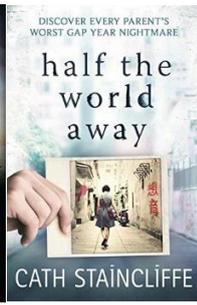
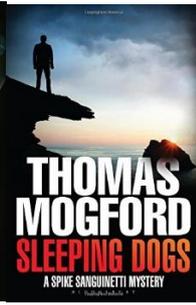
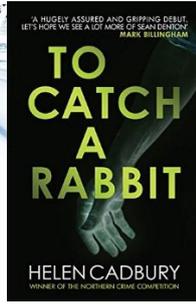
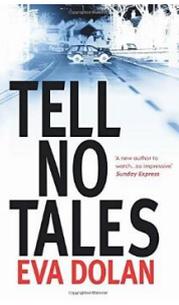
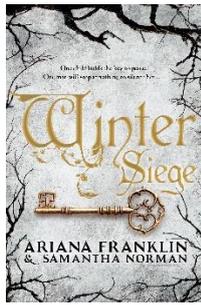


Summer Reads – Crime & Thriller

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Half the World Away – Cath Staincliffe (HB, Constable)
Gap year graduate Lori goes travelling but is suddenly silent in China. Estranged parents Jo and Tom are forced to perform their own investigation. Ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances – and no one does it quite like Staincliffe.

Michel Bussi – After the Crash (HB, W&N)
Before DNA, the only survivor of a plane crash is a baby. Now 18, has her life been true to her origins? Traversing the sublime to the (on times) ridiculous, this gripping and sometimes complex thriller is simply impossible to put down.

Keep Your Friends Close – Paula Daly (PB, Corgi)
While Natty is away at the bedside of her daughter whose appendix has burst on a school trip, visiting old friend Eve becomes her cuckoo in the nest. To what lengths must Natty now go to save her marriage? A fast-moving and tortuous domestic psychological thriller. Great ending.

Winter Siege – Ariana Franklin (PB, Bantam)
In 1141, mercenary Gwil finds a young girl close to death, clutching a slither of parchment. Caught in the middle of the fight for England, Gwil takes her on board swearing to find the men who attacked her. Utterly enthralling and no hint of where the late Ariana Franklin's writing ended and her daughter's begins.

Tell No Tales – Eva Dolan (HB, Harvill Secker)
Dolan brings reality and humanity to her tales focusing on the world of immigrants with her DS Ferreira & DI Zigic of the Peterborough Hate Crimes Unit, expertly wrong-footing & playing with the reader's perceptions. Excellent & solid classic crime set in a toxic melting pot of human prejudice.

No Other Darkness – Sarah Hilary (PB, Headline)
The remains of two young boys are found in an underground bunker in London. DI Marnie Rome & DS Noah Jake return to investigate. Packed with emotion and impossible to put down.

Bernard Aichner – Woman of the Dead (HB, W&N)
Circumstances can make a killer. Love can rebuild life and remove the urge. But the murder of that loved one will release the killer again. A sympathetic translation from the original German delivers a gripping novel. The best and most heart-breaking ending I have read in a long time.

To Catch a Rabbit – Helen Cadbury (PB, Allison & Busby)
If you enjoyed Rivers of London (Ben Aaronovitch) but lamented the fact it was fantasy, here comes straight crime fiction and PCSO Sean Denton. Uncovering more than he's supposed to know, the wonderful young Sean's a fast learner. A great start to a series.

Thomas Mogford – Sleeping Dogs (PB, Bloomsbury)
There is nothing sleepy about this Spike Sanguinetti series. Here our Gibraltar lawyer takes a break in Ibiza which leads him to Albania & a murder investigation. This classic crime from Mogford is always a satisfying read.

A Bed of Scorpions – Judith Flanders (HB, Allison & Busby)
Second outing for Sam Claire, publishing editor with cop boyfriend, over-achieving super-mum, cutting SOH, and who is a magnet to crime. This time the art world holds a bed of scorpions and it's a joy to read.

Stealing People – Robert Wilson (HB, Orion)
An original & complex case challenges missing persons' investigator Charlie Boxer. A more commercial read than his Falcón quartet but every bit as compelling. Wilson is not afraid to shock to keep it real so this is best read with practised even breaths.

Believe No One – A D Garrett (PB, Corsair)
The second outing for DCI Kate Simms & forensic Professor Nick Fennimore sees them both in the USA. Pursuing cold cases with US experts, 600 miles of interstate highway hold the key when their cases converge. A pacy and tense thriller imbued with humanity and a sensitive portrayal of place from a keen eye.

