

## Killing Me Softly Nicci French

A mother. A son. His girlfriend. And the lie they ' ll wish had never been told. Laura has it all. A successful career, a long marriage to a rich husband, and a twenty-three-year-old son, Daniel, who is kind, handsome, and talented. Then Daniel meets Cherry. Cherry is young, beautiful, and smart but hasn ' t led Laura ' s golden life. And she wants it. When tragedy strikes, a decision is made and a lie is told. A lie so terrible it changes their lives forever... The Girlfriend is a taut and wickedly twisted debut

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psychological thriller—a novel of subtle sabotage, retaliation, jealousy and fear, which pivots on an unforgivable lie, and examines the mother – son – daughter-in-law relationship in a chilling new light.

“ One of the best books I ’ ve read in a long, long time. I loved The Girlfriend! ” —Lisa Jackson, New York Times bestselling author

“ The Girlfriend is a taut psychological thriller, the evil chillingly drawn. Every character is layered and beautifully twisted. Makes me consider running background checks on any potential spouses my children bring home! ”  
—Karen Rose, New York Times

“ A juicy thriller and utterly

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compulsive reading. ” —Jenny Blackhurst, author of How I Lost You “ An original and chilling portrayal of twisted relationships. ” —Debbie Howells, author of The Bones of You

You have an affair. You finish it. You think it's over. You're dead wrong . . . 'Too few novelists can combine this level of page-turning suspense with character care and pin-sharp prose' ERIN KELLY

Discover this totally gripping psychological thriller about obsession, from the Richard and Judy pick and Sunday Times bestselling author of The Lying Room \_\_\_\_\_ Miranda Cotton thinks she's put boyfriend Brendan

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out of her life for good. But two weeks later, she discovers that he's intimately involved with her sister, and what began as an embarrassment becomes threatening. And then utterly terrifying . . . Because Brendan will stop at nothing to be part of Miranda's life - even if it means taking it from her . . . \_\_\_\_\_

'Creepy, genuinely gripping' Heat

'Excellent, compelling, like an

addiction' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review

'Draws you right in . . . one of the best psychological thrillers ever'

5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Chilling . . .

This book stays in your mind' 5\*\*\*\*\*

Reader Review

Kate Parker has had so much bad

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luck in her life, she's convinced she's cursed. But when she tries to do her best to keep herself and her son safe, people tell her she's being anxious and obsessive. Just when her life starts to spin completely out of control, an Oxford professor she meets offers to help. But his methods are not conventional. If she wants to live her life again, he will expect her to take risks. When a mysterious neighbour starts to take more than a passing interest in her, Kate tries to stay rational and ignore it. Maybe this, however, is the one time Kate should be worried.

Complicit is a gripping psychological thriller by the highly acclaimed and Top Ten bestselling

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author, Nicci French Who is more deadly? An enemy? A friend? Or a lover? Bonnie Graham is in her friend's flat. She is alone, except for the dead body lying in a pool of blood. What happened? What will she do? And is any or all of it her fault? Bonnie is a music teacher who has spent a long, hot summer in London rehearsing with a band. It was supposed to be fun, but the tricky knots of the band's friendships unravel with each passing day. What was meant to be a summer of happiness, music and love turns deadly as lovers betray, passions turn homicidal and friendship itself becomes a crime. Someone in the band must be a killer. Is it Bonnie?

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And if not - who is it? Praise for  
Nicci French: 'Relentlessly addictive  
. . . Friendship and betrayal has  
never been so deadly' Mirror 'A  
gripping crime mystery, an  
accomplished thriller' Woman  
'Exerts a vice-like grip' Daily  
Telegraph 'Reels in readers from the  
start' Independent  
Tuesday's Gone  
A Frieda Klein Novel (7)  
The Red Room  
With a new introduction by Peter  
James  
Friday on My Mind  
Meet Dr. Gideon Wolfe, expert  
criminologist of the new millenium. A  
professor at New York's John Jay  
University in the year 2023, he lives in

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an era that has seen plague, a global economic crash, and the 2018 assassination of President Emily Forrester. In this turbulent new world order, Wolfe's life and everything he knows are turned upside down when the widow of a murdered special-effects wizard enters his office. The widow hands him a silver disc from her husband's safety deposit box, hoping that Wolfe's expertise in history and criminology will compel him to track down her husband's killers. The disc contains footage of President Forrester's assassination, the same video that has been broadcast countless times on TV and over the internet-with one crucial, shocking difference: This version shows that before the video was released, it was altered with



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sinister special effects. This explosive discovery will lead Gideon Wolfe on an electrifying journey from a criminal underworld of New York to the jungles of Africa and on a quest to find the truth in an age when all information can be manipulated. With this novel, Carr has boldly established a new genre-future history-combining the best elements of mystery and thrillers with unique historical insight.

Breathtakingly suspenseful, Killing Time unfolds as the work of a master novelist.

**NOMINATED FOR RT BOOK  
REVIEW'S REVIEWER'S CHOICE  
AWARD FOR BEST FIRST**

**MYSTERY** When a young girl is found dead in the mountains outside Timber Creek, life-long resident

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Officer Mattie Cobb and her partner, K-9 police dog Robo, are assigned to the case that has rocked the small Colorado town. With the help of Cole Walker, local veterinarian and a single father, Mattie and Robo must track down the truth before it claims another victim. But the more Mattie investigates, the more she realizes how many secrets her hometown holds. And the key may be Cole's daughter, who knows more than she's saying. The murder was just the beginning, and if Mattie isn't careful, she and Robo could be next. Suspenseful and smart, *Killing Trail* is a gripping read that will have readers clamoring for more Mattie and Robo for years to come. Fans of Nevada Barr and C.J. Box will love this explosive debut.

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What to Do When Someone Dies is another ingenious thriller from the best-loved, bestselling author, Nicci French. Ellie Faulkner's world has been destroyed. Her husband Greg died in a car crash - and he wasn't alone. In the passenger seat was the body of Milena Livingstone - a woman Ellie's never heard of. But Ellie refuses to leap to the obvious conclusion, despite the whispers and suspicions of those around her. Maybe it's the grief, but Ellie has to find out who this woman was - and prove Greg wasn't having an affair. And soon she is chillingly certain their deaths were no accident. Are Ellie's accusations of murder her way of avoiding the truth about her marriage? Or does an even more sinister discovery await her? Praise for

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Nicci French: 'Relentlessly enjoyable and gripping from the first page to the last' Evening Standard 'You'll be totally gripped until a very unexpected twist knocks you for six' Cosmopolitan 'You'll be hooked from the first page. A compulsive page-turner' Daily Express \*\*\*Special anniversary edition, with a new introduction by A. J. Finn\*\*\*

Someone's watching you. You don't know who. But he knows you . . . Zoe, Jennifer and Nadia are three women with nothing in common. Except for the man who wants to kill them. He sends them terrifying letters - promising to bring their lives to a violent, horrible end. But not before he has enjoyed himself. He delights in watching the women suffer, thrilled by his power to leave them utterly

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helpless, alone and in terror. Except they're not all as helpless as he thinks .

. . 'Nicci French represent psychological suspense at its most searching and incisive' A. J. Finn, internationally No. 1 Bestselling Author of *The Woman In The Window* With a new introduction by Sophie Hannah

*Day of the Dead*

*Until It's Over*

*Catch Me When I Fall*

With a new introduction by Peter

Robinson

THE NEW THRILLER FROM THE MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SUSPENSE 'He did kill.

Kill and kill and kill.'

Tess's number one priority has always been her three-

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year-old daughter Poppy. But splitting up with Poppy's father Jason means that she cannot always be there to keep her daughter safe. When she finds a disturbing drawing, dark and menacing, among her daughter's brightly coloured paintings, Tess is convinced that Poppy has witnessed something terrible. Something that her young mind is struggling to put into words. But no one will listen. It's only a child's drawing, isn't it? Tess will protect Poppy, whatever the price. But

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when she doesn't know  
what, or who, she is  
protecting her from, how  
can she possibly know who  
to trust . . . ? 'Confirms  
Nicci French as the giant  
of the genre' Erin Kelly  
'An intense, brilliantly  
crafted thriller that hums  
with menace from start to  
finish' TM Logan Praise  
for Nicci French:

'Expertly paced,  
psychologically sharp,  
thoroughly enjoyable'  
Louise Candlish

'Meticulously plotted,  
psychologically astute'  
Sarah Vaughan 'A heart-  
wrenchingly plausible

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spiral into paranoia, fear and unbearable tension.

Literally pulse-pounding'  
Christopher Brookmyre

'Totally absorbing. Such great plotting and characters, but also so human and full of insights about ordinary life and relationships. That's what always sets Nicci French's work apart - it makes the narrative feel so real'

Sabine Durrant 'I love Nicci French's books, and with The Unheard they are right at the top of their game. Few crime writers can match their psychological acuity, of



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their ability to lead a reader through dizzying plot twists without ever losing pace. It's an absolute masterclass of crime writing' Kate Rhodes 'Great writing, razor-sharp plotting, and powerful characterisation. I was 100 pages in before I even drew breath, and I defy anyone to see the ending coming' Cara Hunter 'It's Nicci French perfection - which, as we all know, is the best kind of perfection. So, so gripping and brilliantly clued' Sophie Hannah 'What an intriguing, compelling

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page-turner. I ate it up  
in two days' Liz Nugent  
'The Unheard is elegant  
and beguiling, masterfully  
crafted, with an almost  
hallucinatory sense of  
jangling unease' C. M.  
Ewan 'Taut, well-paced and  
frighteningly familiar, I  
found it difficult to put  
down and hard to forget'  
Polly Phillips  
Named a New York Times  
Best Book to Give! "This  
house of correction is  
booby-trapped with twists,  
the floors paved with  
trapdoors, quicksand  
churning in the garden.  
Enter if you dare." -A.J.

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Finn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window* “Full of unexpected turns . . . Immensely satisfying.” - The New York Times Book Review

In this heart-pounding standalone thriller from bestselling author Nicci French, a woman accused of murder attempts to solve her own case from the confines of prison—but as she unravels the truth, everything is called into question, including her own certainty that she is innocent. Tabitha is not a murderer. When a body is

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discovered in Okeham,  
England, Tabitha is  
shocked to find herself  
being placed in handcuffs.  
It must be a mistake.  
She'd only recently moved  
back to her childhood  
hometown, not even getting  
a chance to reacquaint  
herself with the  
neighbors. How could she  
possibly be a murder  
suspect? She knows she's  
not. As Tabitha is  
shepherded through the  
system, her entire life is  
picked apart and  
scrutinized —her history  
of depression and  
medications, her decision

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to move back to a town she supposedly hated . . . and of course, her past relationship with the victim, her former teacher. But most unsettling, Tabitha's own memories of that day are a complete blur. She thinks she's not. From the isolation of the correctional facility, Tabitha dissects every piece of evidence, every testimony she can get her hands on, matching them against her own recollections. But as dark, long-buried memories from her childhood come to

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light, Tabatha begins to question if she knows what kind of person she is after all. The world is convinced she's a killer. Tabatha needs to prove them all wrong. But what if she's only lying to herself?

THE CHILLING SEVENTH NOVEL IN THE BESTSELLING FRIEDA KLEIN SERIES 'Menacing' Guardian Someone is coming for Frieda, someone deadly . . . Psychotherapist Frieda Klein has believed serial killer Dean Reeve escaped justice for years. Despite what the police say, she is convinced he's

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still alive. And finally she has the evidence - under her floor is the rotting corpse of an ex-policeman she hired to hunt for Reeve. Whoever did this is clearly very dangerous and must be found. But they're not finished with Frieda - or those she loves most . . .

'Addictive' Daily Express  
'Nail-biting' Marie Claire  
'Ingenious' Daily Telegraph

The Safe House is a scintillating psychological thriller by the Sunday Times Top Ten bestselling author, Nicci

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French 'Nicci French's sophisticated, compassionate and gripping crime novels stand head and shoulders above the competition' Sophie Hannah \*\*\* You open your home and your heart to a victim. But your house is anything but safe . . . Samantha Laschen is a doctor specialising in post-traumatic stress disorder. She's moved to the coast to escape her problems and to be alone with her young daughter. But now the police want her to take in Fiona Mackenzie, a girl whose parents have been



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savagely murdered. Yet by allowing Fiona in, Sam is exposing herself - and her daughter - to risks she couldn't possibly have imagined . . . \*\*\* Praise for Nicci French: 'French leads the field' Sunday Express 'Brilliantly crafted . . . masterly control of suspense' Daily Mirror 'Tense, frightening, gripping' Easy Living 'Dark, nerve-tingling and addictive' Daily Express 'Gripping, chilling, moving' Observer Sunday Morning Coming Down Killing Sarai A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery

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The Killing Sea

Killing Trail

He had watched them both for weeks. Prosperous, self-satisfied David Neale and his wife, Anna, so sweet, so gentle. He had tracked them through the streets and suburbs of Dublin... Now David is dead and Anna is discovering that nothing about her life with him was the way it seemed. There are debts to be paid, infidelities to be faced, and she is alone, defenceless and vulnerable. Which is

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what the man who calls himself Matthew has always wanted. When he is ready he will bring her his courtship gift... death and betrayal woven in a shroud of silk.

From internationally acclaimed author Nicci French comes a shattering psychological thriller in the spirit of *Gone Girl*. Alice Loudon has it all: a devoted boyfriend, a marvelous circle of friends, a challenging job as a research

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scientist. Then one morning, on her way to work, she exchanges a lingering look with a devastatingly attractive man. Adam Tallis is the essence of every female fantasy—a daring mountain climber who has been hailed as a hero. As a lover, he is more passionate than Alice's wildest imaginings. Soon there isn't anything or anyone she wouldn't give up to stay by his side. But as she learns more about her lover, she enters his world of risk

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and transgression-and begins to uncover a past filled with troubling secrets. Adam hurts her sometimes and three women in his life have died accidental deaths. Determined to uncover the truth, Alice turns detective as her fears start to come true. Soon love and sexual obsession overwhelm her until they threaten everything: her safety, her sanity and her life. Duntisbourne Abbots is a timeless and quintessentially English

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village nestled in the fertile hills of the Cotswolds in peaceful Gloucestershire.

Recently widowed Thea Osbourne fears three weeks house-sitting there may prove a little dull, but her first night's sleep at Brook View is broken by a piercing scream. She assures herself it was only a fox and nothing more sinister, but then a body turns up... When Joel Jennison is found slaughtered in the same field where his

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brother's corpse had lain ten weeks previously, a whole community falls under suspicion. As a forty-something woman with no experience of detective work, she knows she shouldn't get involved, but in questioning neighbours Thea uncovers more tragedy and intrigue than she thought possible.

\*\*\*Special anniversary edition, with a new introduction by Sophie Hannah\*\*\* You remember an idyllic childhood.

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But your memory is deceitful. And possibly deadly . . . When a skeleton is unearthed in the Martellos' garden, Jane Martello is shocked to learn it's that of her childhood friend, Natalie, who went missing twenty-five years before. Jane is encouraged by her therapist to recover what really took place when she was a child - and what happened to Natalie. But as Jane learns the truth about her past, is she putting



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her own future at  
terrible risk? "A  
perfect blend of  
emotional honesty and  
plot-related trickery"  
Sophie Hannah "The  
Memory Game was the book  
that made me want to  
write a psychological  
thriller" Laura  
Marshall, no.1  
bestselling author of  
Friend Request.  
A twisty and shocking  
thriller from the master  
of psychological  
suspense  
Losing You  
Things We Knew Were True

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### What to Do When Someone Dies

Sarai was only fourteen when her mother uprooted her to live in Mexico with a notorious drug lord. Over time she forgot what it was like to live a normal life, but she never let go of her hope to escape the compound where she has been held for the past nine years. Victor is a cold-blooded assassin who, like Sarai, has known only death and violence since he was a young boy. When Victor arrives at the compound to collect details and payment for a hit, Sarai sees him as her only opportunity for escape. But

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things don't go as planned and instead of finding transport back to Tucson, she finds herself free from one dangerous man and caught in the clutches of another. While on the run, Victor strays from his primal nature as he succumbs to his conscience and resolves to help Sarai. As they grow closer, he finds himself willing to risk everything to keep her alive; even his relationship with his devoted brother and liaison, Niklas, who now like everyone else wants Sarai dead. As Victor and Sarai slowly build a trust, the differences between them seem to lessen, and an unlikely attraction intensifies. But

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Victor's brutal skills and experience may not be enough in the end to save her, as the power she unknowingly holds over him may ultimately be what gets her killed.

Gaby and Connor seem to have a loving marriage - one that is built on knowing every last intricate detail about one another, or so Gaby has always believed. When their son Ethan sets off for university, discovering for the first time, the raw and uncontrollable intensity of falling in love, Gaby and Connor will be alone again - a chance to rediscover their relationship, just the two of them.

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But there is one person missing from Gaby's life. One person who she cannot forget - Nancy, her best friend since childhood. As teenagers they shared their deepest secrets, fears and dreams for the future. As adults they discovered love - Gaby with Connor and Nancy with Gaby's adored brother, Stefan. The foursome became inseparable. Then one day, Nancy upped and left. Now, almost twenty years later, with Ethan away from home, Gaby finds herself idly watching television when a sharp stab of recognition hits her - the face she recognizes on the screen belongs to Nancy.

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Suddenly, the friend she thought she'd lost for good is within her reach. But does Nancy want to be found? The search for her long lost friend forces Gaby not only to revisit her past, but could also shatter the course of her future . . .

THE NAIL-BITING, PULSE-RACING THRILLER FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR, NICCI FRENCH 'Extraordinary. It carried me with it on the breathless ride' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Had me totally hooked and kept me guessing until the end' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Gripping, entertaining . . . A real page-turner' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader

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Review \_\_\_\_\_ The clock is ticking - and the search hasn't even begun . . . Nina Landry has given up city life for the isolated community of Sandling Island. At night, the wind howls.

Sometimes they are cut off by the incoming tide. But for Nina, it is home. It is safe. But when Nina's teenage daughter Charlie fails to return from a sleepover on the day they're due to go on holiday, the island becomes a different place altogether. A place of secrets and suspicions. Where no one - friends, neighbours, even the police - believes Nina's instinctive fear that her daughter is in terrible

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danger. Alone, she undergoes a frantic search for Charlie. And as day turns to night, she begins to doubt not only whether they'll leave the island for their holiday - but whether they will ever leave it again . . . \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Nicci

French: 'Nicci French's sophisticated, compassionate and gripping crime novels stand head and shoulders above the competition' Sophie Hannah 'French is undeniably at the top of British psychological suspense writing, expert in the unguessable twist, supremely skilled at ratcheting up the tension' Observer 'A nerve-jangling and addictive read' Daily



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Express 'You live through every  
nail-biting minute' Guardian 'A  
brilliantly crafted crime series'  
Daily Mirror

\*\*\*Special anniversary edition,  
with a new introduction from  
Peter James\*\*\* He almost took  
your life. Now his is in your  
hands . . . When Leanne, a  
homeless young girl, is murdered  
beside a canal in North London,  
the police are certain that known  
oddball Michael Doll is the killer.  
Psychologist Kit Quinn, assisting  
the investigation, has her own  
reasons to despise Doll. But she  
soon realises that the case is  
more complicated than the  
investigators suspect. Because

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Kit has found a link to another death. Which means they might have a serial killer on their hands

. . . 'The writing has that rare ability to reach out from the page into your soul, grip your heartstrings, and not let go of them until the very end' Peter James

The Moment You Were Gone

Grotesque

The Safe House

The Girlfriend

Tubing

Polly, 28, lives in London with a "e;perfect-on-paper"e; boyfriend and a dead-end job. Her banal existence is turned upside down late one drunken night after a

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chance encounter with a man on a packed train. The chemistry between them is electric and on impulse, they kiss, giving in to their carnal desires. But it's over in an instant, and Polly is left shell-shocked as he walks away without even telling her his name. Polly begins a frantic online search, and discovers more about "e;Tubing,"e; an underground phenomenon in which total strangers set up illicit, silent, sexual meetings on busy commuter tube trains. In the process, she tracks him down and he slowly lures her into his murky world, setting up encounters with different men

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via Twitter. At first she thinks she can keep it separate from the rest of her life, but things soon spiral out of control. A horrific turn of events make Polly realize not only how foolish she has been, but how much danger she is in. Can she get out before it's too late?

Aceh, Indonesia. December 2004. Two teens find each other surrounded by the destruction left in the wake of the most devastating tsunami the world has ever seen: Ruslan, a native of Aceh, in search of his missing father, whom he hopes has not been added to the fallen; and Sarah, an American girl, who has

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already lost her mother and is now struggling to find medical treatment for her sick brother. Only together can they find what they're searching for.

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psychologically sharp,  
thoroughly enjoyable' Louise  
Candlish ' Meticulously plotted,  
psychologically astute ' Sarah  
Vaughan 'Confirms Nicci French  
as the giant of the genre' Erin  
Kelly ' A pure adrenaline rush ' '  
Jenny Colgan Neve Connolly  
looks down at a murdered man.  
She doesn't call the police.

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‘ You know, it ’ s funny, ’  
Detective Inspector Hitching  
said. ‘ Whoever I see, they keep  
saying, talk to Neve Connolly,  
she ’ ll know. She ’ s the one  
people talk to, she ’ s the one  
people confide in. ’ A trusted  
colleague and friend. A mother.  
A wife. Neve Connolly is all these  
things. She has also made  
mistakes. One that is now  
spiralling out of control.  
Bringing those around her into  
immense danger. A liar. A cheat.  
A threat. Neve Connolly is all  
these things. Could she be a  
murderer?

Matsuyama Kaze is a ronin, or  
masterless samurai. Kaze must

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travel across Japan until he fulfills a promise made to his dying Lord and Lady -- to find their nine-year-old daughter.

Killing Time

A Novel of Obsession

A Frieda Klein Mystery

The Unheard

A Frieda Klein Novel (8)

*Killing Me Softly, by the acclaimed and Sunday Times bestselling author Nicci French, is a terrifying journey into the heart of obsession . . . 'Nicci French's sophisticated, compassionate and gripping crime novels stand head and shoulders above the*

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*competition' Sophie Hannah  
\*\*\* You have everything. But  
you give it up for an affair.  
You're in passionate love.  
And grave danger... Alice  
Loudon couldn't resist  
abandoning her old, safe life  
for a wild affair. And in Adam  
Tallis, a rugged mountaineer  
with a murky past, she finds  
a man who can teach her  
things about herself that she  
never even suspected. But  
sexual obsession has its dark  
side - and so does Adam.  
Soon both are threatening all  
that Alice has left. First her  
sanity. Then her life. \*\*\*  
Praise for Nicci French:*



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*'French leads the field'  
Sunday Express 'Brilliantly  
crafted . . . masterly control  
of suspense' Daily Mirror  
'Tense, frightening, gripping'  
Easy Living 'Dark, nerve-  
tingling and addictive' Daily  
Express*

*Catch Me When I Fall is a  
chilling novel of murder,  
madness and a woman on  
the edge from the Top Ten  
bestselling author, Nicci  
French You're a whirlwind. A  
success. You're living life on  
the edge. But who'll catch  
you when you fall? Holly  
Krauss is a city girl burning  
the candle at both ends.*

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*Despite a comfortable home life, a tough job and friends who admire her, she secretly enjoys taking reckless, dangerous walks on the wild side. But Holly can't keep those worlds separate forever. Soon enough her secret life bleeds into her safe one and everything spirals out of control. She's making mistakes at home and at work, owes money to the wrong people - and now it seems that someone's stalking her. Could it just be paranoia or is she in very real danger? And who can you trust when you can no*

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*longer trust yourself?  
Edie loves Ricky but her  
parents don't approve. At  
sixteen she thinks she's old  
enough to make her own  
choices, be her own person.  
Old enough to know what  
she wants from life. But  
when tragedy turns Edie's  
world upside down, she's  
thrown out of the comforting  
embrace of childhood once  
and for all. Twenty years  
later, with a young family of  
her own, Edie is called back  
home. And now she's full of  
questions: What happened  
to the people who still haunt  
her dreams? How long can*

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*family secrets remain hidden? And what became of the things that, at sixteen, Edie knew were true?*

**\*\*HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THE 2021 CWA GOLD DAGGER AWARD\*\*** *She's a murderer. Everyone knows she killed Stuart Rees - why else would his dead body be found in her shed? So now Tabitha is in prison, awaiting trial. Coming back to the remote coastal village where she grew up was a mistake. She didn't fit in then, and she doesn't fit in now. That day is such a blur, she can't remember clearly what*

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*happened. There is something she is missing, something important... She only knows one thing. She is not capable of murder. And the only one she can trust to help her out of this situation is herself. So she must fight. Against the odds. For her life. Beautifully written about prejudice, loneliness and fighting spirit, this new book by Nicci French is shocking, twisty and utterly compelling. Praise for House of Correction: 'A novel that blissfully plays with two genres: on the one hand an against-the-odds legal*

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*thriller à la John Grisham...  
and on the other a Miss  
Marple whodunnit set in a  
Devon village' Sunday Times  
'Nicci French husband-and-  
wife writing team  
responsible for some of the  
UK's best psychological  
thrillers have created a gem  
of a protagonist in Tabitha...  
House of Correction allows  
the readers to puzzle out  
what happened alongside  
Tabitha, while cheering her  
effort' Observer 'First-class'  
Independent 'Gripping'  
Literary Review 'Gritty and  
moving - the husband-and-  
wife team have scored*

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*another hit' Best 'A twisty  
and shocking read' Bella  
'Engrossing' Good  
Housekeeping 'I wanted  
everything to stop so I could  
read this book... Definitely a  
favourite read of mine for  
2020' Woman's Way  
(Ireland) 'Describing it as a  
suspenseful prison thriller, or  
riveting courtroom drama  
doesn't do this meticulously  
written detective novel  
justice... As well as its finely  
drawn characters and clever  
storyline, this is a novel that  
provokes you into pondering  
the workings of the wider  
justice system, police*

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*methods and prison life'*  
*Bookanista 'Great writing, razor-sharp plotting, and powerful characterisation. I was 100 pages in before I even drew breath, and I defy anyone to see the ending coming'* Cara Hunter *'Part ingenious locked-room mystery. Part you've-got-the-wrong-person nightmare drama. Part intricate memory game. Yet all seamlessly woven together. French's best book yet'* A J Finn *'Clever, compelling, original and twisty. This unputdownable David-and-Goliath story has the flawed,*



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*funny, totally unforgettable  
Tabitha at its heart and I  
read until the early hours,  
desperate to know her fate'*  
Erin Kelly

*The Memory Game*

*Beneath the Skin*

*The Courtship Gift*

*Blue Monday*

*Secret Smile*

Life at the prestigious  
Q High School for Girls  
in Tokyo exists on a  
precise social axis: a  
world of insiders and  
outsiders, of haves and  
have-nots. Beautiful  
Yuriko and her  
unpopular, unnamed

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sister exist in different spheres; the hopelessly awkward Kazue Sato floats around among them, trying to fit in. Years later, Yuriko and Kazue are dead – both have become prostitutes and both have been brutally murdered. Natsuo Kirino, celebrated author of *Out*, seamlessly weaves together the stories of these women's struggles within the conventions and restrictions of Japanese society. At once a psychological

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investigation of the pressures facing Japanese women and a classic work of noir fiction, *Grotesque* is a brilliantly twisted novel of ambition, desire, beauty, cruelty, and identity by one of our most electrifying writers.

A riveting new psychological thriller from a "a masterful storyteller" (New York Times Book Review). Yesterday, a local boy went missing in Cumberland County,

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Pennsylvania.  
Transplanted painter  
Charlotte Dunleavy was  
used to seeing him go  
into the woods, rifle in  
hand, to shoot at crows.  
Suffering from the  
debilitating  
aftereffects of a  
migraine, Charlotte is  
shrouded in a fog of  
pain and barely  
remembers the details of  
the day, just splinters  
of memory, as if they  
were a dream—but nothing  
concrete enough to help  
the local sheriff in his  
search. Outside of

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Charlotte's windows, the woods are peaceful, the play of light and dark among the leaves offering her inspiration for her art. But the truth can penetrate even the deepest shadows of a forest—and a killer's mind...

From the internationally bestselling author of the Frieda Klein series, Nicci French, comes this steamy and suspenseful stand-alone thriller about a group of housemates who must determine the killer

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among them when a series of murders occur. Be careful of the ones closest to you... London cycle courier Astrid Bell has known most of her housemates for years, but while they have a tangled history together—romantic pairings, one-night stands, friendships—they each have secrets. Astrid is on her way home one day when her neighbor accidentally knocks her off her bike. Suffering a few bruises, her roommates help her

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home. The next day, they learn that same neighbor was bludgeoned to death only hours after the accident. Each of them tells the police what little they know and are dismissed. Then a few days later, Astrid is asked to pick up a package from a wealthy woman called Ingrid de Soto. When she arrives, the client is lying in the hall of her luxurious home—and it's apparent she's also been murdered. For the police, it's more than

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bad luck. For Astrid and her six housemates, it's the beginning of a nightmare: suspicious glances, bitter accusations, and a growing fear that the worst is yet to come. As the difference between friend and stranger grows harder to judge, the line between attraction and danger thins. The housemates—unsure if there's a killer in their midst—guard themselves against becoming the next



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victim. Because if it's true that bad luck comes in threes—who will be the next to die?

You have everything. But you give it up for an affair. You're in

passionate love. And grave danger . . . Alice Loudon couldn't resist abandoning her old, safe life for a wild affair.

And in Adam Tallis, a rugged mountaineer with a murky past, she finds a man who can teach her things about herself that she never even suspected. But sexual

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obsession has its dark side - and so does Adam. Soon both are threatening all that Alice has left. First her sanity. Then her life. 'Compulsive, sexy, scary.' Elle 'Nail-biting.' Marie-Claire 'Startling.' Daily Mail 'Magnificent.' Evening Standard 'Taut and menacing.' Guardian 'Remarkable.' Independent 'Addictive.' Daily Express 'Excellent.' Sunday Times 'Ingenious.' Daily Telegraph

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Complicit

The Lying Room

Accidents Happen

Killing Me Softly

Death at the Crossroads

A British woman falls in love with a famous mountaineer, but after marrying him begins to feel afraid. During sex he sometimes hurts her and three women in his life died accidental deaths. The woman turns detective and her fears come true.

David Hewson's *The Killing 1* is the novelization of the first series of the hit Danish crime drama, *The Killing*. 'Through the dark wood where the dead trees give no shelter Nanna Birk Larsen runs . . . There is a bright monocular eye that follows, like a hunter after a wounded deer. It moves in a slow approaching zigzag, marching through the Pineseskoven wasteland, through the Pentecost Forest. The chill

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water, the fear, his presence not so far away . . . There is one torchlight on her now, the single blazing eye. And it is here . . .' Sarah Lund is looking forward to her last day as a detective with the Copenhagen police department before moving to Sweden. But everything changes when nineteen-year-old student, Nanna Birk Larsen, is found raped and brutally murdered in the woods outside the city. Lund's plans to relocate are put on hold as she leads the investigation along with fellow detective Jan Meyer. While Nanna's family struggles to cope with their loss, local politician, Troels Hartmann, is in the middle of an election campaign to become the new mayor of Copenhagen. When links between City Hall and the murder suddenly come to light , the case takes an entirely different turn. Over the course of twenty days, suspect upon suspect emerges as violence and political intrigue cast their

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shadows over the hunt for the killer. When Alice meets Adam she gives up her safe, ordered life for a passionate affair. But as Alice learns more about Adam's past, she enters his world of risk and adventure and her initial curiosity turns to an obsession and threatens everything. In Nicci's French's thrilling fifth book, London psychotherapist Frieda Klein herself becomes the prime suspect in a murder A bloated corpse turns up in the Thames, throat slashed, and the only clue is a hospital wristband reading Dr. F. Klein. Frieda is taken to see the body and realizes with horror that it is Sandy, her ex-boyfriend. She's certain that the killer is Dean Reeve—the man who has never stopped haunting her. But the police think he has been dead for years, and Frieda is their number one suspect. With few options, Frieda goes on the run to save herself and try to uncover the truth. Praise

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for the Frieda Klein Mystery series:

“Fierce, fascinating, and full of insight,  
Frieda Klein is irresistible.” —Val

McDermid, bestselling author of *Splinter  
the Silence* “Sophisticated, gripping,  
addictive. Crime novels that stand head  
and shoulders above the competition.”

—Sophie Hannah, bestselling author of  
*Woman with a Secret* “Complex  
psychological suspense at its best.”

—Booklist (starred review)

*A Cotswold Killing*

*The Killing 1*

With a new introduction by A. J. Finn

*A Novel*

*House of Correction*

“Blue Monday leaves readers  
with the promise of intriguing  
tales to come” —People (four-star  
review) Internationally  
bestselling authors Nicci Gerard

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and Sean French, writing as Nicci French, have sold more than eight million copies of their books worldwide. But nothing they've written before has grabbed the attention of reviewers and readers like *Blue Monday* and its iconic heroine, Frieda Klein. In a starred review, *Publishers Weekly* called it a "superb psychological thriller . . . with brooding atmosphere, sustained suspense, a last-minute plot twist, and memorable cast of characters." In Tuesday's *Gone*, a London social worker makes a routine home visit only to discover her client, Michelle Doyce, serving afternoon tea to a naked,

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decomposing corpse. With no clues as to the dead man's identity, Chief Inspector Karlsson again calls upon Frieda for help. She discovers that the body belongs to Robert Poole, con man extraordinaire. But Frieda can't shake the feeling that the past isn't done with her yet. Did someone kill Poole to embroil her in the investigation? And if so, is Frieda herself the next victim? A masterpiece of paranoia, Tuesday's Gone draws readers inexorably into a fractured and faithless world as it brilliantly confirms Frieda Klein as a quintessential heroine for our times.

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The stunning first book in a new series of psychological thrillers introducing an unforgettable London psychotherapist Frieda Klein is a solitary, incisive psychotherapist who spends her sleepless nights walking along the ancient rivers that have been forced underground in modern London. She believes that the world is a messy, uncontrollable place, but what we can control is what is inside our heads. This attitude is reflected in her own life, which is an austere one of refuge, personal integrity, and order. The abduction of five-year-old Matthew Farraday provokes a national outcry and a desperate police hunt. And when his face is

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splashed over the newspapers, Frieda cannot ignore the coincidence: one of her patients has been having dreams in which he has a hunger for a child. A red-haired child he can describe in perfect detail, a child the spitting image of Matthew. She finds herself in the center of the investigation, serving as the reluctant sidekick of the chief inspector. Drawing readers into a haunting world in which the terrors of the mind have spilled over into real life, *Blue Monday* introduces a compelling protagonist and a chilling mystery that will appeal to readers of dark crime fiction and fans of *In Treatment* and *The*

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Killing.

At long last, a final reckoning is coming for Frieda Klein... On a north London high street, a runaway vehicle crashes to a halt. The man in the driving seat was murdered a week earlier. On Hampstead Heath, a bonfire blazes: in the flames lies the next victim. As autumn leaves fall, a serial killer runs amok in the capital, playing games with the police. The death toll is rising fast, and the investigation is floundering. But this is no ordinary killer, and every new victim is intended as a message to just one woman. Because psychologist Frieda Klein is in hiding. And someone is coming

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to find her . . . After seven stunning novels, Frieda Klein's duel with her dark nemesis finally comes to a climax - and only one can make it out alive.

Praise for Nicci French

'Addictive' Daily Express

'Consistently outstanding' Peter James  
'Menacing' Guardian

'Ingenious' Daily Telegraph

The Boy Who Shoots Crows

With a new introduction by Erin Kelly