

## Remember Me Lesley Pearse

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### The Drover's Wife

Smuggled away from the rich Harvey household to a nearby village, Hope grows up in the arms of the warm and loving Renton family. But her idyllic childhood comes to an end when she is taken into service by the Harveys, setting in motion a chain of events that will see her blackmailed into leaving her beloved family for ever.

### The Key

Lesley Pearse's Remember Me is her most recent historical novel. She made a mistake and now she'll never see home again Mary, a Cornish mariner's daughter, makes the biggest mistake of her short life when she steals a silk hat. Convicted and sentenced to be transported to Australia, she endures horrific conditions aboard ship before landing in a brutal and barbaric country. It will take all her courage just to survive. But Mary is also determined to make something of herself in this rugged man's world. And she dreams that one day she will find a way of crossing the cruel seas that lie between her and home Based on a true story, Remember Me brings Mary Broad vividly to life in this moving story of a woman triumphing against overwhelming odds. Lesley Pearse is the author of the bestsellers Never Look Back and Gypsy. Remember Me is a historical novel based on the true story of transported convict Mary Bryant (née Broad). Fans of Susan Lewis will be instant fans of Lesley Pearse. Praise for Lesley Pearse: 'With characters it is impossible not to care about this is storytelling at its very best'-Daily Mail 'Lose yourself in this epic saga'-Bella 'An emotional and moving epic you won't forget in a hurry'-Woman's Weekly With her gripping and moving storylines best-selling author Lesley Pearse has captured the imaginations of millions in the UK and abroad. Her other titles The Promise, A Lesser Evil, Till We Meet Again, Secrets, Charlie, Father Unknown, Gypsy, Trust Me, Faith, Never Look Back, Remember Me and Hope are also available as Penguin paperbacks. Lesley lives near Bristol and has three daughters and two grandchildren. Find Lesley on Twitter @LesleyPearse or find out more on her website, [www.lesleypearse.co.uk](http://www.lesleypearse.co.uk).

## Remember Me?

Rosie is a compelling novel by the bestselling author Lesley Pearse. Her brutal, violent family will be the death of her . . . Without a mother, Rosie is at the mercy of her father and thuggish brothers. Then one day a friend comes to the farm in the form of cockney housekeeper Heather Farley. But soon enough Heather vanishes, abandoning Rosie to her fate. Only when Thomas Farley comes to find his sister several years later, does Rosie learn the terrible truth about Heather - and her family. Running away from home, she finds herself pursued by the man who brought ruin on her family. Is he out to get her too? Or could he have some other reason for chasing her? Lesley Pearse, author of the UK and international best-sellers *Stolen* and *Belle*, tells a captivating and powerful story of family and secrets in her compelling novel *Rosie*. If you like Susan Lewis, you'll love Lesley Pearse. Praise for Lesley Pearse: 'With characters it is impossible not to care about this is storytelling at its very best' Daily Mail 'Lose yourself in this epic saga' Bella 'An emotional and moving epic you won't forget in a hurry' Woman's Weekly

## Remember Me

From one of the UK's best-loved novelists and the No.1 Sunday Times bestselling author of 'Stolen'. Ellie is a sweet-natured brunette, generous of heart with a sparkling smile and an accent which reveals her East End background. Bonny is beautiful and spoilt, with cascades of blonde hair, the brightest pair of blue eyes and a mouth like Cupid's bow. The two girls meet in London at the end of the war when, seduced by two American airmen, they pool their wits and resources and set off to make a living on the stage. Set against the hardship and austerity of post-war Britain, and the glamour and ruthlessness of life in variety theatre, their story is one of sacrifice and burning ambition. But most of all of a powerful friendship that lasts against all odds.

## Secrets

From the internationally bestselling author Lesley Pearse comes a moving story of family, adoption and identity Losing her adopted mother threatens all she's ever had . . . Daisy was adopted. But when her mother dies, she finds her secure existence thrown into turmoil by the discovery of a scrapbook. Inside it is information about her real mother. However, when Daisy drops everything to go in search of her roots, she uncovers a harrowing story of greed, misery and corruption. She also risks hurting her adored Dad, the only true family she has left. Can she cope with the truth about her real parents? And more importantly, who is the real Daisy? \_\_\_\_\_ 'With characters it is impossible not to care about . . . this is storytelling at its very best' Daily Mail 'Lose yourself in this epic saga' Bella 'An emotional and moving epic you won't forget in a hurry' Woman's Weekly

## Hope

A captivating story of courage, daring and love from the No. 1 international bestseller Lesley Pearse With her reputation in tatters, 17-year-old Mari needs to get away from the gossip of her small town. So the chance to leave for London seems like the perfect fresh start. But war is brewing . . . And when London is hit by the Blitz, Mari's glamorous new life is blown apart. Lost and alone, she must learn what it means to survive . . . \_\_\_\_\_ 'Utterly riveting, brilliant' Closer 'Characters it is impossible not to care about' Daily Mail 'Full of love, passion and heartbreak' Best 'Glorious, heartwarming' Woman & Home

## Charity

From the slums of Victorian London to a New World Matilda Jennings was a poor flower girl in Covent Garden until the day she saved the life of a minister's daughter called Tabitha. Drawn into the bosom of little Tabitha's family, she little realises it will soon mean uprooting her own life. For Matilda leaves Victorian London's slums and heads first for the darkest corners of New York, then beyond into the plains of the Wild West and San Francisco's gold rush. With only her beauty, intelligence and the strong will she forged on London's streets to guide her, Matilda must create a new life for herself and Tabitha. Between the sweat and tears, heartbreak and passion, she encounters Captain James Russell, a man in whom she might find true love. A love that must withstand separation, war and the birth pangs of a new nation. But through it all, Matilda knows she must never look back . . .

## Stolen

An extraordinary tale of love, desire and forgiveness from the number one bestselling author of Songs of love and War. Sofia Solanas grows up on a beautiful ranch in the middle of the Argentine pampa. In a world of old-fashioned values, she carves out a place as a rebellious and passionate young woman. But eventually, her stubborn nature leads her to trouble ... When Sofia's mother Anna discovers that Sofia has embarked on a forbidden love affair, she must act in order to save the family from shame. She sends Sofia to Europe - away from her friends and family and the man Sofia loves. But then, more than twenty years later, a family tragedy calls Sofia home, and she must discover if her passion still lives on ...

## The Dickens Boy

The tenth child of Charles Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, known as Plorn, had consistently proved unable 'to apply himself' to school or life. So aged sixteen, he is sent, as his brother Alfred was before him, to Australia. Plorn arrives in Melbourne in late 1868 carrying a terrible secret. He has never read a word of his father's work. He is sent out to a

2000-square-mile station in remotest New South Wales to learn to become a man, and a gentleman stockman, from the most diverse and toughest of companions. In the outback he becomes enmeshed with Paakantji, colonists, colonial-born, ex-convicts, ex-soldiers, and very few women. Plorn, unexpectedly, encounters the same veneration of his father and familiarity with Dickens' work in Australia as was rampant in England. Against this backdrop, and featuring cricket tournaments, horse-racing, bushrangers, sheep droving, shifty stock and station agents, frontier wars and first encounters with Australian women, Plorn meets extraordinary people and enjoys wonderful adventures as he works to prove himself. This is Tom Keneally in his most familiar terrain. Taking historical figures and events and reimagining them with verve, compassion and humour. It is a triumph.

## **The Prisoner's Wife**

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?

## **Forgive Me**

KATHRYN HUGHES' STUNNING NEW NOVEL HER LAST PROMISE IS COMING SOON THE #1 EBOOK BESTSELLER. WITH OVER 3000 5\* REVIEWS. THE PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY READ. Every so often a love story comes along to remind us that sometimes, in our darkest hour, hope shines a candle to light our way. Discover THE LETTER by Kathryn Hughes, the Number One bestseller that has captured thousands of hearts worldwide. Perfect for fans of The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. 'A wonderful, uplifting story' Lesley Pearse Tina Craig longs to escape her violent husband. She works all the hours God sends to save up enough money to leave him, also volunteering in a charity shop to avoid her unhappy home. Whilst going through the pockets of a second-hand suit, she comes across an old letter, the envelope firmly sealed and unfranked. Tina opens the letter and reads it - a decision that will alter the course of her life for ever Billy Stirling knows he has been a fool, but hopes he can put things right. On 4th September 1939 he sits down to write the letter he hopes will change his future. It does - in more ways than he can ever imagine The Letter tells the story of two women, born decades apart, whose

paths are destined to cross and how one woman's devastation leads to the other's salvation.

## **A Lesser Evil**

Discover the enthralling new Sunday Times bestselling story of murder and lies, perfect for every Lesley Pearse fan THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP 5 BESTSELLER AND WINNER OF THE WOMAN & HOME BOOK CHOICE AWARD 2020 In a Shepherd's Bush bedsit, 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 truly 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 assumptions made and lies soon to be spread about this poor young woman. Determined to protect the victim from these smears and help her grieving family, she convinces her paper's editor to allow her to take up her pen and tell the true story. But when another body is found and the police investigation stalls, Amelia - uncovering new witnesses and suspects in her search for clues - 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 . . . \_\_\_\_\_ 'A compelling page-turner' Daily Mail 'Gripping and suspenseful, a fast-paced murder mystery, love story and a young woman's journey of self discovery' Daily Express 'This latest book from master storyteller Lesley Pearse is gripping and full of twists. With an addictive and pacy plot, this will keep you guessing until the end' My Weekly 'A page turner full of suspense, compelling and heartwarming, Liar is a brilliant read. I couldn't put it down' Woman's Way Praise for Lesley Pearse 'Storytelling at its very best' Daily Mail 'Evocative, compelling, told from the heart' Sunday Express 'Intriguing, heart-tugging, beautifully written' Closer

## **Rosie**

Her family is threatened? and only she can save it . . . When sixteen-year-old Charlie witnesses a brutal attack on her mother by two strangers she is shocked and terrified. But after talking to the police she realises that her father's business dealings can't be so innocent. With her father away it is left to Charlie to protect her mother. And somehow she must find out who wants to hurt her family - and why - without losing faith in her beloved parents. Can she unravel the mysteries of the past that haunt her family? Or will the truth wreck everything she loves? 'Characters it is impossible not to care about.' Daily Mail

## **Remember Me**

From the global bestselling author of The Girl in the Letter, a gripping, heartbreaking new novel of family secrets. 'Utterly gripping, taut and powerful. An emotionally charged, compulsive, moving novel \*\*\*\*\*' Adele Parks 'Captivating and

suspenseful' Jessica Fellowes 'I so enjoyed it. Twists and turns Hours of gripping entertainment and a great many tears' Lesley Pearse 'A truly brilliant and moving read. I loved it' Karen Hamilton 'Loss, betrayal and a decades-old secret BRILLIANT' Heat magazine Some secrets are locked away for years Rebecca Waterhouse is just thirteen when she witnesses her mother's death at the hand of her father in Seaview Cottage. But what else did Rebecca see? Years later, Rebecca's daughters Iris and Jessie know their mother will never speak of that terrible night. But when Jessie goes missing, with her gravely ill newborn, Iris realises the past may hold the key to her sister's disappearance. With Jessie in trouble, Iris must unravel a twisting story of love and betrayal in her mother's family history. Only then will Seaview Cottage give up its dark and tragic secret Emily Gunnis's mesmerising new novel is the perfect read for fans of Kate Morton, Lucy Clarke, Louise Douglas and Kathryn Hughes. Readers are loving THE LOST CHILD: 'This story grabbed hold of me and sucked me in. Heartbreaking, emotional, gripping, suspenseful and will keep you on the edge of your seat right to the very last chapter \*\*\*\*\*' Goodreads Reviewer 'Tense, powerful and a read that becomes insanelly gripping as the race to unearth the secrets of what happened one night intensifies with each chapter. Without doubt one of my reading highlights of the year \*\*\*\*\*' Emma Crowley 'I couldn't put this down I was emotionally hooked from the first chapter \*\*\*\*\*' Goodreads reviewer 'A brilliant, emotional and compulsive read. Highly recommended! \*\*\*\*\*' Goodreads Reviewer 'Past and present entwined to reveal a captivating story' Anne Bonny Book Reviews

## Charlie

One woman's hidden past will be exposed in the intense and gripping story from the international bestseller Lesley Pearse Eva thought she knew her mother, until her sudden death changed everything. When Eva Patterson makes the devastating discovery of her mother, Flora, dead in the bath, she finds a note: 'Forgive Me'. And then everything changes. For when Flora leaves Eva a London artist's studio in her will, she finds her mother had a secret past. In the studio's attic are Flora's paintings and diaries, and Eva learns her mother was a popular artist in the swinging sixties. But when Eva's hunt for answers uncovers clues to a shocking crime, she soon learns why Flora chose to hide her past. Will discovering the truth destroy Eva's belief in everything she holds dear? And will this journey lead her and those she loves into danger?

\_\_\_\_\_ 'Engrossing and emotional, it's another winner from Lesley Pearse' Woman's Own 'I absolutely loved this book. The characters are likeable and the writing is always brilliant' Sun 'Intriguing, heart-tugging, beautifully written' Closer

## The Cedar Tree

A biography of Mary Bryant, a Cornish fisherman's daughter turned highway robber. Sentenced to hang in 1786, she was instead transported to Australia, from where she made a daring escape, only to be recaptured and brought back to London chained to the ship's deck in an open cage.

## **The Oceans Between Us**

From one of the UK's best-loved novelists and the No.1 Sunday Times 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.

## **The Tea Gardens**

Discover a compelling story of loyalty, love and the strength of friendship in war-torn Britain, from the international bestselling author Lesley Pearse 'Glorious, heartwarming' Woman & Home 'Full of love, passion and heartbreak' Best \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 1935. On London's Hampstead Heath, two girls meet by chance: well-mannered and smartly dressed Verity and dishevelled and grubby Ruby. Somehow, the mismatched pair form an instant friendship strong enough to survive their parent's disapproval. When war engulfs the country - sending Ruby to Devon while Verity struggles to find a new beginning under a shadow from her past - the girls are convinced they will always be there for each other. Until the day one breaks the other's heart . . . Can Verity and Ruby find a way back to each other before it's too late? \_\_\_\_\_ 'Yet another great Lesley Pearse novel' Woman 'Epic romantic drama set in post-war London' Heat 'A heart-warming and evocative tale that is a real delight to read' Sun 'A narrative that gallops along, this is quintessential Pearse that will delight her army of readers' Daily Mail 'Evocative, compelling, told from the heart' Sunday Express 'Utterly riveting, brilliant' Closer

## **Meet Me Under the Ombu Tree**

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?

## **Hope**

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.

## **Remember Me**

Liverpool, 1893, and tragedy sends Beth Bolton on a journey far from home. Fifteen-year-old Beth's dreams are shattered when she, her brother Sam and baby sister Molly are orphaned. Sam believes that only in America can they make their fortunes so, reluctantly leaving Molly with adoptive parents, brother and sister embark on the greatest adventure of their lives. Onboard the steamer to New York there are rogues aplenty. But Beth's talent with the fiddle earns her the nickname Gypsy - and the friendship of charismatic gambler Theo and sharp-witted Londoner, Jack. And after dodging trouble across America, finally the foursome head for the dangerous mountains of Canada and the Klondike river in search of gold. How far must Beth go to find happiness? And will her travels lead this gypsy to a place she can call home?

## **'To Brave Every Danger'**

A passionate love affair. An impossible choice. England, 1932: Dr Isla Fenwick has little interest in marriage, until a reunion with an old friend blossoms into something more. But Isla is determined to fulfil a long-held promise to practice medicine in India. With her fiancé's blessing she sails to Calcutta to set up a midwifery clinic - promising to return within the year. There, Isla does her best to navigate a complex new world, and forms a deep connection with one of her colleagues - against all better instincts. When a desperate rescue mission to save the one person who needs her the most takes her into the foothills of the Himalayas, Isla will be asked to pay the ultimate price for her passions.

## **Tara**

Inspired by the true story of a daring deception that plunges a courageous young woman deep into the horrors of a Nazi POW camp to be with the man she loves. In the dead of night, a Czech farm girl and a British soldier travel through the countryside. Izabela and prisoner of war Bill have secretly married and are on the run, with Izzy dressed as a man. The young husband and wife evade capture for as long as possible—until they are cornered by Nazi soldiers with tracking dogs. Izzy's disguise works. The couple are assumed to be escaped British soldiers and transported to a POW camp. However, their ordeal has just begun, as they face appalling living conditions and the constant fear of Izzy's exposure. But in the midst of danger and deprivation comes hope, for the young couple are befriended by a small group of fellow prisoners. These men become their new family, willing to jeopardize their lives to save Izzy from being discovered and shot. The

Prisoner's Wife tells of an incredible risk, and of how our deepest bonds are tested in desperate times. Bill and Izzy's story is one of love and survival against the darkest odds.

## **You'll Never See Me Again**

A hidden note. A lost love. A second chance 'A wonderful, enthralling story; one that I didn't want to end' Lesley Pearse on The Key 'A heartbreakingly powerful read' The Sun on The Key From the #1 bestselling author of The Letter, Kathryn Hughes, comes The Key, an unforgettable story of a heartbreaking secret that will stay with you for ever. 1956 It's Ellen Crosby's first day as a student nurse at Ambergate Hospital. When she meets a young woman admitted by her father, little does Ellen know that a choice she will make is to change both their lives for ever 2006 Sarah is drawn to the now abandoned Ambergate. Whilst exploring the old corridors she discovers a suitcase belonging to a female patient who entered Ambergate fifty years earlier. The shocking contents, untouched for half a century, will lead Sarah to unravel a forgotten story of tragedy and lost love, and the chance to make an old wrong right . . . 'Oh wow! This story broke my heart then filled it with joy then broke it all over again! I adored The Letter and The Secret but this I have to say was my favourite. Heartfelt and poignant an absolute joy' A reader on The Key It's time to discover what a million readers already know. No one grips your heart like Kathryn Hughes . . . 'You will find it hard to put down. I cried buckets of tears reading it' 'A beautifully told, tragic tale . . . restoring your faith in the kindness of strangers and the strength of the human spirit' 'From start to finish, a lovely, sometimes heartbreaking read' 'A sheer joy to read . . . Wonderfully romantic with beautiful characters' 'I have finished this book with tears in my eyes but a smile on my face' 'I couldn't put it down. So beautifully written. I feel like I'm a better person for reading it' 'I cried with this book - it tugged at the heart all the way through' 'This must be one of the best books I have ever read' 'You will be thinking of this book long after you've finished it'

## **Faith**

In the East End, twelve-year-old Tara witnesses her villain of a father almost kill her mother. She forges a determination then and there to change her life. This is the story of three beautiful and talented women. Mabel, whose great love for a gambling man has brought her close to insanity; gentle Amy, who marries a man brutalised by war and failure; and Tara, who is hungry for success and life on her own terms. To have both, she must battle against the legacy these two women have left her, the deep prejudices and dangers of Whitechapel in the 1960s - with its gang leaders, rogues, market traders and dolly birds - and the passionate love she has had since girlhood for the charming wideboy and villain, Harry Collins.

## **Gypsy**

Unable to forgive herself for the death of her two-year-old son Bobby in a car accident, Menley Nichols' marriage to Adam starts to fall apart- until the birth of their daughter Hannah. Determined to rebuild a life together around their precious baby, Menley and Adam decide to rent a house on Cape Cod for a month, confident that the tranquility of the place will be ideal for Menley and little Hannah. But the peace they crave is disturbed when strange things start to happen- incidents which make Menley relive the horror of the accident in which she lost Bobby. . . incidents which make her fear for Hannah. And step by step, Menley and Adam are drawn into a dark and sinister web of events which threatens their marriage, their child and ultimately Menley's sanity.

## **Father Unknown**

Inspired by heartrending real events, a mother fights to find her son and a child battles for survival in this riveting debut novel. For readers of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly, *The Letter* by Kathryn Hughes, and *Remember Me* by Lesley Pearse. A woman is found wandering injured in London after an air raid. She remembers nothing of who she is. Only that she has lost something very precious. As the little boy waits in the orphanage, he hopes his mother will return. But then he finds himself on board a ship bound for Australia, the promise of a golden life ahead, and wonders: how will she find him in a land across the oceans? In Perth, a lonely wife takes in the orphaned child. But then she discovers the secret of his past. Should she keep quiet? Or tell the truth and risk losing the boy who has become her life? This magnificent, moving novel, set in London and Australia, is testament to the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of love.

## **Never Look Back**

In the spring of 1949, Stella O'Riain flees her home - a sheep property on the barren edge of the Strzelecki Desert. She leaves behind the graves of her husband Joe and her baby daughter. With no money and limited options, Stella accepts her brother-in-law Harry's offer to live at the O'Riain cane farm in the Richmond Valley. There she hopes to get answers to the questions that plague her about her marriage. However Harry refuses to discuss Joe or the family's secrets, even forbidding her to speak to the owner of the neighbouring property. Nearly a century earlier in County Tipperary, Irish cousins Brandon and Sean O'Riain also fled their homes - as wanted criminals. By 1867, they are working as cedar-cutters in New South Wales's lush green Richmond Valley. But while Brandon embraces the opportunities this new country offers, Sean refuses to let go of the past. And one cousin is about to make a dangerous choice that will have devastating consequences down the generations . . .

## **The Letter**

Inspired by heartrending true events, a mother fights to find her child in this riveting debut novel. 'A warm-hearted tale of love, loss and indefatigable human spirit' Kathryn Hughes 'A mother's loss and a son's courage A heartrending story that spans the world' Diney Costeloe 'A heartrending story' Jane Corry For readers of Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, The Letter by Kathryn Hughes, and Remember Me by Lesley Pearse. A woman is found wandering injured in London after an air raid. She remembers nothing of who she is. Only that she has lost something very precious. As the little boy waits in the orphanage, he hopes his mother will return. But then he finds himself on board a ship bound for Australia, the promise of a golden life ahead, and wonders: how will she find him in a land across the oceans? In Perth, a lonely wife takes in the orphaned child. But then she discovers the secret of his past. Should she keep quiet? Or tell the truth and risk losing the boy who has become her life? This magnificent and moving novel, set in London and Australia, is testament to the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of love. Readers adore The Oceans Between Us 'A beautiful tale of a mother's love. A wonderful book. Full of emotion, heart, joy and sorrow' Emma's Bookish Corner 'Heart-wrenching debut novel. A story based on actual events which will have you glued to the pages' Waggy Tales 'It has opened my eyes to the injustice done to so many' Shaz's Book Blog 'I flew through this emotional book. I raged at just what some had to endure. But I also felt their bravery in finding justice for all children who suffered. Highly recommended' Between My Lines 'A story that will touch every reader's heart. An absolute must-read' By The Letter Book Reviews If you love this, you'll love The Child On Platform One by Gill Thompson, available now.

## **The Oceans Between Us: A gripping and heartwrenching novel of a mother's search for her lost child after WW2**

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.

## **Trust Me**

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Sophie Kinsella's Wedding Night. With the same wicked humor and delicious charm that have won her millions of devoted fans, Sophie Kinsella, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Shopaholic & Baby, returns with an irresistible new novel and a fresh new heroine who finds herself in a life-changing and utterly hilarious predicament.... When twenty-eight-year-old Lexi Smart wakes up in a London hospital, she's in for a big surprise.

Her teeth are perfect. Her body is toned. Her handbag is Vuitton. Having survived a car accident—in a Mercedes no less—Lexi has lost a big chunk of her memory, three years to be exact, and she's about to find out just how much things have changed. Somehow Lexi went from a twenty-five-year-old working girl to a corporate big shot with a sleek new loft, a personal assistant, a carb-free diet, and a set of glamorous new friends. And who is this gorgeous husband—who also happens to be a multimillionaire? With her mind still stuck three years in reverse, Lexi greets this brave new world determined to be the person she...well, seems to be. That is, until an adorably disheveled architect drops the biggest bombshell of all. Suddenly Lexi is scrambling to catch her balance. Her new life, it turns out, comes complete with secrets, schemes, and intrigue. How on earth did all this happen? Will she ever remember? And what will happen when she does?

## **The Lost Child**

Dark secrets will be revealed in this unputdownable novel from international NO.1 BESTSELLING author Lesley Pearse 'Gripping from start to finish' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review \_\_\_\_\_ A woman washes up on a Sussex beach, barely alive. She's wearing an old-fashioned dress and her hair has been hacked off. There are signs she has been bound by her wrists and ankles. She doesn't know how she ended up there, or even her own name. The police are baffled and when the doctors examine her, they make a shocking discovery: She has recently given birth. Who is she? And where is her baby? \_\_\_\_\_ 'Storytelling at its very best' Daily Mail 'Lose yourself in this epic saga' Bella 'An emotional and moving epic you won't forget in a hurry' Woman's Weekly

## **Liar**

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

## **Dead to Me**

"15 year old Maisy Mitcham and her twin brother Duncan lose their mother to an asylum one night in 1960. The twins are sent to their grandmother's country house, Nightingales. Cold and distant, she leaves them to their own devices, to explore

and to grow. That is until the day Duncan doesn't come home from the woods. With their grandmother seeming to have little interest in her grandson's disappearance, and the police soon giving up hope, it is left to Maisy to discover the truth. And she will start with Grace Deville. A woman who lives alone in the wood, about whom rumours abound." -- Publisher's description.

## **The Promise**

You have to keep running if you want to survive . . . When her husband returns shell-shocked and broken from the Great War and his mother makes her life a misery, Betty Wellow discovers how bitter and hard life can truly be. But it is not until a devastating storm sweeps through their small fishing village and endangers her life, that she sees her chance to escape - and takes it. Fleeing to Bristol, she changes her name to Mabel Brook and takes a position as a maid. But tragedy strikes once more after the sudden death of her mistress and she is cast back onto the streets. Penniless and alone Mabel suffers a brutal attack before being rescued by a psychic named Nora Nightingale. There she gets her first taste of those who receive messages from the dead and realises she may have this gift herself. But it isn't long before Mabel receives her own message and is forced back to the very place she has escaped. A place of heartbreak and perhaps even murder - but Mabel realises that to secure her future she must confront her past one last time. Heart-pounding, exhilarating and ever suspenseful, Lesley Pearse's *You'll Never See Me Again* is a tale of one woman's fight to find her destiny.

## **Till We Meet Again**

An injured factory farm pig is tossed in a dumpster, but quickly rescued, and brought to Farm Sanctuary, a haven for injured and cast out farm animals. A spotted pig named Johnny won't leave her side for a moment. Emmy winning musician Tom Chapin narrates, with original music, so younger children can follow along in the book.

## **Ellie**

Susan Wright walked into a doctor's surgery and gunned down two members of staff in cold blood, then waited for the police to arrest her. Later that day a lawyer, Beth Powell, is assigned to defend her. Susan won't talk to anyone, even to Beth - until both women realise that twenty-nine years earlier they had been childhood friends. Talking about their troubled families and those happy summers they spent together as children rekindles Susan and Beth's friendship. And as the evidence against Susan mounts up, both women share their traumatic secrets about what sent them down such different paths in life. Their friendship grows stronger, but for one of them, there can be no happy ending

## Survivor

Deep in the heart of Australia's high country, along an ancient, hidden track, lives Molly Johnson and her four surviving children, another on the way. Husband Joe is away months at a time droving livestock up north, leaving his family in the bush to fend for itself. Molly's children are her world, and life is hard and precarious with only their dog, Alligator, and a shotgun for protection – but it can be harder when Joe's around. At just twelve years of age Molly's eldest son Danny is the true man of the house, determined to see his mother and siblings safe – from raging floodwaters, hunger and intruders, man and reptile. Danny is mature beyond his years, but there are some things no child should see. He knows more than most just what it takes to be a drover's wife. One night under the moon's watch, Molly has a visitor of a different kind – a black 'story keeper', Yadaka. He's on the run from authorities in the nearby town, and exchanges kindness for shelter. Both know that justice in this nation caught between two worlds can be as brutal as its landscape. But in their short time together, Yadaka shows Molly a secret truth, and the strength to imagine a different path. Full of fury and power, Leah Purcell's *The Drover's Wife: The Legend of Molly Johnson* is a brave reimagining of the Henry Lawson short story that has become an Australian classic. Brilliantly plotted, it is a compelling thriller of our pioneering past that confronts head-on issues of today: race, gender, violence and inheritance.

## The Woman in the Wood

From the internationally bestselling author Lesley Pearse comes the compelling tale of one girl caught in a family mystery, a struggle against cruelty and a quest for love Without her mother she is alone in the world . . . 1930. Twelve-year-old Adele is placed in a bleak, cruel children's home after a family tragedy drives her mother to madness. But when trust is betrayed Adele has no choice but to run away . . . Alone and friendless, she heads for Sussex, to seek out the grandmother she has never known. However, the journey, without food or shelter, leaves her desperately ill. Surrounded by the beautiful Rye Marshes, Adele is finally nursed back to health. Can she now dream of a new life? And what will happen when her mother reappears, bearing shocking family secrets? Praise for Lesley Pearse: 'With characters it is impossible not to care about . . . this is storytelling at its very best' Daily Mail 'Utterly riveting, brilliant' Closer 'Lose yourself in this epic saga' Bella 'An emotional and moving epic you won't forget in a hurry' Woman's Weekly

## The House Across the Street

Is there a murderer across the street? It's 1964 and twenty-three-year-old Katy Speed is fascinated by Gloria and the goings-on at the house over the road. Who are the mysterious women arriving in a black car most Saturdays? Then one night, Gloria's house burns to the ground. In the wreckage, bodies are found. And Katy's horror turns to disbelief when her father

is arrested and charged with murder. Determined to prove his innocence, Katy sets out to uncover the truth about the mysterious house across the street. But that means uncovering the real murderer - and risking her own life . . .

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