

French Gardener Santa Montefiore

An unforgettable tale of love lost and rediscovered, set in the enchanting backdrop of Italy—from internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore, whose books have sold more than 6 million copies worldwide. Love may be lost, but it's not gone forever. When Gracie Burton stumbles upon a weeklong cooking course at Castello Montefosco, a castle in the sun-kissed Tuscan countryside, she cannot resist the opportunity to revisit the past she left behind in Italy. Since her husband's death eight years earlier, Gracie has grown apart from her daughter, Carina, a high-powered businesswoman in London and her granddaughter, Anastasia, who would rather spend her time on her phone than with her family, but both women decide to join her. Little do they know that a lifetime of secrets await them in Italy. Over the course of the week, Gracie reveals the truth about what has drawn her back to the castle and its owner, the mysterious Count Bassanelli. Carina and Anastasia are shocked to discover that Gracie spent fifteen years in Italy as an apprentice to her uncle, a renowned art restorer and collector. While there, she fell madly in love. Now, forty-one years later, she has returned in hopes of righting past wrongs. With the help of Mamma Bernadetta's magical recipes and the kindness of her fellow guests, Gracie reconnects with her family and together, all three women learn that love once lost, is not gone forever. *The Temptation of Gracie* is a poignant, timeless tale of grand romance, a story of women through the generations, and a reminder that it's never too late to love.

Previously published as *The Woman from Paris* “Superb storyteller” (Plum Sykes) Santa Montefiore's sweeping and sophisticated international bestseller *Summer House* is “a feel good story, full of exuberance and passion and threaded with hope...an exceptional find” (Seattle Post-Intelligencer). When Lord Frampton dies in a skiing accident, a beautiful young woman named Phaedra appears at his funeral—claiming to be the Lord's illegitimate daughter. In his will, Lord Frampton has left the priceless Frampton suite of sapphires to this interloper, confirming her claim and outraging his three adult sons and widow. Eventually, however, Phaedra's sweet nature thaws the frosty relationships. She becomes the daughter that Antoinette Frampton never had and a wise and compassionate granddaughter to the formidable Dowager Lady Frampton. But an attraction grows between Phaedra and the eldest son, David. It seems an impossible love—blocked by their blood connection and by the fury of one family member who is determined to expose Phaedra as a fraud. Filled with the luscious scenery and enchanting characters her fans adore, Santa Montefiore's *Summer House* is an unforgettable story about family, forgiveness, and the power of love.

THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR An unforgettable journey of discovery . . . Federica is moved from Chile to Cornwall when her parents separate, and all she has left of the relationship she cherished with her father, is a wooden box which has a secret beauty hidden within. Swiftly embraced into the eccentric Appleby family, it isn't long before Federica falls for her friend's older brother Sam, who barely notices the little girl until it is too late... Years later, from the sanctuary of a seemingly perfect marriage, Federica embarks on a painful journey of self-discovery. Will she finally learn the true lesson of the butterfly box? ***PRAISE FOR SANTA MONTEFIORE*** ‘Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore’ JOJO MOYES ‘An enchanting read overflowing with deliciously poignant moments’ DINAH JEFFERIES on *Songs of Love and War* ‘Santa Montefiore hits the spot for my like few other writers’ SARRA MANNING ‘One of our personal favourites’ THE TIMES on *The Last Secret of the Deverills*

From internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore, whose books have sold more than six million copies worldwide, comes *The Secret Hours*, a new story in the sweeping generational saga, *The Deverill Trilogy*, about the sister who left the family's castle and never came back. Let the wind take me and the soft rain settle me into the Irish soil from where I came. And may my sins be forgiven. Faye Clayton is a dutiful wife and mother to three grown children. She's not given to flights of fancy, but when her mother passes away, she begins to dream of a strange, yet familiar, castle set on rolling hills of grass and heather. When Faye learns that her mother has requested her ashes be scattered on the hills above a place called Castle Deverill in Ireland, she is shocked but intrigued. Her mother never spoke fondly of her childhood on a farm in Ireland, so why in death would she want to return to a castle Faye has never heard of? Against her husband's wishes, Faye sets out for Ireland where she uncovers a heartbreaking story of love, prejudice, and lifelong secrets that have touched those closest to her. Spanning decades and continents, *The Secret Hours* is a poignant tale about the meaning of family, the power of forgiveness, and the ties we all have to the place we call home.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER It's the dubious distinction of thirty-year-old Willa Jackson to hail from a fine old Southern family of means that met with financial ruin generations ago. The Blue Ridge Madam—built by Willa's great-great-grandfather and once the finest home in Walls of Water, North Carolina—has stood for years as a monument to misfortune and scandal. Willa has lately learned that an old classmate—socialite Paxton Osgood—has restored the house to its former glory, with plans to turn it into a top-flight inn. But when a skeleton is found buried beneath the property's lone peach tree, long-kept secrets come to light, accompanied by a spate of strange occurrences throughout the town. Thrust together in an unlikely friendship, united by a full-blooded mystery, Willa and Paxton must confront the passions and betrayals that once bound their families—and uncover the truths that have transcended time to touch the hearts of the living.

Previously published in the US as *The Daughters of Ireland*. The second book in the #1 international bestselling series about the powerful ties between three women and their determination to return home. The war is over. But life will never be the same... It is 1925 and Castle Deverill has burned to the ground. War and deception have divided the daughters of Ireland, but Celia vows to return her ancestral home to its former glory. Kitty raises a young family but longs for something more, and Bridie flourishes as a New

York socialite consumed by revenge. Celia works to reunite her childhood friends and restore the place they once called home, but soon everything she knows is cast into doubt as the Great Depression looms. In the second installment of Santa Montefiore's sweeping generational epic, Celia, Kitty, and Bridie must once again face the dark shadows of history. Daughters of Castle Deverill is an unforgettable story of enduring friendship and the inner strength needed to start again.

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 ...

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Happily married with two small children and a circle of devoted friends, Angelica knows she should be grateful. But then she meets a charismatic South African who flirts with her and makes her feel beautiful. What starts as a long distance friendship grows into something deeper and soon she longs for his emails. From the glamorous streets of London to the lush vineyards of South Africa, Angelica chases a dream that risks the very things she holds dear. Yet, the dream is flawed and a moment of savage violence flings her and Jack together only to rip them apart. With life refined down to its bare essence, Angelica learns that what Fate takes with one hand, it gives with the other.

In her tender, sweetly comic debut, Natasha Solomons tells the captivating love story of a Jewish immigrant couple making a new life -- and their wildest dreams -- come true in WWII-era England. At the outset of World War II, Jewish refugees Jack Rosenblum, his wife Sadie, and their baby daughter escape Berlin, bound for London. They are greeted with a pamphlet instructing immigrants how to act like "the English." Jack acquires Savile Row suits and a Jaguar. He buys his marmalade from Fortnum & Mason and learns to list the entire British monarchy back to 913 A.D. He never speaks German, apart from the occasional curse. But the one key item that would make him feel fully British--membership in a golf club--remains elusive. In post-war England, no golf club will admit a Rosenblum. Jack hatches a wild idea: he'll build his own. It's an obsession Sadie does not share, particularly when Jack relocates them to a thatched roof cottage in Dorset to embark on his project. She doesn't want to forget who they are or where they come from. She wants to bake the cakes she used to serve to friends in the old country and reminisce. Now she's stuck in an inhospitable landscape filled with unwelcoming people, watching their bank account shrink as Jack pursues his quixotic dream.

Dora has always taken the path of least resistance. She went to the college that offered her a scholarship, is majoring in "vagueness studies," and wears whatever shows the least dirt. She falls into a job at the college coffee shop, and a crush on her flirty boss, Gary. Just when she's about to test Gary's feelings, Mimi, the grandmother who raised her, suffers a stroke. Dora rushes back home to Forsyth, NC, and finds herself running her grandmother's vintage clothing store. The store has always been a fixture in Dora's life; though she grew up more of a jeans-and-sweatshirt kind of girl, before she even knew how to write, Mimi taught her that a vintage 1920s dress could lift a woman's spirit. While working there, Dora befriends Mimi's adorable contractor, Conrad. Is he after Dora, or is working from a different blueprint? And why did Mimi start writing down--and giving away--stories of the dresses in her shop? When Mimi dies, Dora can't get out of town fast enough and cedes control of the store to her money-hungry aunt who wants to turn it into a t-shirt shop for tourists. But ultimately, she returns to Forsyth, willing to battle whatever may stand in the way of her staying there. Dora can trade her boring clothes for vintage glamour, but can she trade her boring life for one she actually wants?

Intelligent, witty, and poignant, Gilded Age presents a modern Edith Wharton heroine—dramatically beautiful, socially prominent, and just a bit unconventional—whose return to the hothouse of Cleveland society revives rivalries, raises eyebrows, and reveals the tender vulnerabilities of a woman struggling to reconcile her desire for independence and her need for love. ELEANOR HART had made a brilliant marriage in New York, but it ended in a scandalous divorce and thirty days in Sierra Tucson rehab. Now she finds that, despite feminist lip service, she will still need a husband to be socially complete. A woman's sexual reputation matters, and so does her family name. Ellie must navigate the treacherous social terrain where old money meets new: charitable benefits and tequila body shots, inherited diamonds and viper-bite lip piercings, country house weekends and sexting. She finds that her beauty is a powerful tool in this world, but it has its limitations, even liabilities. Through one misstep after another, Ellie mishandles her second act. Her options narrow, her future prospects contract, until she faces a desperate choice. With a keen eye for the perfect detail and a heart big enough to embrace those she observes, Claire McMillan has written an assured and revelatory debut novel about class, gender, and the timeless conundrum of femininity.

Of course she's obsessed with Jane Austen... Surrounded by appalling exes and fawning students, the only thing keeping professor Katherine Roberts sane is Jane Austen and her personal secret love for racy Regency romance novels. She thinks the Jane Austen Addicts conference in the English countryside is the perfect opportunity to escape her chaotic life and finally relax... But then she encounters a devilishly handsome man at the conference who seems determined to sweep her off her feet. Is he more fiction than fact? Or could he be the hero she didn't know she was looking for? PRAISE FOR VICTORIA CONNELLY: "Witty and original. " -The Romantic Novelists' Association

Imagines the lives of the descendants of Jo March, tracing the story of middle sister Lulu, who discovers a collection of letters written by her great-great-grandmother and learns that her ancestors' bonds of sisterhood were not always harmonious.

From the #1 internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore—a family rocked by tragedy, a love that lives through time, and a story that will stay in your heart. England, 1932: Grace Hamblin is growing up on a beautiful rural estate. The beekeeper's daughter, she knows her place and her future—until her father dies unexpectedly and leaves her alone. Her childhood friend Freddie has recently become her lover, and she is thankful when they are able to marry and take over her father's duties. But there is another man she just can't shake from her thoughts... Massachusetts, 1973: Grace's beautiful, impetuous daughter Trixie Valentine is in love. Jasper Duncliffe is wild and romantic, and in a band that might hit it big. But when his brother dies and he is called home to England, Jasper promises to come back for Trixie one day, if only she will wait for him. Grace tries to support her daughter, but Trixie brushes off her mother's comfort in the confidence that Jasper's feelings for her are real... Both mother and daughter are searching for love and happiness, unaware of the secrets that bind them. To find what they are longing for they must confront the past and unravel the lies told long ago.

A spellbinding novel about marriage, passion, loss, renewal, and the healing power of love from the number one bestselling author of Songs of Love and War. Married couple, Miranda and David, move out of London into a beautiful country house with an idyllic garden. But reality turns out to be very different from their bucolic dream. Soon the latent unhappiness in the family begins to come to the surface, isolating

each family member in a bubble of resentment and loneliness. Then a mysterious Frenchman arrives on their doorstep. With the wisdom of nature, he slowly begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he? When Miranda discovers his secret in the cottage by the garden, the whole family learns that a garden, like love itself, can restore the human spirit, not just season after season, but generation after generation. Wise and winsome, poignant and powerfully moving, *The French Gardener* combines the savvy of contemporary women's fiction with an old-fashioned sensibility steeped in the importance of family and the magical power of love.

From the author of *The French Gardener*, a story about a hotel's summer artist-in-residence who touches lives in ways no one could imagine.

THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR 'Just promise me one thing . . . Have the courage to follow your heart' Buenos Aires, 1948. Audrey Garnet lives a sheltered life in the exclusive Argentinian community of Hurlingham. That is, until Cecil and Louis Forrester arrive, travelling from England to make their fortunes. Admired by all for her beauty and grace, Audrey quickly catches the eyes of both brothers, but it is talented-but-troubled outsider Louis with his musical flair whom she is drawn to most. Cecil, however, is a better match – a decorated war hero who has charmed the entire community, including Audrey's parents, forcing Audrey to keep her true feelings a secret. But when a family tragedy rocks Audrey's world, she is faced with a terrible dilemma: must she do her duty to her family, or will she finally be able to follow her heart? ***PRAISE FOR SANTA MONTEFIORE*** 'Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore' JOJO MOYES 'An enchanting read overflowing with deliciously poignant moments' DINAH JEFFERIES on *Songs of Love and War* 'Santa Montefiore hits the spot for my like few other writers' SARRA MANNING 'One of our personal favourites' THE TIMES on *The Last Secret of the Deverills*

Previously published in the US as *The Girl in the Castle*. The #1 international bestseller about the enduring bond between three women and the castle they will never forget. Their lives were mapped out ahead of them. But love and war will change everything... It's the early 1900s and *Castle Deverill* stands staunchly untouched by time, hidden away in the rolling Irish hills. Within the castle walls, three friends have formed a close bond: affluent, flame-haired Kitty Deverill; Bridie Doyle, Kitty's best friend and daughter of the castle's cook; and Celia Deverill, Kitty's flamboyant English cousin. They've grown up together, always sheltered from the conflict embroiling the rest of the country. But when Bridie learns of a secret Kitty has been keeping, their idyllic world is forever torn apart. Later, the three women scatter to different parts of the globe. Kitty must salvage what she can before *Castle Deverill* and everything she has ever known is reduced to ash. *Songs of Love and War* is an epic generational saga about the lasting bonds of true friendship and the powerful ties we all have to the place we call home.

From internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore, whose books have sold more than six million copies worldwide, comes *The Distant Shores*, a new story in the sweeping *Deverill* saga, about a family torn apart and the woman who will bring them back together. Margot Hart travels to Ireland to write a biography of the famous *Deverill* family. She knows she must speak to the current Lord *Deverill*, JP, if she is to uncover the secrets of the past. A notorious recluse, JP won't be an easy man to crack. But Margot is determined—and she is not a woman who is easily put off. What she never expected was to form a close bond with JP and be drawn into his family disputes. Shouldering the blame for running up debts that forced him to sell the family castle, JP is isolated and vulnerable. With help from his handsome son Colm, it seems as though Margot might be the only one who can restore JP's fortunes. Will the family ever succeed in healing rifts that have been centuries in the making?

Set in Ireland on the wild coast of Connemara, this hauntingly romantic novel tells the story of a young woman who goes in search of her family's past and ends up discovering her future.

Ellen Trawton is running away from it all. She hates her job, she doesn't love the aristocratic man to whom she is engaged, and her relationship with her controlling mother is becoming increasingly strained. So Ellen leaves London, fleeing to the one place she knows her mother won't find her, her aunt's cottage in Connemara. Cutting all her ties with chic London society, Ellen gives in to Ireland's charm and warmth, thinking her future may lie where so much of her past has been hidden. Her imagination is soon captured by the compelling ruins of a lighthouse where, five years earlier, a young mother died in a fire. The ghost of the young wife, Caitlin, haunts the nearby castle, mourning the future she can never have there. Unable to move on, she watches her husband and children, hoping they might see her and feel her love once more. But she doesn't anticipate her husband falling in love again. Can she prevent it? Or can she let go and find a way to freedom and happiness? The ruggedly beautiful Connemara coastline with its tightknit community of unforgettable characters provides the backdrop for this poignant story of two women seeking the peace and love they desperately need. For each, the key will be found in the secrets of the past, illuminated by the lighthouse.

An original short story from internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore, plus an extended excerpt from her most recent novel, *The Woman from Paris*. Beloved by her many fans, Santa Montefiore has also been praised by her fellow authors as "a wonder" (Adriana Trigiani) and "a superb storyteller" (Plum Sykes). Her luminous, engaging novels reaffirm the power of love and compassion to change lives, even as they sweep us away to exotic locales and introduce us to characters who feel like old friends. In "A Mother's Love," Celeste is mourning the tragic death of her young son, Jack, from leukemia. So when she learns that her nephew is coming to stay, she doesn't think she can bear to have another child in the house. But when Bruno arrives, she has no choice but to make him feel welcome and loved, even though her heart is breaking. And, when he starts to show some insight into what Jack was like, Celeste dares to dream there might be something more than meets the eye . . . This is a magical and beautiful short story, sure to delight Santa's fans new and old.

THE NEW NOVEL FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP FIVE, MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR - be swept away by the *Deverill* Chronicles. It is 1939 and peace has flourished since the Great War ended. But much has changed for the *Deverill* family and now a new generation is waiting in the wings. Martha Wallace came to Dublin from her home in America to find her birth mother. But instead she has lost her heart to the impossibly charming JP *Deverill*. Then she discovers that her mother comes from the same place as JP, and her fate seems sealed. Bridie Doyle, now Countess di Marcantonio and mistress of *Castle Deverill*, is determined to make the castle she used to work in her home. But her flamboyant husband Cesare has other ideas. And as his eye strays away from his wife, those close to the couple start to wonder if he really is who he says he is. Kitty *Deverill* has come to terms with her life with her husband Robert, and their two children. But then Jack O'Leary, the love of her life, returns to *Ballinakelly*. And this time his heart belongs elsewhere... This summer discover the dramatic conclusion to the bestselling *Deverill* Chronicles. ***What readers are saying about Santa Montefiore*** 'Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore. Everything she writes, she writes from the heart' Jojo Moyes 'I have a tendresse for sweeping and epic romantic sagas set around huge houses and aristocratic families and Santa Montefiore hits the spot for me like few other writers... Lush,

vivid storytelling' Sarra Manning 'An ideal summer read. Laced with secrets and forbidden liaisons, it is sure to keep you turning the pages' The Lady on The Beekeeper's Daughter 'One of our personal favourites and bestselling authors, sweeping stories of love and families spanning continents and decades' The Times

A sweeping story of love that stretches across the years from the number one bestselling author of Songs of Love and War. The war has ended and Rita Fairweather is waiting for George Bolton, her childhood sweetheart, to return home to Devon. She wants their future to be a continuing reassurance of their past. But George comes back as a man changed by the horrors he has experienced. Unable to settle back into a small-town life, George decides to travel to Argentina. And Rita promises to wait. But George faces irresistible temptation and an agonising choice. As the years pass, Rita keeps her word... but how long should she wait for the love of her life? ***Readers love the romantic worlds of Santa Montefiore*** 'Accomplished and poetic' Daily Mail on The Affair 'A gripping romance... as believable as the writing is beautiful' Daily Telegraph on The Butterfly Box 'Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore. Everything she writes, she writes from the heart' Jojo Moyes

Struggling to recover in the wake of her husband's premature death and stunned by a paternity suit against her husband's estate, food writer Maggie McElroy plans a trip to China to investigate the claim and to profile rising chef Sam Liang, who introduces her to the Chinese concept of food, while drawing her into his extended family and helping her come to terms with her life. Reprint.

From internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore—a touching and bittersweet intergenerational story about family and the power of memory. Meet Marigold and Dennis, two happily married empty-nesters in their late sixties. They should be enjoying their golden years in the idyllic English village where they live. But when their two grown daughters, Daisy and Suze, move back into the family home, both mother and father must learn how to deal with the upheaval. Meanwhile, as Daisy and Suze soak in the familiar comforts of home, they soon discover that their mother isn't quite the same woman she was a few years ago. Sure, she is still kind-hearted and always willing to help, but something about their mom is different, and it's becoming harder and harder for the family to ignore. For the first time in their lives, Dennis and his daughters find themselves caring for Marigold rather than the other way around. Here and Now is a gorgeously evocative novel brimming with characters who are so recognizable they'll walk right off the page and into your heart. This is a novel about what it means to grow up and to grow wise, and how the new generation learns to carry family memories and hope into the future.

A tale of war, of Italy, of a beautiful young woman and a terrible tragedy from the number one bestselling author of Songs of Love and War. Italy, 1945. The war is over but its shadow still lingers. And deep in the lush countryside an eccentric aristocrat is savagely murdered in his beautiful palazzo. London, 1971. Years later, this unsolved crime touches the life of Alba, a hedonistic girl who lives on a houseboat in swinging Chelsea. Between these two distinctive times runs a thread of love, decadence and betrayal that takes Alba to the olive groves of the Amalfi Coast, rich with the scent of figs, the drama of wartime and the lingering decay of tragedy. The past unfolds revealing a secret web of partisans and Nazis, peasants and counts and in the centre of it all, an alluring woman of mystery: her mother...

Over 4 million Adele Parks books sold worldwide including LIES, LIES, LIES and I INVITED HER IN! "Utterly engrossing and brilliant"— Lucy Foley New York Times bestselling author of The Guest List It was supposed to be the lottery win they'd always dreamed of... For fifteen years, Lexi and Jake have played the same six numbers with their friends. Over drinks, dinner parties and summer barbecues, the three couples have discussed the important stuff—kids, marriages, careers—and they've laughed off their disappointment when they failed to win anything. But then the unthinkable happens. There's a rift in the group. Someone is caught in a lie. And soon after, six numbers come up that change everything forever. Lexi and Jake have a ticket worth millions. And their friends are determined to claim a share. #1 Sunday Times bestselling author Adele Parks returns with a riveting look at the dark side of wealth in this gripping tale of friendship, money, betrayal and good luck gone bad...

Claudine Rafferty is rich, reckless and beautiful. So when she throws herself into an arranged marriage with the eminently eligible but notorious François de Lorvoire, everyone in Paris is amazed. Determined to cope with François's cruelty and indifference, Claudine soon finds herself driven to find love in the arms of Armand St Jacques, one of her husband's vigneron. But all is not what it seems in the de Lorvoire family. As Claudine learns more of François's sinister past, she also inherits some of his most dangerous enemies. And against a background of betrayal and conspiracy, she forced to learn not only whom she can trust, but also whom she really loves...

From the beloved bestselling author Santa Montefiore comes a new novel filled with humour and heart. For fans of The Temptation of Gracie, Flappy now takes centre stage, more charismatic and competitive than ever. 'Fresh, fun and fabulous! Flappy certainly kept me entertained!' Heidi Swain, Sunday Times bestselling author of The Winter Garden Underneath her graceful exterior lies a passion nobody knew about, least of all Flappy herself... Flappy Scott-Booth is the self-appointed queen bee of Badley Compton, a picturesque Devon village. While her husband Kenneth spends his days on the golf course, she is busy overseeing her beautiful house and gardens, and organising unforgettable events, surrounded by friends who hang on to her every word. Her life is a reflection of herself – impossibly perfect. Until the day that Hedda Harvey-Smith and her husband Charles move into the village. Into an even grander home than hers. Taking the front seat on the social scene, quite literally. That simply will not do. Flappy is determined to show Hedda how things are done here in Badley Compton. But then she looks into Charles's beautiful green eyes. And suddenly, her focus is elsewhere. She is only human, after all... Praise for Flappy Entertains: 'Santa Montefiore is a born storyteller' Woman's Weekly 'A friendly, undemanding read in unfriendly, demanding times' Daily Mail 'A keeping up with the Joneses tale that will lift your spirits in no time' New! 'Another winner from the author who writes about relationships so astutely' Belfast Telegraph 'Packed with wickedly funny insights and throwaway lines and written with an extra-large helping of heart, this is the perfect escape for anyone in need of a book hug!' Lancashire Post 'With its air of nostalgia, gentle humour and snobbery, this is a super but also surprising read' NFOP magazine Praise for Santa Montefiore: 'Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore' JOJO MOYES 'An enchanting read, overflowing with deliciously poignant moments' DINAH JEFFRIES 'Santa Montefiore hits the spot for me like few other writers' SARRA MANNING 'One of our personal favourites' The Times 'Accomplished and poetic' Daily Mail 'Santa Montefiore is a marvel' Sunday Express

Lose yourself in the sun-drenched hills of the Amalfi coast with bestselling author of Songs of Love and War, Santa Montefiore... Gianluca has to admit his life is empty so, in search of serenity and a deeper purpose to his existence, he flees to Italy, to the magical Palazzo Montelimone, lovingly restored by his parents, to assess his future. But life on the sun-drenched Amalfi coast is not as peaceful as Luca anticipates. The palazzo is filled with his mother's eccentric friends and haunted by the ghosts of its murderous past. He meets a woman whose dark eyes are heavy with sorrow and a solemn little boy with an incredible secret. As he begins to unravel a mystery that has its roots in a long-ago act of violence, Luca is forced to face his greatest fear in exchange for the greatest truth. Santa's new bestseller, Songs of Love and War, is out in paperback and ebook now. Praise for Santa Montefiore: 'Santa Montefiore at her best - an enchanting read overflowing with deliciously poignant moments' Dinah Jefferies, author of The Tea Planter's Wife on Songs of Love and War 'Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore. Everything she writes, she writes from the heart' Jojo Moyes 'A gripping romance . . . It is as believable as the writing is beautiful' Daily Telegraph 'Santa Montefiore is the new Rosamunde Pilcher' Daily Mail

Previously published as The Perfect Happiness Wonderfully wise Santa Montefiore will capture your heart with this "bittersweet and thought-provoking"* novel about a modern wife who must ask herself,

Would I risk everything for love? A wife who has forgotten her own beauty and allure. A distant, distracted husband. A smart, candlelit dinner party, witty conversation, and a charmingly rugged vineyard owner from South Africa. So begins Santa Montefiore's powerful and poignant new novel in which a woman who finds herself in a common predicament must confront the most unlikely aspects of herself. "I hope you don't mind my writing to you," begins the first e-mail bestselling children's book author Angelica receives from Jack. Surely it can't do any harm to indulge in a mild flirtation. After all, she wouldn't risk her stable marriage and the happiness of her treasured children. But things don't stop at an e-mail, and when Angelica goes to Cape Town for a book tour, her affair with Jack begins in earnest. On their last day together, he makes a stunning confession, and now everything Angelica thought she knew about love and passion, safety and experience, right and wrong are entirely upended once again. A tender book about the true meaning of love and happily ever after, *The Affair* is for any woman who has ever looked up from her steady, secure life and secretly wondered "what if . . ."

Ireland. The early twentieth century. Two girls on the cusp of womanhood. A nation on the brink of war. Read their story — and see why JOJO Moyes says that "Nobody does epic romance like Santa Montefiore." Born on the ninth day of the ninth month in the year 1900, Kitty Deverill grows up in Castle Deverill, on the sunning green ghills of West Cork, Ireland — the same place her ancestors have always dwelled. She isn't fully Irish, as the son of the local veterinarian likes to tease her; but this doesn't stop Kitty and Jack O'Leary from falling in love... Bridie Doyle, daughter to Castle Deverill's cook, cherishes her friendship with Kitty. Yet she can't help dreaming of someday having wealth, having glamour, having... more. And when she discovers Kitty's darkest secret, Bridie finds herself growing to resent the girl in the castle who seems to have it all. As Irish and British forces collide in Southern Ireland, Jack enlists to fight — and Kitty throws herself into the cause for Irish liberty, running messages and ammunition between the rebels. But , her allegiance to her family and her friends will soon be tested... and when Castle Deverill comes under attack, the only home and life she's ever known are threatened. A powerful story of love, loyalty, and friendship, *The Girl in the Castle* is an exquisitely written novel set against the magical, captivating landscape of Ireland — perfect for fans of *DOWNTON ABBEY* and *KATE MORTON*. Previously published as *The Girl in the Castle*

Mason has never known his father, but longs to. All he has of him is a DVD of a man whose face is never seen, reading a children's book. One day, on a whim, he plays the DVD for a group of comatose teens at the nursing home where his mother works. One of them, a beautiful girl, responds. Mason learns she is part of a horrible experiment intended to render teenagers into autotrophs—genetically engineered, self-sustaining life-forms who don't need food or water to survive. And before he knows it, Mason is on the run with the girl, and wanted, dead or alive, by the mysterious mastermind of this gruesome plan, who is simply called the Gardener. Will Mason be forced to destroy the thing he's longed for most? *The Gardener* is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

When Alba discovers a portrait of her deceased mother, she travels to the Amalfi coast of Italy to find out about her mother's past and not only discovers hidden secrets, but realizes the possibility of love and happiness in her own future.

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