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THE FORTUNES OF OLIVIA RICHMOND

BY LOUISE DAVIDSON

COMING OCTOBER 2023

After a terrible tragedy, governess Julia Pearlie finds herself with no job, home, or references. When she's offered a position as companion to Miss Olivia Richmond, she's relieved. But Mistcoate House is full of secrets.

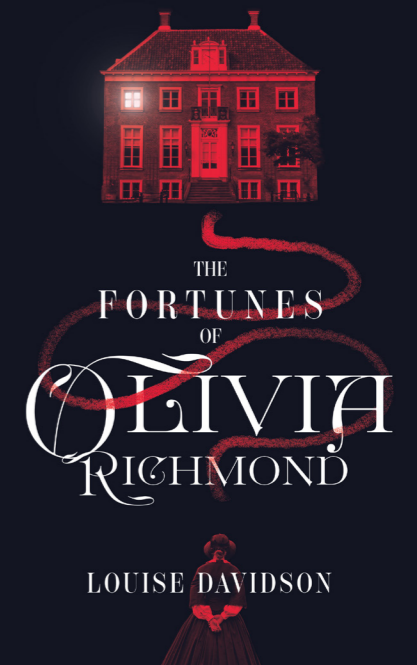
Olivia has a sinister reputation. The locals call her the Mistcoate Witch, thanks to her tarot readings, and her insistence that she can speak to the dead. Her brother believes this to be girlish fantasy and is looking to Julia to put a stop to it. But it seems there may be more to Olivia's stories than Dr Richmond would have Julia believe – not least because Olivia seems to know something of the darkness that Julia desperately hoped she had left behind.

As the danger grows, and the winter chill wraps around the dark woods surrounding Mistcoate, Julia will have to fight to uncover the truth, escape her past – and save herself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Louise Richmond was born in Belfast and has always worked in the creative arts some capacity, from working as an assistant to theatre directors, to holding scriptwriting classes in prisons and teaching English and drama to A-Level students. Louise lives in London with her husband and step-son. The Fortunes of Olivia Richmond is her debut novel.

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THE COMING DARKNESS

BY GREG MOSSE

OUT NOW IN HARDBACK

PAPERBACK COMING SEPTEMBER 2023

Paris, 2037. With a double threat of rising temperatures and new diseases jeopardising public health, the world has never been more dangerous.

French special agent Alexandre Lamarque notices signs of a new terror group – one that is widespread and reaches the highest levels. Experience has taught him there is no-one he can trust – not his secretive lover Mariam, not his intelligence colleagues, and not even the people who trained him to be a spy.

As his investigation deepens, he connects the group with an ominous sequence of events: a theft from a Norwegian genetics lab; a string of gory child murders; a chaotic coup in a breakaway North African republic, and the extraction under fire of its charismatic leader. And as the one man able to see through the web of lies, Alex may be the world's only hope.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

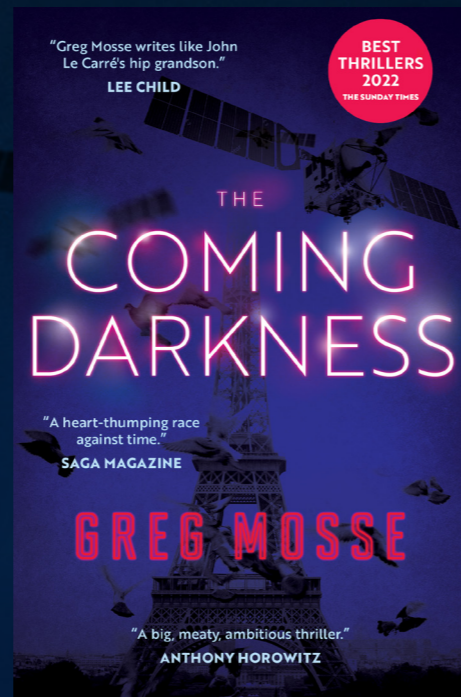
Greg's first career was in theatre as actor, director and writer. He has lived and worked in Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Madrid. Having worked as an international interpreter, in 2015 Greg returned to theatre. Since then, he has written and produced 25 plays and musicals. He took advantage of 2020's lockdown to fulfil a long-term ambition to write a powerful thriller.

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SAGA MAGAZINE

"Superb. Greg Mosse writes like John Le Carré's hip grandson."

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THE LOST DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS

BY JACK JEWERS

OUT NOW IN HARDBACK AND PAPERBACK

The diaries of Samuel Pepys have enthralled readers for centuries with their audacious wit, gripping detail, and racy assignations. Pepys stopped writing at the age of 36. Or did he?

This action-packed historical thriller picks up where Pepys left off as he's sent dragging his feet from the pleasures of his familiar London to the grimy taverns and shipyards of Portsmouth. An investigator sent by the King to look into corruption at the Royal Navy has been brutally murdered, and it's down to Pepys to find out why.

What awaits him is more dangerous than he could have imagined. Facing would-be assassins, suspected Dutch spies and a secret society of outlaws, Pepys has to decide who he can trust. And if the truth isn't uncovered in time, then England could be thrown into a war that would have devastating consequences...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jack Jewers is a filmmaker and writer, passionate about history. His career has been spent telling stories in all media, and his body of work includes film, TV, and digital media. His films have been shown at dozens of international film festivals, including Cannes, New York, Marseille, Dublin, and London's FrightFest, garnering multiple accolades, including an award from the Royal Television Society and a nomination for Best Short Film by BAFTA Wales. The Lost Diary of Samuel Pepys is his first novel.

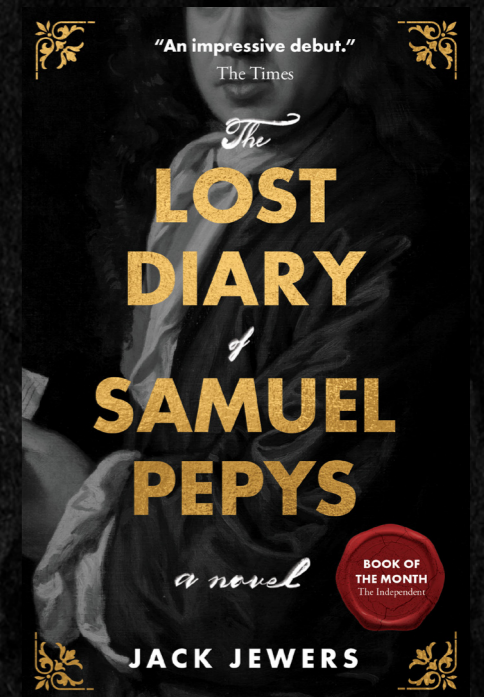
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"An impressive debut. One of the best historical fiction books of the year."

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THE FINANCIAL TIMES

BLUE RUNNING

BY LORI ANN STEPHENS

OUT NOW IN HARDBACK AND PAPERBACK

In the new Republic of Texas, guns are compulsory and nothing is forgiven.

Fourteen-year-old Bluebonnet Andrews is on the run across the Republic of Texas. An accident with a gun killed her best friend but everyone in the town of Blessing thinks it was murder. Even her father – the town’s drunken deputy – believes she did it. Now, she has no choice but to run – because in Texas, murder is punishable by death. And to escape, she has to get across the lawless Republic and over the wall that keeps everyone in.

On the road she meets Jet, a pregnant young woman of Latin American heritage. Jet is secretive about her past but she’s just as determined as Blue to get out of Texas before she’s caught and arrested. When Blue and Jet finally reach the wall, will they be able to cross the border, or will they be shot down in cold blood like thousands who have gone before them?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lori Ann Stephens is an award-winning author whose novels for children and adults include *Novalee* and *the Spider Secret*, *Some Act of Vision*, and *Song of the Orange Moons*. She teaches creative writing and critical reasoning at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

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HEAT MAGAZINE

“Gripping.”
THE GUARDIAN

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NUMBER 10 AND CODENAME FIREFLY

BY C. J. DAUGHERTY

Gray Langtry’s life has been in turmoil ever since her mother became Prime Minister. Now, someone wants her dead.

It was bad enough for Gray when she had to leave her home and move into the Prime Minister’s official residence at Number 10, Downing Street. Now, everywhere she goes, she must be accompanied by bodyguards. Worst of all, the media won’t leave her alone - she’s in every tabloid, and her behaviour, appearance, the length of her skirts... everything is judged. And she doesn’t like this life.

But things are about to get worse. Soon, Gray finds herself the target of a Russian assassination plot, and she doesn’t know who she can trust. Afraid for herself, her mother, and her country, Gray is determined to figure out who is hunting her, and why. But she must move fast. The hunters are coming.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A former crime reporter and accidental civil servant, C.J. Daugherty best-selling young adult series, *Night School*, was published by Little Brown and went on to sell over a million and a half copies worldwide. Her books have been translated into 25 languages and have been bestsellers in multiple countries.

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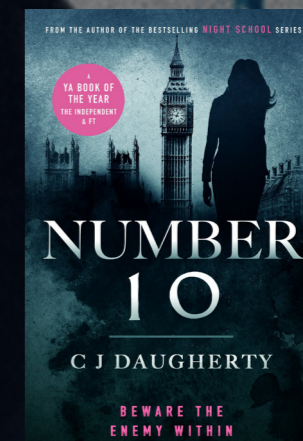
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combine to thrilling effect.”
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