to the savage Caliban. Hermia's father similarly chooses her husband. With magic help, however, she and Helena manage to come together with the right partner. Moreover, Helena reveals that she believes in the transformative power of love (MND I.2, 233-4). Viola in Twelfth Night is in a way almost the opposite of Rosalind in As You Like It, although both plays deal with a cross-dressed heroine. Whereas Rosalind can tease Orlando, always knowing that he is in love with her and being moreover able to reveal herself to him whenever she wants, Viola feels trapped in her disguise and has to work for the man she is in love with and even woo another woman on his behalf. Beatrice may not disguise herself in order to show her power like Rosalind, but she is nevertheless a strong female character: she marries only after asserting her dislike for the traditionally minor role of women in marriage and courtship in that time.[...] From Onjali Q. Rauf, the award-winning and best-selling author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, comes another incredible story, told with humour and heart. 'The boy's an absolute menace.' 'He's a bully. A lost cause!' 'Why can't he be more like his sister?' I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind 'cos some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! And it's only gotten worse since I played a prank on the old man who lives in the park. Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong... Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good. Maud West ran her detective agency in London for more than thirty years, having starting sleuthing on behalf of society's finest in 1905. Her exploits grabbed headlines throughout the world but, beneath the public persona, she was forced to hide vital aspects of her own identity in order to thrive in a class-obsessed and male-dominated world. And - as Susannah Stapleton reveals - she was a most unreliable witness to her own life. Who was Maud? And what was the reality of being a female private detective in the Golden Age of Crime? Interweaving tales from Maud West's own 'casebook' with social history and extensive original research, Stapleton investigates the stories Maud West told about herself in a quest to uncover the truth. With walk-on parts by Dr Crippen and Dorothy L. Sayers, Parisian gangsters and Continental blackmailers, *The Adventures of Maud West, Lady Detective* is a portrait of a woman ahead of her time and a deliciously salacious glimpse into the underbelly of 'good society' during the first half of the twentieth century. Men in this town were born with mouths that can right wrongs with a few words. Why are you too timid to speak? As she is about to be executed for a murder she didn't commit, young widow Dou Yi vows that, if she is innocent, snow will fall in midsummer and a catastrophic drought will strike. Three years later, a businesswoman visits the parched, locust-plagued town to take over an ailing factory. When her young daughter is tormented by an angry ghost, the new factory owner must expose the injustices Dou Yi suffered before the curse destroys every living thing. A contemporary re-imagining by acclaimed playwright Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig of one of the most famous classical Chinese dramas, which breathes new life into this ancient story, haunted by centuries of retelling. The world premiere of *Snow in Midsummer* on 23 February 2017 at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon, launched the RSC's Chinese Translations Project, a cultural exchange bringing Chinese classics to a contemporary Western audience. This edition has been republished for the American premiere at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in June 2018 and includes a brand new afterword by Joshua Chambers-Letson. Someone's watching. Someone's waiting. The perfect life will always come at a price . . . From the author of the *Midsomer Murders* novels comes a spine-chilling domestic thriller about jealousy and revenge. Perfect for fans of Ann Cleeves, Sophie Hannah and A. J. Finn. Roz Gilmour is a happy woman with two children, a loving husband, a successful career as a local radio presenter and a comfortable home in North London. Sometimes she can't believe just how fortunate she is. But a woman who has everything has everything to lose, and Roz's luck is about to change... Not everybody is as content as Roz Gilmour. There are people who dislike her - if only because of the apparent ease and success with which she lives her life. And one of them is insane. A fame-hungry stranger whom Roz has unwittingly snubbed. A man who is dangerously delusional and spiralling out of control. A man who will stop at nothing to get his revenge. Whatever it takes . . . Praise for Caroline Graham's novels 'Simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie' *The Sunday Times* 'One to savour' Val McDermid 'Swift, tense and highly alarming' *Times Literary Supplement* 'Lots of excellent character sketches . . . and the dialogue is lively and convincing' *Independent*

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