

Cut Short A Di Geraldine Steel Thriller Book 1

'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER * 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'COMPELLING' – PETER JAMES Headmistress Abigail Kirby is dead. A potential witness has been murdered. And for DI Geraldine Steel, the stakes have been raised yet higher. Abigail's teenage daughter, Lucy, is missing, believed to have run away with a girl she met online. Time is quickly running out for Geraldine before her naivety costs Lucy her life. But with a serial killer on the loose, Geraldine's own life is in danger, and though her Sergeant Ian Peterson makes a shocking discovery, could it be too late to save her from a dreadful fate? 'Good, old-fashioned, heart-hammering police thriller...a no-frills delivery of pure excitement' - SAGA Magazine For fans of Peter James, Angela Marsons and Robert Bryndza Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

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In this set of short stories Captain Hastings recounts 18 of Poirot's early cases from the days before he was famous...

In the eternal city of Rome, it's easy to disappear. But finding someone is a different story... After a year in Paris working as an investigative reporter, Lucy Hall is ready for her next big scoop. While researching a spate of missing persons, she learns of the mysterious disappearance of a young man, Dominique. The case is cold in the city of lights, but there's another lead: in Rome. When Lucy arrives, she realises that the eternal city is as dangerous as it is beautiful. She's not the only one looking for Dominique: a criminal gang is hot on his trail, and Lucy's investigation has put her squarely in their sights. With her life in peril, Lucy will have track down the missing man—before his pursuers catch up with her...

"In an intense tale of psychological suspense, a San Francisco psychiatrist becomes sexually involved with a female patient who suffers from multiple personality disorder, and whose pathological ex-husband is an Oakland homicide detective--from a Los Angeles Times Book Prize-winning author. Dr. Eldon Chance is a brilliant, lonely, forensic neuropsychologist with a long track record of getting involved with damaged, complicated women. While apartment hunting after separating from his wife, a series of bad decisions leads to Chance sleeping with a patient named Jaclyn Blackstone. Unfortunately her ex-husband is an Oakland homicide detective and the jealous type. Meanwhile, Dr. Chance meets a young man who goes by "D"; Chance believes he is a war-veteran, but he is in fact a deranged loner and self-styled Samurai skilled in the art of the blade. D is fascinated by Chance's tales of his tormented and increasingly dangerous affair with Jaclyn and advises him that her ex-husband will find a way to destroy Chance. As Detective Blackstone does indeed threaten the doctor, Chance and D plan a counter-strike. Meanwhile Chance continues his steamy affair with Jaclyn Blackstone (or is it one of her multiple personalities?) But the sexually voracious "Jackie Black" has a story that is far more complex and darker than he could have ever imagined ... Gritty, twisted, and impossible to put down, the surprises keep coming in Chance until the final page has been turned"--

Catch up on the literary sensation of the year with Booker Prize-winning Girl, Woman, Other BRITISH BOOK AWARDS AUTHOR & FICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR 2020 THE SUNDAY TIMES 1# BESTSELLER 'The most absorbing book I read all year.'

Roxane Gay _____ This is Britain as you've never read it. This is Britain as it has never been told. From Newcastle to Cornwall, from the birth of the twentieth century to the teens of the twenty-first, Girl, Woman, Other follows a cast of twelve characters on their personal journeys through this country and the last hundred years. They're each looking for something - a shared past, an unexpected future, a place to call home, somewhere to fit in, a lover, a missed mother, a lost father, even just a touch of hope . . . _____ '[Bernardine Evaristo] is one of the very best that we have'

Nikesh Shukla on Twitter 'A choral love song to black womanhood in modern Great Britain' Elle 'Beautifully interwoven stories of identity, race, womanhood, and the realities of modern Britain. The characters are so vivid, the writing is beautiful and it brims with humanity' Nicola Sturgeon on Twitter 'Bernardine Evaristo can take any story from any time and turn it into something vibrating with life' Ali Smith, author of How to be both 'Exceptional. You have to order it right now' Stylist 'Sparkling, inventive' Sunday Times Two seven year-old boys have been abducted from the streets of Glasgow. Then, with police resources stretched to breaking point, a simple house fire turns into a full-scale murder hunt. As his squad struggles to work on both cases, DI Colin Anderson learns that his son has also been abducted.

'COMPELLING' – PETER JAMES * 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL When a man dies in a gas explosion, the police suspect arson. But the case takes on a new and terrible twist when the prime suspect, a local felon, is viciously attacked. As police enquiries lead from the expensive Harchester Hill estate to the local brothel, their key witness dies in a hit-and-run. Coincidence? Or cold-blooded murder? With so many lives lost already, DI Geraldine Steel must put her problems aside, to protect others. After all, in the race for justice, sacrifices must be made. 'A well-written, soundly plotted, psychologically acute story' - Times For fans of Peter James, Helen Durrant and Angela Marsons Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

'Brilliant and chilling, Leigh Russell delivers a cracker of a read!' - Martina Cole The eleventh novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER Mark Abbott is dead. His sister refuses to believe it was suicide, but only Detective Sergeant Geraldine Steel will listen. When other members of Mark's family disappear, Geraldine's suspicions are confirmed. Taking a risk, Geraldine finds herself confronted by an adversary deadlier than any she has faced before... Her boss Ian is close, but will he arrive in time to save her, or is this the end for Geraldine Steel? For fans of

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The first three murder investigations in the million-selling Detective Geraldine Steel series: Cut Short, Road Closed and Dead End.

'Unmissable' – Lee Child Meet Detective Inspector Geraldine Steel: fierce, dependable, and committed to her job, she has dedicated her life to finding justice for the voiceless dead. Relocated to a quiet rural town, she expects respite from the stresses of the city; a space where she can battle her demons in private. But when she finds herself pitted against a twisted killer preying on young women, she quickly discovers how wrong she is... 'A rare talent' – Peter James 'You're just plain going to love Geraldine Steel' – Jeffery Deaver What Amazon readers are saying: 'Amazing' 'Brilliant' 'A terrific read' 'Thriller from the start' 'If you like James Patterson you will love this author' 'If fast paced crime action is what you're after then this book will not disappoint.' 'Geraldine is a brilliant detective - used to seeing gruesome sights, but her work has not hardened her. She is a human, vulnerable woman with her own problems.' 'Gritty, gripping and well written. Can highly recommend it.' The next book in the series, Death Bed, is available now.

'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER How far would you go to find a murderer? DI Geraldine Steel, known for pushing the boundaries of her position in the name of justice, is on the hunt for a conviction, even if it threatens her life. A glamorous young TV soap star dies in a car crash but despite the severity of the incident, the driver of the second vehicle has somehow survived – and is now missing. When an almost identical case occurs resulting in the murder of another young actress, Geraldine finds herself on the hunt for a serial killer. With mounting evidence, the killer's identity seems within her reach. But with her sergeant's life on the line, Geraldine has a sacrifice to make. 'The best yet from Leigh Russell - she keeps you guessing all the way through and leaves you wanting more' – Crime Book Club Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

Lucy Hall arrives in the Seychelles determined to leave her worries behind. The tropical paradise looks sun-soaked and picture-perfect--but as Lucy soon discovers, appearances can be very deceptive. A deadly secret lurks in the island's history, buried deep but not forgotten. And it is about to come to light. As black clouds begin to gather over what promised to be a relaxing family break, Lucy realises that her father stands in the eye of the coming storm. A shadow from his past is threatening to destroy all that he holds dear--including the lives of his loved ones. A dark truth is about to explode into their lives, and that truth is going to hit them right between the eyes.

'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER * 'COMPELLING' – PETER JAMES When the bodies of two black girls are discovered in North London, the pressure is on to find a killer before the case divides the local community. But motive seems to go far beyond race in DI Geraldine Steel's first investigation in the nation's capital. Two teeth were extracted from each victim, and when this information is leaked to the press, there is a media frenzy over the unusual MO. As the police pursue their lead suspect, a third girl goes missing. With the death toll mounting, time is running out for Geraldine as she hunts for the elusive killer the media are calling 'The Dentist'.

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? NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK ? CHOSEN BY BARACK OBAMA AS A FAVOURITE READ ? TOP TEN BOOKS OF THE YEAR, NEW YORK TIMES & WASHINGTON POST 'Brilliantly imagined, larger than life, a tragicomic epic of intertwined lives.' JOYCE CAROL OATES 'Deeply felt, beautifully written and profoundly humane.' JUNOT DIAZ, New York Times Book Review The year is 1969. In a housing project in south Brooklyn, a shambling old church deacon called Sportcoat shoots - for no apparent reason - the local drug-dealer who used to be part of the church's baseball team. The repercussions of that moment draw in the whole community, from Sportcoat's best friend - Hot Sausage - to the local Italian mobsters, the police (corrupt and otherwise), and the stalwart ladies of the Five Ends Baptist Church. DEACON KING KONG is a book about a community under threat, about the ways people pull together in an age when the old rules are being rewritten. It is very funny in places, and heartbreaking in others. From a prize-winning storyteller, this New York Times bestseller shows us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, and that the communities we build are fragile but vital.

From the winner of a National Book Award and author of the bestselling memoir, *The Color of Water*, and *The Good Lord Bird*, a TV series starring Ethan Hawke 'A hilarious, pitch-perfect comedy set in the Brooklyn projects of the late 1960s. This alone may qualify it as one of the year's best novels.' The Washington Post What Goodreads readers are saying: ***** 'Deacon King Kong is one of those novels whose brilliance sneaks up on you. I haven't been this pleasantly surprised by a book in a while.' ***** 'I do believe I just finished one of my all time favorite books. I loved every minute spent with Sportcoat and his community. A good old fashioned yarn shot through with truth, spirit, and humor. I LOVED it!' ***** 'This book was a balm for my soul, a portrait of a black church community circa 1969 with sweet characters (well, most of them), interconnections that stretch back decades, and a plot with more than one mystery at its heart.' ***** "'Deacon" has the texture of folk lore and fable mixed with the unexpected rhythms of jazz and the noisy streets of late 1960s Brooklyn.' ***** 'The ending was one of those where you clutch your heart and want to hug the book (or your Kindle).'

Finalist for The People's Book Prize 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER When a successful businessman is the victim of a vicious murder, all evidence points to his wife and her young lover. But then the victim's business partner suffers a similarly brutal fate and when yet another body is discovered, seemingly unrelated, the police are baffled. The only clue is DNA that leads them to two women: one dead, the other in prison. With rumours growing of a serial killer in the city, the pressure to solve the case is high. But can Geraldine find the killer before there's yet another deadly attack? 'Stop Dead is a whodunit of the highest order' - CrimeSquad For fans of Mark Billingham, Angela Marsons and Peter James Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

When the Parson declares rather carelessly 'Anyone who murdered Colonel Prothero would be doing the world at large a service !', he does not realise his words will come back to haunt him. From several potential murderers, Miss Marple must find the real killer

The new novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series Living with her colleague and long time love interest, Detective Inspector Ian Peterson, it seems that Geraldine Steel has finally found happiness. But life is never that simple. As a psychopath starts killing random women on the streets of York, Geraldine is abducted by a drugs syndicate who have been threatening her sister. Geraldine has everything to fight for, and her life is on the line... For fans of Martina Cole, Mel Sherratt and LJ Ross 'Unmissable' - Lee Child 'Leigh Russell is a brilliant talent in the thriller field' - Jeffery Deaver 'A rare talent' - Daily Mail Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope, Rogue Killer and Deathly Affair, plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

The first comprehensive collection of the letters of one of the most successful American songwriters of the twentieth century From Anything Goes to Kiss Me, Kate, Cole Porter left a lasting legacy of iconic songs including "You're the Top," "Love For Sale," and "Night and Day." Yet, alongside his professional success, Porter led an eclectic personal life which featured exuberant parties, scandalous affairs, and chronic

health problems. This extensive collection of letters (most of which are published here for the first time) dates from the first decade of the twentieth century to the early 1960s and features correspondence with stars such as Irving Berlin, Ethel Merman, and Orson Welles, as well as his friends and lovers. Cliff Eisen and Dominic McHugh complement these letters with lively commentaries that draw together the loose threads of Porter's life and highlight the distinctions between Porter's public and private existence. This book reveals surprising insights into his attitudes toward Hollywood and Broadway, and toward money, love, and dazzling success.

This book is for all readers of crime fiction. Dividing Britain and Ireland into thirteen regions, the author describes the work of contemporary and historic crime writers and their novels where the setting of the novel is crucial, giving the story context and local relevance.

Reproduction of the original: The Emigrant Trail by Geraldine Bonner

THE NEW NOVEL IN THE MILLION-COPY SELLING DETECTIVE GERALDINE STEEL SERIES When a sex worker dies in suspicious circumstances in York, Detective Inspector Geraldine Steel struggles to remain focused on the murder investigation: she is distracted by her worries about her colleague and life partner, Ian Peterson, who has disappeared. As Geraldine becomes close to her new DS, Matthew, she is unaware that Ian is working undercover in London, trying to identify a criminal gang who have been targeting her. As a second victim is discovered in York, and Ian's life is threatened by a psychopath the tension mounts. If he fails in his mission, both he and Geraldine may die... Perfect for fans of Martina Cole, Mel Sherratt and LJ Ross PRAISE FOR DEEP COVER 'Leigh Russell is my alternative Martina Cole, writing with the same realism, grit and edge. Deep Cover is three stories woven into one and it pulls you in like a rip tide. Always believable, always compelling, Leigh has done it again' - Helen Fields, bestselling author of the Perfect Remains crime series 'Exceptional crime writing' - M.W. Craven Sunday Times bestselling author & CWA Gold dagger-winner 'Leigh Russell tells a tangled tale in which guilt catches up with the innocent. It kept me guessing until the end' - Lesley Thomson, bestselling author of The Detective's Daughter series 'Deep Cover is edge of the seat stuff. A highly entertaining thriller I could not put down' - Marion Todd, author of the DI Clare Mackay series (Shortlisted for the Bloody Scotland Crime Debut of the Year 2020) If you enjoyed Deep Cover, look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope, Rogue Killer, Deathly Affair, Deadly Revenge and Evil Impulse, plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

Now a Netflix movie directed by Mike Flanagan (Oculus, Hush) and starring Carla Gugino and Bruce Greenwood. Master storyteller Stephen King presents this classic, terrifying #1 New York Times bestseller. When a game of seduction between a husband and wife ends in death, the nightmare has only begun... "And now the voice which spoke belonged to no one but herself. Oh my God, it said. Oh my God, I am all alone out here. I am all alone." Once again, Jessie Burlingame has been talked into submitting to her husband Gerald's kinky sex games—something that she's frankly had enough of, and they never held much charm for her to begin with. So much for a "romantic getaway" at their secluded summer home. After Jessie is handcuffed to the bedposts—and Gerald crosses a line with his wife—the day ends with deadly consequences. Now Jessie is utterly trapped in an isolated lakeside house that has become her prison—and comes face-to-face with her deepest, darkest fears and memories. Her only company is that of the various voices filling her mind...as well as the shadows of nightfall that may conceal an imagined or very real threat right there with her...

'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'COMPELLING' – PETER JAMES * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER The dead body of unassuming David Lester is discovered in a dark side-street, and DI Geraldine Steel is plunged into another murder investigation. The clues mount up along with the suspects, but with the death of another man in inexplicable circumstances, the case becomes increasingly complex. As Geraldine investigates the seemingly unrelated crimes, she makes a shocking discovery about her birth mother. 'A highly enjoyable read from an author I wish I had discovered much, much sooner than I did' – Book Addict Shaun For fans of Mark Billingham, Robert Bryndza and Angela Marsons Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of 'March' and 'People of the Book'. A young woman's struggle to save her family and her soul during the extraordinary year of 1666, when plague suddenly struck a small Derbyshire village.

'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER A hand gripped her upper arm so suddenly it made her yelp. Biting her lower lip, she spun round, lashing out in terror. As she yanked her arm out of his grasp, her elbow hit the side of his chest. Struggling to cling on to her, he lost his footing. She staggered back and reached out, leaning one hand on the cold wall of the tunnel. Before she had recovered her balance he fell, arms flailing, eyes glaring wildly as he disappeared over the edge of the platform onto the rails below. . . Two murder victims and a suspect whose alibi appears open to doubt... Geraldine Steel is plunged into a double murder investigation which threatens not only her career, but her life. And then her previously unknown twin Helena turns up, with problems which are about to make Geraldine's life turn toxic in more ways than one. For fans of Rachel Abbott, Angela Marsons and Robert Bryndza Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder and Death Rope Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

The new novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series 'Brilliant and chilling, Leigh Russell delivers a cracker of a read!' - Martina Cole When a hysterical mother reports her baby's sudden disappearance, suspicion immediately falls on the absent husband. But Detective Geraldine Steel's gut instinct tells her this case is not as simple as her colleagues think... Complications in the mother's life begin to surface, including her relationship with her controlling father, a controversial political figure. As the police investigate, their urgent attempt to find the missing infant grows ever more perplexing. Steel is forced to suspect everyone associated with the family and when a body is discovered, matters take a deadly turn. For fans of Martina Cole, Mel Sherratt and LJ Ross 'Unmissable' - Lee Child 'Leigh Russell is a brilliant talent in the thriller field' - Jeffery Deaver Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope, Rogue Killer and Deathly Affair plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

When three dead bodies are discovered in quick succession on his home patch in Kent, DI Ian Peterson becomes too embroiled in a complex murder investigation to worry about his forthcoming promotion or the state of his marriage.

Geraldine Steel is back for her tenth case. Reunited in York with her former sergeant, Ian Peterson, she discovers that her tendency to bend the rules has consequences. The tables have turned, and now he's the boss. 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER When two people are murdered, their only connection lies buried in the past. As police search for the elusive killer, another body is discovered. Pursuing her first investigation in York, Geraldine Steel struggles to solve the confusing case. How can she expose the killer, and rescue her shattered reputation, when all the witnesses are being murdered? For fans of Peter James, Angela Marsons and Robert Bryndza Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi and Class Murder, plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

Blood Axe is the latest crime novel by bestselling author, Leigh Russell. 'Silently dipping his oars in the water he made his escape. It was a weary journey, with few spoils to show for it. Next time he would do better. He looked back over his shoulder. The bridge had disappeared,

swallowed up by the darkness. From its walkway he too had become invisible. Only the bloody body of a woman showed he had been roaming the streets that night.' DI Ian Peterson investigates a series of gruesome and brutal murders in York. As the body count mounts, the case demands all Ian's ingenuity, because these are murders seemingly committed at random, and this is a killer who leaves no clues. If you love Jeffery Deaver or Lee Child, you'll love Leigh Russell!

The First DS Ian Peterson Murder Investigation. When Henry's wife is stabbed to death, he pays a prostitute to give him an alibi. Her body is discovered, strangled, and the police realise they are dealing with a serial killer who will stop at nothing to cover his tracks.

In the tradition of Ruth Rendell, Lynda La Plante, Frances Fyfield, and Barbara Vine, Cut Short is a gripping psychological thriller that introduces Detective Inspector Geraldine Steel, a woman whose past is threatening to collide with her future. D.I. Geraldine Steel relocates to the quiet rural town of Woolsmarsh, thinking she's found a restful place where she can battle her demons in private. But when she finds herself pitted against a twisted killer preying on young local women in the park, she quickly discovers how wrong she is ... When an unwitting bystander comes forward as a witness, she quickly becomes the murderer's next obsession. And Geraldine Steel is locked in a race against time, determined to find the killer before yet another victim is discovered. But can she save the lives of the town's young women—or will Geraldine herself become the killer's ultimate trophy?

An inoffensive man is murdered in a seemingly motiveless attack. Detective Inspector Geraldine Steel and her team are baffled, until DNA from an apparent stranger is discovered on the victim's body. Geraldine is not convinced the suspect is guilty. When a witness comes forward to offer the suspect an alibi, Geraldine lets him go. That night, a second murder is committed. The evidence points to the suspect who has just been released. As Geraldine attempts to make sense of the suspect's complex history, he goes on the run. Even his wife appears to condemn him. Only Geraldine still doubts that he is to blame for the murders, but is she prompted by her own guilt for having released him to kill again? As the story races towards a breath-taking twist, Geraldine is tormented by self-doubt, and struggles to focus all her attention on the case. Someone is lying and the police must uncover the truth before anyone else is killed...

'Brilliant and chilling, Leigh Russell delivers a cracker of a read!' - Martina Cole 'UNMISSABLE' – LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' – DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' – JEFFERY DEAVER The twelfth novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series A man is killed in apparently random attack, and suspicion falls on a gang of muggers. Only Detective Sergeant Geraldine Steel thinks this is the work of a more deliberate murderer. Two more victims are discovered, after further seemingly indiscriminate attacks. The muggers are tracked down, with tragic consequences. And all the while the killer remains at large. When Geraldine finally manages to track down a witness, she finds her own life is in danger... For fans of Martina Cole, Mel Sherratt and LJ Ross Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope and Deathly Affair, plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

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'UNMISSABLE' - LEE CHILD * 'A RARE TALENT' - DAILY MAIL * 'BRILLIANT' - JEFFERY DEAVER The new novel in the million-copy selling Detective Geraldine Steel series When a homeless man is found strangled to death, Detective Sergeant Geraldine Steel is caught off guard by the cold-blooded nature of the crime. A second murder suggests the existence of a killer whose motive is as elusive as he is dangerous. In an investigation plagued by police scepticism, only Geraldine is relentless in her pursuit of the truth. As she is forced down unexpected avenues into the lives of three people caught in a toxic triangle of love and deceit, she discovers there is more to this case than any of them could have imagined. For fans of Martina Cole, Mel Sherratt and LJ Ross Look out for more DI Geraldine Steel investigations in Cut Short, Road Closed, Dead End, Death Bed, Stop Dead, Fatal Act, Killer Plan, Murder Ring, Deadly Alibi, Class Murder, Death Rope and Rogue Killer, plus the special Christmas short story, Killer Christmas Don't miss the DI Ian Peterson series: Cold Sacrifice, Race to Death and Blood Axe

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A liar in the family... Rosamund Lupton's Sister meets The Woman in the Window in this gripping thriller brimming with suspense and lies!

In a world where food is scarce, the government rules and ordinary people only exist to serve, can there ever be happiness? As a child, living in a post-apocalyptic world, the only person Rachel can rely on is her mother. But when her mother is killed, Rachel is initiated into The Programme where selected young girls are medicated to make them fertile. Fearing for her future, Rachel escapes. But freedom comes at a price and Rachel must navigate through a terrifying landscape of persecution to survive. What is on the other side of the city wall? Will the repressive government hunt her

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