

# The Island By Victoria Hislop

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*One Cretan Evening and Other Stories* - Victoria Hislop

2011-09-15

Set in Greece and in England, One Cretan Evening, The Pine Tree, By the Fire, The Warmest Christmas Ever and Aflame in Athens are five unmissable stories told in Victoria's unique voice. This ebook includes the opening of The Thread, Victoria's new novel: a powerful tale of love and loyalty set in the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, Greece.

**A Parcel of Patterns** - Jill

Paton Walsh 2022-03-03

A PLAGUE - A VILLAGE - A

LOCKDOWN 1665, Eyam,

Derbyshire. 'Here I have set down all that I know of the Plague' It is 1665 and Mall Percival is a shepherd girl living in a Derbyshire village. She tends her flock, spends time with her best friend and teaches her young suitor to read. But one day a parcel of patterns, meant for a new dress for the pastor's wife, wings its way from London. The parcel carries an infection that spreads with horrifying speed. Herbal teas and open windows are the only defence against the sickness. Yet the villagers make a brave and selfless decision: to isolate

themselves from the rest of the country. It is a lockdown that saves the neighbouring towns, but at heart-breaking cost to Mall's world. Based on the true events of the village of Eyam, this is the story of a courageous sacrifice that saved Derbyshire and beyond from a deadly virus. \*SHORTLISTED FOR THE WHITBREAD PRIZE\* 'A pocket masterpiece'

Guardian Readers love A Parcel of Patterns 'I couldn't put it down' 'Brought me to tears too many times to count' 'If you think social distancing is hard in the Coronavirus pandemic, read this wonderful novel based on the true story of the village of Eyam'

*The Island* - Elin Hilderbrand  
2010-07-06  
Birdie Cousins has planned a getaway with her daughter Chess on rustic, charming Tuckernuck Island off the coast of Nantucket, a chance to bond before Chess's upcoming marriage. Birdie's been through a difficult divorce herself, so she knows the big commitment that marriage entails. She's only recently

dared to tiptoe back into the waters of romance. When Chess abruptly breaks off the wedding and her fiancé shockingly dies in a rock climbing accident, it leaves Chess feeling guilty and deeply depressed. Birdie circles the wagons, convincing her younger daughter Tate, and her own sister India to join them on Tuckernuck for the month of July. Secrets and intrigue soon make their way to the surface, as Elin Hilderbrand once again weaves a masterful story of summer suspense.

*Island of Secrets* - Patricia Wilson  
2017-03-09

If you love Karen Swan and Elizabeth Edmondson, you will love this perfect escapist read. 'The story started at dawn on the fourteenth of September, 1943 . . .' All her life, London-born Angelika has been intrigued by her mother's secret past. Now planning her wedding, she feels she must visit the remote Crete village her mother grew up in. Angie's estranged elderly grandmother, Maria, is dying.

She welcomes Angie with open arms - it's time to unburden herself, and tell the story she'll otherwise take to her grave. It's the story of the Nazi occupation of Crete during the Second World War, of horror, of courage and of the lengths to which a mother will go to protect her children. And it's the story of bitter secrets that broke a family apart, and of three enchanting women who come together to heal wounds that have damaged two generations. What readers are saying about *Island of Secrets*: 'Island of Secrets is a book full of raw emotions, family vendettas, hidden secrets and three very strong women. It's a book I enjoyed very much and one which fans of Victoria Hislop and Debbie Rix are sure to enjoy' (NetGalley Reviewer) 'So well written and utterly heartbreaking . . . a story that needs to be told' (NetGalley Reviewer) 'Page-turning, enthralling and heartbreaking by turns' 'Made me laugh and cry, just couldn't put this book down'

**The Return** - Joseph

Helmreich 2017-03-14

During a live television broadcast on the night of a lunar eclipse, renowned astrophysicist Andrew Leland is suddenly lifted into the sky by a giant spacecraft and taken away for all to see. Six years later, he turns up, wandering in a South American desert, denying ever having been abducted and disappearing from the public eye.

Meanwhile, he inspires legions of cultish devotees, including a young physics graduate student named Shawn Ferris who is obsessed with finding out what really happened to him. When Shawn finally tracks Leland down, he discovers that he's been on the run for years, continuously hunted by a secret organization that has pursued him across multiple continents, determined to force him into revealing what he knows. Shawn soon joins Leland on the run. Though Leland is at first reluctant to reveal anything, Shawn will soon learn the truth about his abduction, the real reason for his return, and will find himself

caught up in a global conspiracy that puts more than just one planet in danger.

Equal parts science-fiction and globe-hopping thriller, Joseph Helmreich's *The Return* will appeal to fans of both, and to anyone who has ever wondered... what's out there?

**The Island** - Victoria Hislop  
2008-02-10

'A moving and absorbing holiday read that pulls at the heartstrings' *Evening Standard*  
The acclaimed million-copy number one bestseller and winner of Richard & Judy's Summer Read 2006. Victoria Hislop tells a dramatic tale of four generations, illicit love, violence and leprosy, from the thirties, through the war, to the present day. On the brink of a life-changing decision, Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village before moving to London. When Alexis decides to visit Crete, however, Sofia gives her daughter a letter to take to an old friend, and promises that through her

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'Victoria Hislop . . . brings dignity and tenderness to her novel about lives blighted by leprosy' *Telegraph*  
'Wonderful descriptions, strong characters and an intimate portrait of island existence' *Woman & Home*  
'War, tragedy and passion unfurl against a Mediterranean backdrop in this engrossing debut novel' *You magazine*  
'Hislop's deep research, imagination and patent love of Crete creates a convincing portrait of times on the island' *Evening Standard*  
'A

page-turning tale that reminds us that love and life continue in even the most extraordinary of circumstances' Sunday Express 'A beautiful tale of enduring love and unthinking prejudice' Express

The Sunrise - Victoria Hislop  
2014-09-25

'Intelligent and immersive... a poignant, compelling family saga' The Sunday Times The No. 1 Sunday Times bestseller from the million-copy best-selling author of *The Island*, *The Thread*, and *The Return*. In the summer of 1972, Famagusta in Cyprus is the most desirable resort in the Mediterranean, a city bathed in the glow of good fortune. An ambitious couple are about to open the island's most spectacular hotel, where Greek and Turkish Cypriots work in harmony. Two neighbouring families, the Georgious and the Özkans, are among many who moved to Famagusta to escape the years of unrest and ethnic violence elsewhere on the island. But beneath the city's façade of glamour and success, tension is building. When a

Greek coup plunges the island into chaos, Cyprus faces a disastrous conflict. Turkey invades to protect the Turkish Cypriot minority, and Famagusta is shelled. Forty thousand people seize their most precious possessions and flee from the advancing soldiers. In the deserted city, just two families remain. This is their story. Praise for *The Sunrise*. . . 'Fascinating and moving' The Times 'An imaginative tour de force, and a great read' Daily Mail 'An absorbing tale about family, friendship, loyalty and betrayal' Good Housekeeping 'Heartbreaking' Essentials 'Vibrant... Hislop brings history to life in this compelling tale' Tatler 'Fascinating' Sunday Mirror

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Includes a new essay by Victoria Hislop on the impact of this million-copy bestseller. The acclaimed number one bestseller from Victoria Hislop is a dramatic tale of four generations, rent by war, illicit love, violence and leprosy, from

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**The Last Dance and Other Stories** - Victoria Hislop  
2012-11-08

'Lyrical, twisty short stories' Evening Standard A collection of stunning short stories from the million-copy bestselling author of *The Island*. Three of these stories were previously published in Victoria Hislop's ebook collection, *One Cretan Evening*. In ten powerful stories, Victoria Hislop takes us through the streets of Athens and into the tree-lined squares of Greek villages. As she evokes their distinct atmosphere, she brings vividly

to life a host of unforgettable characters, from a lonesome priest to battling brothers, and from an unwanted stranger to a groom troubled by music and memory. These bittersweet tales of love and loyalty, of separation and reconciliation, captured in Victoria Hislop's unique voice, will stay with you long after you reach the end. Praise for *The Last Dance and Other Stories*. . . 'A master at evoking a sense of place' Mail on Sunday 'Stunning... Intricate, beautifully observed' Express 'Beguiling... her characters are utterly convincing' Daily Mail 'A vivid portrait of a country in upheaval' Tatler

**The Story** - Victoria Hislop  
2013-08-22

Witty, heartbreaking, shocking, satirical: the short story can excite or sadden, entice or repulse. The one thing it can never be is dull. Now Victoria Hislop, passionate ambassador for the art of the short story, has collected 100 stories from her favourite women writers into one volume. Here are Man Booker Prize winners and

Nobel Laureates, well-known feminists and famous wits, national treasures and rising stars. All handpicked by one of the nation's best-loved novelists, there's a story for every mood, mind-set and moment in life. Featuring an all star cast of authors including Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Angela Carter, Margaret Drabble, Penelope Fitzgerald, Miranda July, Doris Lessing, Katherine Mansfield, Alice Munro, Dorothy Parker and Virginia Woolf, *THE STORY* is the biggest and most beautiful collectino of women's short fiction in print today.

**A Boy Made of Blocks** - Keith Stuart 2016-09-06

*A Boy Made of Blocks* is a funny, heartwarming story of family and love inspired by the author's own experiences with his son, the perfect latest obsession for fans of *The Rosie Project*, David Nicholls and Jojo Moyes. A father who rediscovers love Alex loves his wife Jody, but has forgotten how to show it. He loves his son Sam, but doesn't understand him. He needs a

reason to grab his future with both hands. A son who shows him how to live Meet eight-year-old Sam: beautiful, surprising - and different. To him the world is a frightening mystery. But as his imagination comes to life, his family will be changed . . . for good. "One of those wonderful books that makes you laugh and cry at the same time." Good Housekeeping "Funny, expertly plotted and written with enormous heart. Readers who enjoyed The Rosie Project will love A Boy Made of Blocks - I did." Graeme Simsion "Very funny, incredibly poignant and full of insight. Awesome." Jenny Colgan "A wonderful, warm, insightful novel about family, friendship and love." Daily Mail "A charming and timely tale of learning to connect in the digital age." Kirkus "This is an author who understands fatherhood and boyhood and everything in between. A truly beautiful book." Matthew Dicks, author of *Memoirs of An Imaginary Friend* "A Boy Made of Blocks will make you laugh and cry in equal measure; a

book you won't soon forget." Brenda Janowitz, author of *The Dinner Party*  
*Beyond the Orchard* - Anna Romer 2017-11  
A haunting story of yearning, love and betrayal from the bestselling author of *Thornwood House* Lucy Briar has arrived home in turmoil after years overseas. She's met her fiancé in London and has her life mapped out, but something is holding her back. Hoping to ground herself and find answers, Lucy settles into once familiar routines. But old tortured feelings flood Lucy's existence when her beloved father, Ron, is hospitalised and Morgan - the man who drove her away all those years ago - seeks her out. Worse, Ron implores Lucy to visit Bitterwood Estate, the crumbling historic family guesthouse now left to him. He needs Lucy to find something - an old photograph album, the very thing that drove Ron and his father apart. Lucy has her own painful memories of Bitterwood, darkness that has plagued her dreams since she

was young. But as Lucy searches for the album, the house begins to give up its ghosts and she is driven to put them to rest. And there, held tightly between the house, the orchard and the soaring cliffs, Lucy uncovers a long-hidden secret that shattered a family's bond and kept a frightened young girl in its thrall ... and Lucy discovers just how fierce the lonely heart can be.

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2005

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**Distant Shores** - Kristin Hannah  
2011-06-28

NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER • "Hannah examines whether love and commitment are enough to sustain a marriage when two people who have put their individual dreams on ice get a chance to defrost them . . . in fast-moving prose punctuated by snappy asides."—People  
Elizabeth and Jackson Shore married young, raised two daughters, and weathered the storms of youth as they built a family. From a distance, their lives look picture perfect. But after the girls leave home, Jack and Elizabeth quietly drift apart. When Jack accepts a wonderful new job, Elizabeth puts her own needs aside to follow him across the country. Then tragedy turns Elizabeth's

world upside down. In the aftermath, she questions everything about her life—her choices, her marriage, even her long-forgotten dreams. In a daring move that shocks her husband, friends, and daughters, she lets go of the woman she has become—and reaches out for the woman she wants to be.

**Maria's Island** - Victoria Hislop 2021

A dramatic and moving story set in the same world as the international bestseller *The Island* from the celebrated novelist Victoria Hislop. The absorbing story of the Cretan village of Plaka and the tiny, deserted island of Spinalonga - Greece's former leper colony - is told to us by Maria Petrakis, one of the children in the original version of *The Island*. She tells us of the ancient and misunderstood disease of leprosy, exploring the themes of stigma, shame and the treatment of those who are different, which are as relevant for children as adults. Gill Smith's rich, full-colour illustrations will transport the

reader to the timeless and beautiful Greek landscape and Mediterranean seascape.

[Hero on a Bicycle](#) - Shirley Hughes 2013-04-23

In her first novel, beloved author Shirley Hughes presents a World War II adventure proving that in extraordinary circumstances, people are capable of extraordinary things. Italy, 1944: Florence is occupied by Nazi forces. The Italian resistance movement has not given up hope, though — and neither have thirteen-year-old Paolo and his sister, Costanza. As their mother is pressured into harboring escaping POWs, Paolo and Costanza each find a part to play in opposing the German forces. Both are desperate to fight the occupation, but what can two siblings — with only a bicycle to help them — do against a whole army? Middle-grade fans of history and adventure will be riveted by the action and the vividly evoked tension of World War II.

[The Return](#) - Victoria Hislop 2009-10-06

Already a #1 bestseller in the UK, *The Return* is a captivating new novel of family, love, and betrayal set against a backdrop of civil war, flamenco, and fiery Spanish passion. The author of the beloved international bestseller *The Island*, Victoria Hislop now transports the reader to Granada, Spain, in a time of historic turmoil. *The Return* is a colorful and spellbinding saga of a family inspired by music and dance, only to be torn apart by fragile hearts and divided loyalties during the bitter war that brought the dictator Generalissimo Francisco Franco to power.

*One August Night* - Victoria Hislop 2021-07-22

*Dirty Little Secrets* - Liliana Hart 2012-12-04

J.J. Graves has seen a lot of dead bodies in her line of work... She's not only in the mortuary business, but she's also the coroner for King George County, Virginia. When a grisly murder is discovered in the small town of Bloody Mary, it's up to J.J. and her best

friend, Detective Jack Lawson, to bring the victim justice. The murders are piling up... The residents of Bloody Mary are dropping like flies, and when a popular mystery writer shows up on J.J.'s doorstep with plans of writing his new book about the Bloody Mary Serial Killer, J.J. has to decide if he might be going above and beyond the call of duty to create the spine tinglers he's so well known for. It only clouds the issue and puts her reputation on the line when the attraction between them spirals out of control. And passions are rising... J.J. and Jack are in a race against time. They discover each victim had a shocking secret, and the very foundation of J.J.'s life is in danger of crumbling when it turns out she's harboring secrets of her own -- secrets that make her the perfect victim in a deadly game.

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Those Who Are Loved was a Sunday Times Number One bestseller in paperback for four weeks in August and September 2020.

**The Story of Hong Gildong** -

Kyun Hō 2016-03-15

Hong Gildong, a brilliant but illegitimate son of a noble government minister, cannot advance in society and embarks on a series of adventures, joining a band of outlaws, vanquishing assassins and monsters, and founding his own kingdom.

**The Island Villa** - Lily Graham  
2020-03-20

Marisal. A villa on a sleepy Spanish island. A place that

time had forgotten. A place of long ago summers, sun-kissed memories and one terrible betrayal ... When Charlotte's husband James tragically dies, he leaves her an unexpected gift - her grandmother's beautiful villa, Marisal, on the Spanish island of Formentera. As she begins to explore her new home, and heal her broken heart in the warm golden sunshine, Charlotte discovers that her grandmother Alba has been keeping secrets about her life on the island. Intrigued by her family's hidden history, Charlotte uncovers a devastating love affair that put many lives at risk and two sisters torn apart by loss. Can the heart-breaking truth of the island's dark history finally be laid to rest? Or will the secrets of the past shake the new life and love that Charlotte is close to finding? What readers are saying about The Island Villa: 'I was hooked... a beautiful story... absolutely amazing!... truly beautiful... even though I did spend most of the time blubbering into my tissues!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars

'Gorgeous; reminding me of a Kate Morton novel... I had a difficult time wanting to put down this book most nights; staying up into the wee hours of the morning... this stunning book was a perfect summer read, and I relished every page.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 Stars 'I simply adored The Island Villa ... This book is beautifully written and I devoured it in a couple of days. A fantastic plot line with strong characters, I can highly recommend it.' Goodreads Reviewer, Five Stars. 'I wasn't sure what to expect with this book but after the first page, I was hooked! ... I loved the chapters going from past to present. This has family relationships, love and just beautiful imagery in it, you will enjoy every single second! I highly recommend this book, great book to take to the beach this summer!' Goodreads reviewer, Five Stars. 'Once you start reading this book, you'll want to keep reading it! you'll instantly be transported to the Spanish island ... it's a book you won't be able to put down

until you finish it! Be sure to add this one to your Summer reading list!' Bless Their Hearts Mom, Five Stars. 'This book was a real treat! I read it in two days'. The Princess and the Pen, Five Stars. 'This book is up there with my favourites... the descriptions of the rambling paths, streets, coves and markets are wanderlust igniting... It was gripping, dramatic and uplifting, perfect for a holiday/beach read... It's a sign of a great book when you are left wanting more.' Beereader Books, Five Stars. '... I rarely say a book should be longer but bizarrely it would have worked for this particular storyline, I simply wanted to know more. Think of the dual narrative works of Kate Morton or Lucinda Riley, books you can lose yourself in. I did lose myself in this book because I was transported to the island and the sun, the sea, the heat what more could you ask for in a summer read?' The Book Jotter. 'Beautiful and moving! This is a stunning tapestry of a book, the various strands

beautifully and expertly woven into a tantalising, absolutely perfect, masterpiece of a story. I loved it from start to finish.'

Renita D'Silva, Five Stars.

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2007-07-24

The Petrakis family lives in the small Greek seaside village of Plaka. Just off the coast is the tiny island of Spinalonga, where the nation's leper colony once was located—a place that has haunted four generations of Petrakis women. There's Eleni, ripped from her husband and two young daughters and sent to Spinalonga in 1939, and her daughters Maria, finding

joy in the everyday as she dutifully cares for her father, and Anna, a wild child hungry for passion and a life anywhere but Plaka. And finally there's Alexis, Eleni's great-granddaughter, visiting modern-day Greece to unlock her family's past. A richly enchanting novel of lives and loves unfolding against the backdrop of the Mediterranean during World War II, *The Island* is an enthralling story of dreams and desires, of secrets desperately hidden, and of leprosy's touch on an unforgettable family.

**The Sunrise** - Victoria Hislop  
2015-07-07

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Island* comes a stirring novel about loyalty, love, and resilience in the face of tremendous upheaval—a saga of survival set during the 1974 Cypriot coup d'état that tells the intersecting stories of three families whose lives are decimated when brewing ethnic tensions erupt into conflict. Summer 1972—Famagusta is Cyprus's

most glamorous city and the most desirable tourist destination in the Mediterranean, and the Papacostas are right at the center of it. Aphroditi and her husband Savvas own The Sunrise, a wildly successful new luxury hotel. Frequented by only the very wealthiest of Europe's elite, The Sunrise—especially its alluring nightclub—quickly becomes the place to see and be seen. Yet beneath the veneer of tranquil opulence simmers mounting hostility between the Greeks and the Turks. Years of unrest and ethnic violence come to a head when, in 1974, Greece's coup d'état provokes a Turkish attack on beautiful Famagusta. The fallout sends the island's inhabitants spiraling into fear and chaos, and the Papacostas join an exodus of people who must abandon their idyllic lives in Famagusta and flee to refugee camps. In the end, only two families remain in the decimated city: the Özkans and the Georgious. One is Turkish Cypriot, the other Greek

Cypriot and the tension between them is palpable. But with resources scarce and the Turkish militia looming large, both families must take shelter in the deserted hotel as they battle illness, hunger, fear, and their own prejudices while struggling to stay alive. Juxtaposing a powerful narrative of war against the glittering affluence of the 1970s Mediterranean coast, The Sunrise is a moving story about the measures we take to protect what we love.

[Attack on Pearl Harbor \(Ranger in Time #12\)](#) - Kate Messner 2020-07-21

I Survived meets The Puppy Place in this thrilling adventure novel as Ranger -- a time-traveling golden retriever -- races to the rescue on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. Ranger travels back to 1941 Hawaii, where World War II is on everyone's minds. That includes Ben Hansen, a young sailor stationed at Pearl Harbor, and twins Paul and Grace Yamada who are making their weekly market trip when Japanese bombs begin to fall

from the sky. As the surprise attack puts all of Ranger's new friends in danger, his search-and-rescue training kicks in to high gear. Can he help them survive against all odds?

The Infinities - John Banville  
2010-02-23

On a languid midsummer's day in the countryside, old Adam Godley, a renowned theoretical mathematician, is dying. His family gathers at his bedside: his son, young Adam, struggling to maintain his marriage to a radiantly beautiful actress; his nineteen-year-old daughter, Petra, filled with voices and visions as she waits for the inevitable; their mother, Ursula, whose relations with the Godley children are strained at best; and Petra's "young man"—very likely more interested in the father than the daughter—who has arrived for a superbly ill-timed visit. But the Godley family is not alone in their vigil. Around them hovers a family of mischievous immortals—among them, Zeus, who has his eye on young Adam's wife; Pan, who has taken the doughy,

perspiring form of an old unwelcome acquaintance; and Hermes, who is the genial and omniscient narrator: "We too are petty and vindictive," he tells us, "just like you, when we are put to it." As old Adam's days on earth run down, these unearthly beings start to stir up trouble, to sometimes wildly unintended effect. . . . Blissfully inventive and playful, rich in psychological insight and sensual detail, *The Infinities* is at once a gloriously earthy romp and a wise look at the terrible, wonderful plight of being human—a dazzling novel from one of the most widely admired and acclaimed writers at work today.

*Escape from the Great Earthquake (Ranger in Time #6)* - Kate Messner 2017-06-27  
Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training, helps two new friends survive the Great San Francisco Earthquake! Ranger travels to San Francisco and meets Lily Chen. She was sent from China to America to work as a young servant, but she dreams of

studying to be a doctor. When the Great Earthquake hits, Ranger arrives in time to rescue Lily from falling beams in the mission house where she lives. Together they flee to safety, stopping to help another girl, May Wong, save her little brother from the family's collapsed market. Lily and May try to make their way through the ruined city with Ranger at their side. But can they escape crumbling buildings and raging fires, all while facing anti-Chinese discrimination?

*The Islands Collection* -

Victoria Hislop 2020-05-04

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**Disaster on the Titanic (Ranger in Time #9)** - Kate Messner 2019-01-29  
Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training, finds himself in 1912... on board the Titanic! Everyone says the Titanic is unsinkable, and Patrick Murphy believes this most of all. He grew up near the shipyard where the magnificent ship was built and officially started working there when he turned thirteen. He's even been chosen to be part of the crew during the Titanic's maiden voyage! Ranger meets Patrick before the ship sets sail, and once on board, they befriend Maryam and Hamad. But one night, the ship hits an iceberg and starts to take on water. It's a race against time for Ranger and his friends to

help get as many passengers -- including themselves -- off the ship before it's too late.

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**The Hawley Book of the Dead** - Chrysler Szarlan

2014-09-23

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For fans of *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* and *A Discovery of Witches* comes a brilliantly imagined debut novel brimming with rich history, suspense, and magic. Revelation "Reve" Dyer grew up with her grandmother's family stories, stretching back centuries to Reve's ancestors, who founded the town of Hawley Five Corners, Massachusetts. Their history is steeped in secrets, for few outsiders know that an ancient magic runs in the Dyer women's blood, and that Reve is a magician whose powers are all too real. Reve and her husband are world-famous Las Vegas illusionists. They have three lovely young daughters, a beautiful home, and what seems like a charmed life. But Reve's world is shattered when an intruder alters her trick pistol and she accidentally shoots and kills her beloved husband onstage. Fearing for her daughters' lives, Reve flees with them to the place she has always felt safest—an antiquated farmhouse in the forest of Hawley Five Corners,

where the magic of her ancestors reigns, and her oldest friend—and first love—is the town’s chief of police. Here, in the forest, with its undeniable air of enchantment, Reve hopes she and her girls will be protected. Delving into the past for answers, Reve is drawn deeper into her family’s legends. What she discovers is The Hawley Book of the Dead, an ancient leather-bound journal holding mysterious mythic power. As she pieces together the truth behind the book, Reve will have to shield herself and her daughters against an uncertain, increasingly dangerous fate. For soon it becomes clear that the stranger who upended Reve’s life in Las Vegas has followed her to Hawley—and that she has something he desperately wants. Brimming with rich history, suspense, and magic, The Hawley Book of the Dead is a brilliantly imagined debut novel from a riveting new voice. Praise for The Hawley Book of the Dead “An informed and assured launch . . . Readers will be

thoroughly engaged [by] the literary, magical, horse-loving Reve.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Enthralling . . . a magic-fueled tale of contemporary romantic suspense.”—Booklist (starred review) “The core narrative is strong [with] a proper hook. . . . The scenes with Reve and her daughters ring true.”—Library Journal “An impressive debut novel that combines various genres seamlessly.”—Huntington News “Engrossing . . . a novel well worth discovering . . . In the vein of authors like Deborah Harkness and Katherine Howe, magic and reality are perfectly blended.”—BookPage “With a rapid pace and exquisite details that clearly set the scene and mood, [Chrysler] Szarlan’s novel is a great read for those who love fantasy and tales of witchcraft.”—Shelf Awareness “The Hawley Book of the Dead had me completely spellbound from beginning to end. A storytelling virtuosa, Chrysler Szarlan has woven a wondrous, scintillating web of suspense,

love, history, and magic that will keep you eagerly turning the pages late into the night. Even readers not normally drawn to the supernatural will be swept away by this book; it has everything a great adventure should have—and so much more.”—Anne Fortier “A haunting story of love, loss, family secrets, mysteries, and magic.”—Lauren Willig

### **Cartes Postales from Greece**

- Victoria Hislop 2016-09-22  
THE NUMBER ONE SUNDAY  
TIMES BESTSELLER Cartes Postales from Greece is an extraordinary new book from Victoria Hislop, the Sunday Times Number One bestselling author of *The Island*, *The Return*, *The Thread*, and *The Sunrise*. A beautifully depicted love affair with Greece, and a spellbinding tale of love and loss. It is fiction with a distinctive photographic framework - magical and unique. 'Hislop's passionate love of the country breathes from every page' Daily Mail 'When it comes to tales about Greece, Hislop is an undisputed queen - and this is

easily her best novel yet' Heat Week after week, the postcards arrive, addressed to someone Ellie does not know, each signed with an initial: A. These alluring cartes postales of Greece brighten her life and cast a spell on her. She decides she must see this country for herself. On the morning Ellie leaves for Athens, a notebook arrives. Its pages tell the story of a man's odyssey through Greece. Moving, surprising and sometimes dark, A's tale unfolds with the discovery not only of a culture, but also of a desire to live life to the full once more. Praise for *Cartes Postales*. . . 'When it comes to tales about Greece Hislop is an undisputed queen' Heat magazine 'A lavish love letter to Greece' Sunday Mirror 'A beautiful tale of love, struggle and redemption' Prima 'This wonderful, illuminating novel is a perfect escape' Woman & Home 'This beautiful novel is illustrated with gorgeous photos to really bring the country to life' Sun on Sunday  
**Victoria Hislop Tpb Bind Up - the Island and the Return -**

Victoria Hislop 2014-01-20

**The Thread** - Victoria Hislop  
2012-07-10

“A brilliant page turner...rich with drama and historical detail.” —Glamour (UK) A beautiful and epic novel that spans nearly a hundred years, *The Thread* is a magnificent story of a friendship and a love that endures through the catastrophes and upheavals of the twentieth century—both natural and man-made—in the turbulent city of Thessaloniki, Greece. Victoria Hislop, internationally bestselling author of *The Island* and *The Return*, has written a wonderfully evocative and enthralling saga enriched by deep emotion and sweeping historical events, from fire to civil war to Nazi brutality and economic collapse. *The Thread* is historical fiction at its finest, colorful and captivating with truly unforgettable characters—a novel that brilliantly captures the energy and life of this singular Greek city.

**The Sunrise** - Victoria Hislop

2015-06-04

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**Escape from the Twin Towers (Ranger in Time #11)** - Kate Messner

2020-02-04

Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training, travels to New York City on the morning of the 9/11 attacks. COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER! Ranger has never needed his search-and-rescue training more than when he arrives at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. There he meets Risha Scott and her friend Max who have come to work with Risha's mother for a school project. But when the unthinkable happens and the building is evacuated, Risha is separated from her mom. Can Ranger lead Risha to safety and help reunite her family?

The Thread - Victoria Hislop

2013-06-01  
From the internationally acclaimed author of *The Island* and *The Return* comes a sweeping and unforgettable story of love and friendship and the choices that must be made when loyalties are challenged. Thessaloniki, Greece, 1917: As Dimitri Komninos is born, a fire sweeps through the thriving multicultural city where

Christians, Jews, and Muslims live side by side. It is the first of many catastrophic events that will forever change this place and its people. Five years later, as the Turkish army pushes west through Asia Minor, young Katerina loses her mother in the crowd of refugees clambering for boats to Greece. Landing in Thessaloniki's harbor, she is at the mercy of strangers in an unknown city. For the next eighty years, the lives of Dimitri and Katerina will be entwined with each other and--through Nazi occupation, civil war, persecution, and economic collapse--with the story of their homeland. Thessaloniki, Greece, 2007: A young Anglo-Greek hears his grandparents' remarkable story for the first time and understands he has a decision to make. For decades, Dimitri and Katerina have looked after the treasures of those who have been forced from their beloved city. Should he stay and become their new custodian?

*Ox-tales: Fire* - Mark Ellingham

2009

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