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A Rural Affair Catherine Alliott 2012-03-01 Newly widowed woman seeks fresh start and village scandals. Lycra wearing cyclists need not apply. Poppy Shilling may have fantasized about her boring husband slipping on ice on his way to get the paper or contracting malaria from a mosquito bite, but she never imagined Phil would leave her so suddenly. When a freak cycling accident takes out her Lycra-wearing husband, Poppy can't help but feel relieved rather than distraught. But when a mysterious visitor arrives after the funeral bearing secrets about her husband, Poppy quickly learns that Phil was not exactly the man she thought he was—and she might not be the woman she thought she was, either. International bestselling author Catherine Alliott crafts an endearing and quirky "what if" story that will make your heart sing as you follow Poppy on her unforgettable journey. Praise for Catherine Alliott: "Compulsively readable and highly entertaining." —Daily Mail "Possibly my favorite writer." —Marian Keyes "A rip roaring read." —Sun "Catherine Alliott has got it, that addictive blend of wit, frivolity, and madcap romance." —Time Out

Mistresses Elizabeth Abbott 2010 Historical and biographical portraits of the following women: Hagar, Aspasia, Corinna, Dolorosa, Concubines in China (Yu-fang, May-ying), Concubines in Japan (Lady Nijo), Geisha Mistresses, Harem Concubines (Roxelana, Tz'u-hsi), Nell Gwynne, Jeanne-Antonette de Pompadour, Jeanne du Barry, Lola Montez, Katharina Schrott, Alice Keppel, Elena Lupescu, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Lady Bess Foster and Georgina, Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Caroline Lamb, Clair Clairmont, Countess Teresa Guiccionli, Papal Mistressess (Theodora and Marozia Theophylact, Vannoza d'Argianno and Guila Farnese), Modern Clerical Mistresses (Annie Murphy, Louise Iusewicz), Malinche, "Country wives" in colonial America (Sally Fiddler, Betsey Sinclair, and Margaret Taylor), Mistresses in conquered Asia (Le Ly Hayslip and Dao Thi Mui), Pibbah, Julia Chinn, Sally Hemmings, Julia Francis Lewis Dickinson, Harriet Jacobs, Eleanore Hodys, Eva Braun, Hannah Arendt, Heloise, Emile du Chalelet, Jeanne Hellabuterne, George Eliot, Lillian Hellman, Catherine Waltson, Joyce Maynard, Monster molls, (Virginia Hill, Arlyne Brickman, Sandy Sandowsy, Georgia Durante and Shirley Ryce), Kremlin dolls, Castro's comrades (Naty Revuelta, Ceclia Sanchez,) Marion Davis, Gloria Swanson, Maria Callas, Marilyn Monroe, Judith Campbell, Vicki Morgan, Jane Eyre, Hester Prynne, Emma Bovary, Anna Karenina, Mildred Rogers, Ellen Olenska, Lara, Sarah Miles, Merrion Palmer, Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward Harriman, Lillian Ross, Simone de Beauvoir, Paula, Rachel, and Michaela.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2010-10-22 Merrion Palmer was Judge Guy Stockdale's mistress. His Honour's 'totty,' as the Clerk to the Court so succinctly put it. Guy had been having an affair with her for seven years, and neither Laura, his wife of forty years, nor his two grown-up sons, knew anything about her. Guy and Merrion enjoyed a blissful, uncomplicated relationship in stolen moments in Merrion's Bayswater flat, but to the rest of the world Guy seemed to be the model husband, father and grandfather. Now the time had come for Guy to move on. Conscious of the passing years, of the wasted opportunities, he didn't want to keep Merrion a secret any more. He wanted to share her with his family, with the world. He wants, dammit, to marry her. And he is quite unprepared for the painful storm which follows.

The Men and the Girls Joanna Trollope 1993 The book breaks all the rules about treating alcoholism. It's not just about the stereotypical alcoholic but for the invisible majority, the middle class drinkers, the people who are in control of their lives but with one significant exception that they have already concluded that their use of alcohol is excessive. These are the silent majority the 'Sophisticated Alcoholics'. Nobody really knows how many there are but there is a suspicion that the number is very large indeed. People who come to see me privately for help with their own personal battles with alcohol are invariably members of this group. The book would be about a cure were alcoholism to be an illness instead of a behaviour but, instead it is about resolution, a permanent change of relationship between the person and the bottle so that alcohol ceases to retain any importance in a life. I belonged to this group for too many years and now I don't. People can completely change their relationship with alcohol if they address the real issues lying behind and driving their actions because I and others have done so. Alcoholism, as it turns out has nothing to do with alcohol.

Legacy of Love Caroline Harvey 2000 Follows three generations of women from the colonial ferment of the late nineteenth century through World War II.

Sense and Sensibility Jane Austen 1864

A Much Married Man Nicholas Coleridge 2007-06-12 From one of the sharpest observers of the modern scene, comes this witty, intelligent, and irresistible novel in the tradition of Gosford Park and Snobs. A man of wealth and privilege, Anthony Anscombe has everything he could ever want: an exquisite family estate, enviable social standing, and a desirable inheritance. But with all of his money and privilege, Anthony still has an aching desire for one thing: the perfect match. Running headlong into marriage is Anthony's forte...and his greatest weakness. As Anthony surveys Winchford

Priory, his beautiful Elizabethan house in the English countryside, Anthony has the distinct feeling that he's under siege. And he's absolutely right. He may be surrounded by his sprawling estate, but lurking in the village are more than one or two reminders of his complicated past, including three ex-wives, a mistress, and a legion of children and stepchildren, all dependent on him and all determined to do whatever it takes to get what they want. Meet the wives Amanda: the ravishing first wife. Unpredictable and mesmerizing, she dared Anthony to fall in love with her, and he took her up on the challenge. Anthony was head over heels from the first night they danced on the rooftop of his family home. Of course, the free-spirited Amanda was never cut out for country life, but young love is blind. Sandra: the steadfast second wife. Sturdy, dependable and domesticated, Sandra pulled Anthony back from the compelling chaos that surrounded his first wife. Sandra had plans to turn Anthony's estate into a proper family home, until a stunning secret forced her to make a life-altering decision. Dita: the snobbish third wife. A true force of nature, Dita was smart, tough, rapaciously social and high-maintenance. She enthusiastically stormed through Anthony's life, organizing and rearranging, and rubbing plenty of people the wrong way, particularly the previous Mrs. Anscobes and their children. With the entire cast of his life roosting in the village, it's no wonder Anthony doesn't have a minute's peace! Adding to the crazy mix is the mistress, Nora, a new age hippy and acupuncturist, whom Anthony seduced with disastrous consequences. A Much Married Man is a wickedly funny social satire with memorable characters that will stay with readers long after the final page. Like a modern day Edith Wharton or Anthony Trollope, Nicholas Coleridge delivers a sensational glimpse inside the salacious world of the upper classes.

Balancing Act Joanne Thomas Yaccato 1999

Second Honeymoon Joanna Trollope 2010-03-09 Meet the Boyd family and the empty nest—twenty-first-century style. Ben is, at last, leaving home. At twenty-two, he's the youngest of the family. His mother, Edie, an actress, is distraught. His father, Russell, a theatrical agent, is rather hoping to get his wife back. His brother, Matthew, is struggling in a relationship in which he achieves and earns less than his girlfriend. And his sister, Rosa, is wrestling with debt and the end of a turbulent love affair. With her characteristically perceptive observation and spot-on characterisation, Joanna Trollope explores the dilemmas that face both parents and children as they cope with finding new ways to live, both with and without each other.

The Soldier's Wife Joanna Trollope 2012-06-05 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOVE AND DUTY COLLIDE? DAN RILEY IS A MAJOR IN THE BRITISH ARMY. After a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, he is coming home to the wife and young daughters he adores. He's up for promotion and his ex-Army grandfather and father couldn't be prouder. The Rileys are united in support of Dan's passion for his career. But are they really? His wife, Alexa, has been offered a good teaching job she can't take because the Army may move the family at any time. Her daughter Isabel hates her boarding school—the only good educational option for Army families—and starts running away. And Dan spends all his time on the base, unable to break the strong bonds forged with his friends in battle. Soon everyone who knows the Rileys is trying to help them save their marriage, but it's up to Alexa to decide if she can sacrifice her needs and those of her family to support Dan's commitment to his work. With her trademark intelligence and grace, Joanna Trollope illuminates the complexities of modern life in this story of a family striving to balance duty and ambition.

Mum & Dad Joanna Trollope 2020-03-05 A Richard & Judy Book Club pick, Mum & Dad is a heartwarming family drama from number one bestseller Joanna Trollope, with all her trademark wit and wisdom. What happens when family roles are reversed and the children must look after mum and dad? It's been twenty-five years since Gus and Monica left England to start a new life in Spain, building a wine business from the ground up. However, when Gus suffers a stroke and their idyllic Mediterranean life is thrown into upheaval, it's left to their three grown-up children in London to step in . . . As the children descend on the vineyard, it becomes clear that each has their own idea of how best to handle their mum and dad, as well as the family business. But as long-simmering resentments rise to the surface and tensions reach breaking point, can the family ties prove strong enough to keep them together? 'No-one dissects the intricacies of family relationships quite like Joanna Trollope' - Good Housekeeping

A Passionate Man Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 An unputdownable novel about fathers and sons, sex and love, loyalties and identities and fear of failure from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will not be disappointed... 'Demonstrates again how good Joanna Trollope is at describing village life and how sure is her touch' -- Evening Standard 'An elegant, witty and deeply perceptive book' -- Woman's Journal 'Bubbly, amusing, touching, and ultimately poignant' -- Sunday Express 'Her writing is, for me, perfection' -- ***** Reader review 'One of her best I think' -- ***** Reader review 'I didn't want it to finish!' -- ***** Reader review 'Captivating' -- ***** Reader review 'Brilliant' -- ***** Reader review

***** ONE ENCOUNTER AND LIFE IS NEVER THE SAME AGAIN...

The Logans were an enchanting and admirable couple. Archie had snatched Liza from her own engagement party to someone else, wooed her, swept her off to his father in Scotland, and finally married her. Now bedded firmly into country life - three children, Archie the village doctor, Liza a teacher, everything comfortable, funny, affectionate - they awaited the arrival of Archie's father, the brilliant Sir Andrew Logan, a widower for over thirty years. When his city-clean Rover stopped in the drive, Sir Andrew was not alone. Beside him was a golden lady in caramel suede, a warm, witty, desirable widow whom everyone - except Archie - adored at once. Archie saw his father's mistress as the worm in the bud of his perfect life - a life that was to be wrenched apart before he and Liza could re-create their world.

A Village Affair Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will devour this gripping novel about love and marriage - and the ties that bind us - from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. With the flawless depiction of rural, middle-class life and her incredibly astute characterisation, she effortlessly demonstrates how seductive and cosy the apparent safety of money, conformity and marriage can be - but also how fragile.... 'A story of seduction - not only sexual seduction but the irresistible appeal of money, beautiful objects, charming

manners...excellent' - The Sunday Times 'A richly textured and immensely readable novel' - The Sunday Times 'Could not put this book down' - ***** Reader review 'A must read' - ***** Reader review 'An outstanding study of human relationships and conflicting loyalties' - ***** Reader review *****

WOULD YOU TAKE A CHANCE AND SET SOMETHING IN MOTION THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING? The Grey House is the final piece in the jigsaw of Alice Jordan's perfect life. It seems to be the ultimate achievement of her outwardly happy marriage - a loyal, if dull husband, three children, two cars and now the house. So why does she feel as if something is missing? As Alice and her family settle themselves into village life, the something missing becomes something huge and then breaks, scandalizing the village and opening up old wounds. But because of it, Alice begins to feel that there is hope and humour and understanding and compassion in the new life she must build for herself.

Balancing Act Joanna Trollope 2014-02-27 Four strong women. All working in a family business. But what happens when they begin to want different things? And what about the men – and the children – in their lives? Susie Moran has always been the breadwinner in her family. Her husband was the one who was there for their three girls. But now he wants something of his past back – the life he had before Susie's career took off, before they had children. And those children don't see their mother's business the way she has always seen it, thereby threatening the balance she has worked so hard to achieve. And then, amidst the simmering tensions, someone significant from the past, someone almost forgotten, turns up. The problems of the past, the present, and the future all become challenges to the stability of both family and work. Which relationships – if any – will survive?

Friday Nights Joanna Trollope 2011-01-15 Joanna Trollope's warm, insightful novel stars Eleanor, who invites two young mothers into her home from off the street, and slowly begins to connect with them and their friends. But when one of them meets a man, new questions are posed: can female friendships withstand the jealousies and intricacies of love? With wit and warmth Joanna Trollope opens a window onto six very different women's lives, their passions and their sorrows, and explores with insight and humanity the shifting currents of friendship.

Next Of Kin Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope expertly depicts how grief can tip the family balance head over heels in this beautifully written novel about change and hope through adversity. Perfect for readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse. 'Extraordinarily powerful' -- Mail on Sunday 'A devastatingly acute picture of a harsh rural world' -- The Sunday Times 'Certainly one of her best' -- Daily Telegraph 'A richly satisfying novel ... compulsively readable' -- Sunday Express 'Kept me interested - twists and turns - great character development - well written' -- ***** Reader review 'I couldn't put it down and finished the book in just a couple of days' -- ***** Reader review 'Excellent' -- ***** Reader review 'A wonderful book, a wonderful story, wonderful characters - a must have' -- ***** Reader review *****

A FAMILY IN CRISIS. A CATALYST THAT THREATENS TO CHANGE EVERYTHING... The land running down to the River Dean has been farmed by the Meredith family for generations. Robin Meredith bought the farm from his father, just before he married his wife Caro and now he and his brother Joe work on the land. But now Caro has died, as much as a mystery to the family as she was when she arrived twenty years ago, and the whole family feels her loss acutely, none more so than her adopted daughter Judy. Into this unhappy family comes Zoe, Judy's London friend, an outsider with an independent spirit and a disturbing directness. Everyone underestimates Zoe's power as a catalyst for change as the realities behind the seeming idyll of a rural community become ever clearer...

The Other Family Joanna Trollope 2010-03-02 From the superb storyteller and quintessential women's fiction author Joanna Trollope comes a moving and wonderfully observed new novel about two families who must confront love and loss as an inheritance hangs in the balance. The trouble with dying is that you're not around anymore to explain what you meant to the people who love you... Richie Rossiter, a crooner and piano man still popular with his loyal fans, is anyone's idea of a lucky man. In his forties, he abandoned his first wife and son in Newcastle for a young woman who believed she could bring him stardom in the south. Not only does Chrissie rejuvenate his career, she gives him twenty-three years of happy domestic life and three lovely daughters. But then he dies suddenly, and at his funeral Chrissie and her daughters cross paths with Richie's other family for the very first time. And the uneasy truce that has held over the years between Richie's past and his present loves breaks down into open animosities, fanned by certain bequests he has made and certain secret loyalties he has kept. Grief, loss, jealousy and love rewrite the relationships of both families in ways Richie never could have imagined.

Daughters-in-Law Joanna Trollope 2011-04-12 A captivating new novel from the master of domestic drama. As the youngest of their three sons marries and Anthony and Rachel Brinkley welcome their third daughter-in-law to the family, no one quite realizes the profound shift about to take place. For their different reasons, the two previous daughters-in-law hadn't been able to resist Rachel's maternal clout and Anthony's gentle charms, and had settled into Brinkley family life without rocking the boat. But Charlotte — very young, very beautiful and semi-spoiled — has no intention of sharing power with her mother-in-law, and sets out to vanquish the matriarch. Soon Rachel's sons begin to treasonously think of their own houses as home, and of their mother's house as simply the place where their parents live — a necessary shift of loyalties that sets off fireworks in their mother's brain, breaks their father's heart and causes unexpected waves in their own marriages. A lovely, candid and hugely perceptive exploration of what happens inside every family when one generation, with its ways and habits, has to make way for the next — and everyone needs to learn what family love means all over again.

The House Husband Owen Whittaker 2003-04-10 Andy is a musician and songwriter. At least, that's what he was until he was persuaded by his wife to become a House Husband when she goes back to work. And so begins a life of school runs, changing nappies and watching Sesame Street. But things turn out to be far more complicated than Andy ever expected. The trials and tribulations of Andy's role reversal are relayed in minute by minute diary form in this wonderful debut novel which is sad, funny and, at times, seriously profound about the things in life which really matter. Love, sex,

children, music and (yes!) the Eurovision Song Contest!

The Way We Live Now Anthony Trollope 1875 Annotation Containing three plays from the apex of Chekhov's dramatic achievement - The Cherry Orchard, Three Sisters and The Seagull translated by Constance Garnett.

The Taverners' Place Joanna Trollope 2005 The emotional tensions within the Taverner family over three generations, from the 1870's to the outbreak of the Second World War and from Crete to East Africa.

Mistress Anita Nair 2006-08-08 When travel writer Christopher Stewart arrives at a riverside resort in Kerala, India to meet Koman, Radha's uncle and a famous dancer, he enters a world of masks and repressed emotions. From their first meeting, both Radha and her uncle are drawn to the enigmatic young man with his cello and his incessant questions about the past. The triangle quickly excludes Shyam, Radha's husband, who can only watch helplessly as she embraces Chris with a passion that he has never been able to draw from her. Also playing the role of observer-participant is Koman; his life story, as it unfolds, captures all the nuances and contradictions of the relationships being made—and unmade—in front of his eyes. Booklist calls Mistress "Tempestuously exotic, Nair's intricately woven multicultural and multigenerational saga pulsates with passion and desire."

The Other Woman Joy Fielding 2002-12-01 Classic Joy Fielding, featuring the emotional struggle between a loving wife and the proverbial 'other woman.' The young woman was stunning, and her words couldn't have been more clear: "Hello, I'm Nicole Clark. I'm going to marry your husband." Jill Plumley thinks she has the perfect marriage, but how can she keep her attractive husband away from the younger, sexier Nicole? The frightening thing is that Jill knows that David can be stolen away. She had done it herself when she lured David from his wife. She, Jill, had once been the other woman.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2011-06 All hell breaks loose in a well-heeled English family when the father, a respected judge, announces he is leaving a forty-year marriage to marry his mistress.

Marrying the Mistress Joanna Trollope 2000 Romance writer also uses the name Caroline Harvey.

The Best of Friends Joanna Trollope 1996 The Best of Friends is a heart-breaking and heart-warming story of marriage, adultery, children and reconciliation. Gina and Laurence have been friends since youth. Now, each married, Gina to Fergus and Laurence to Hilary, the two couples are the best of friends. They live in the peaceful town of Whittingbourne where Laurence and Hilary run a small country hotel and have three teenage sons. Gina and Fergus enjoy a somewhat more lavish lifestyle in a beautiful house called High Place. One day Fergus leaves Gina, who falls to pieces. Their daughter revolts and Gina turns to her oldest and dearest friend, Laurence. Soon his comforting becomes an affair and both marriages appear to be over.

Hotel Du Lac Anita Brookner 2012-07-25 In the novel that won her the Booker Prize and established her international reputation, Anita Brookner finds a new vocabulary for framing the eternal question "Why love?" It tells the story of Edith Hope, who writes romance novels under a pseudonym. When her life begins to resemble the plots of her own novels, however, Edith flees to Switzerland, where the quiet luxury of the Hotel du Lac promises to restore her to her senses. But instead of peace and rest, Edith finds herself sequestered at the hotel with an assortment of love's casualties and exiles. She also attracts the attention of a worldly man determined to release her unused capacity for mischief and pleasure. Beautifully observed, witheringly funny, Hotel du Lac is Brookner at her most stylish and potently subversive.

Girl from the South Joanna Trollope 2010-05-04 Gillion is from the American South, but she is definitely not a Southern belle. An art historian by trade, she takes a job in London to escape from the demands of her wealthy, conventional, socially superior family in Charleston, South Carolina. Once in London she meets Tilly, a features editor, and her long-term boyfriend and wildlife photographer Henry, who is finding it hard to commit. Before long, Gillion inadvertently offers Henry an escape: the chance to travel to South Carolina and photograph its wildlife. Upon arriving, Henry is wholly seduced by the charms of Charleston, by Gillion's family, and by the old patrician way of life which presents itself. Neither Gillion nor Henry bargains on what they find there, nor the effect his departure will have on Tilly and the world he left behind.

City of Friends Joanna Trollope 2017-02-23 An emotional journey portraying the multiple frustrations, pressures and hidden agonies of four women. City of Friends is the number one bestselling novel from the highly acclaimed author, Joanna Trollope. The day Stacey Grant loses her job feels like the last day of her life. Or at least, the only life she'd ever known. For who was she if not a City high-flyer, Senior Partner at one of the top private equity firms in London? As Stacey starts to reconcile her old life with the new – one without professional achievements or meetings, but instead, long days at home with her dog and ailing mother, waiting for her successful husband to come home – she at least has The Girls to fall back on. Beth, Melissa and Gaby. The girls, now women, had been best friends from the early days of university right through their working lives, and for all the happiness and heartbreaks in between. But these career women all have personal problems of their own, and when Stacey's redundancy forces a betrayal to emerge that was supposed to remain secret, their long cherished friendships will be pushed to their limits . . .

An Unsuitable Match Joanna Trollope 2018-02-22 An Unsuitable Match, by number one bestselling author Joanna Trollope, is an uplifting story of love, family and second chances. 'Nobody writes about family tensions better than Joanna Trollope' – Good Housekeeping 'Why on earth, after all you've been through, all you've survived, all you've achieved, why do you want to get married?' Rose Woodrowe has just got engaged to Tyler Masson – a wonderful, sensitive man who is head-over-heels in love with her. The only problem? This isn't the first time for either of them, and their five grown-up children have strong opinions on the matter . . . Who to listen to? Who to please? Rose and Tyler are determined to get it right this time, but in trying to make everyone happy, can they ever be happy themselves?

Getting Over it and Marrying the Mistress and The House Husband Anna Maxted 2000

Poems for Love Gaby Morgan 2018-01-11 A complex and truly timeless emotion, love – whether passion or heartbreak, infatuation or flirtation – has provoked some of the greatest names in literature to write verse of outstanding beauty. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and

ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition features an introduction by bestselling author, and Romantic Novelist Association prize-winner, Joanna Trollope. There has always been love, and we have been writing poetry about it for over 4,000 years. From John Donne and William Shakespeare to Emily Dickinson and Christina Rossetti, the very best classic love poetry is collected in this elegant anthology, *Poems for Love*. That we still read and enjoy these heartfelt poems today is a testament both to their individual genius, and to the enduring power of love.

The City of Gems Joanna Trollope 2005 In 1879 the Queen of Mandalay ordered eighty members of the royal family to be clubbed to death. In England, Maria knew nothing of Mandalay, its cruelty and enchantment. Soon Maria, Archie and Grace come together in Burma and explore this extravagant world that is key to their destinies.

Brother and Sister Joanna Trollope 2008-12-11 Brought up by the same parents, but born to two different mothers, Nathalie and David have grown up as brother and sister, and share a fierce loyalty. Their decision as adults to try to find their birth mothers is no straightforward matter. It affects, acutely and often painfully, their spouses and children, the people they work with, and, most poignantly, the two women who gave them up for adoption all those years ago. Exploring her subject with inimitable imagination and humanity, the celebrated author of *Marrying the Mistress* and *The Rector's Wife* once again works her magic.

Someone at a Distance Dorothy Whipple 2008 An outstanding novel about the fragility and tenacity of love.

A Spanish Lover Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse will love this wise and warm novel from multi-million copy bestselling author Joanna Trollope. A story of delicate family relationships and the catalysts that can change everything... 'Her novels, like family life itself, are built on the tensions between the illusions of permanence and the reality of charm' -- Observer 'A hugely enjoyable book' -- The Sunday Times 'I love her wit, her benevolence, her resolve that in even the darkest hour a little light will shine' -- Irish Press 'Profoundly satisfying as well as acutely querying...A perceptive chronicler of our times' -- Sunday Express 'Beautifully written' -- ***** Reader review 'Couldn't put this book down 100% excellent' -- ***** Reader review 'Incredible' -- ***** Reader review

***** TWO LIVES INTERTWINED AND SEEMINGLY HARMONIOUS. ONE DECISION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING. Lizzie and Frances are twins, together forming part of a unit. Or at least that's the way Lizzie sees things. Lizzie is the twin who has everything: husband, children, a flourishing career and a beautiful house. She worries about Frances, who seems to lead a solitary life in London, ricocheting from one disastrous man to the next. Lizzie just wants Frances to have a complete and satisfying life, just like hers. Then one day Frances announces she isn't coming to Lizzie's for Christmas as usual - she's going to Spain instead. Suddenly and equally unexpectedly, Lizzie's world begins to tilt. Frances's Christmas defection seems overwhelmingly threatening to their unity. As Frances's future begins to change into something exciting and Lizzie's deteriorates as financial pressures eat into her ideal lifestyle, long held assumptions are called into question. Which twin really is the one with everything? *The Rector's Wife* Joanna Trollope 2010-10-08 Joanna Trollope has the priceless gift of drawing characters so clearly, and cleanly, that within half a dozen pages, you feel you have known them all your life - and *The Rector's Wife* is no exception. A thought-provoking, emotionally-charged and, at times, wonderfully witty, read bringing to light the trials and tribulations of marriage - and the struggle when it doesn't give you what you need. Perfect for readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse. 'Elegantly written' -- The Sunday Times 'Compulsive reading' -- The Times 'Prepare to be wittily and wisely entertained by an exceptional writer' -- Daily Mail 'A wonderful read, just read it and enjoy' -- ***** Reader review 'Just fabulous - what more can I say?' -- ***** Reader review 'A must read' -- ***** Reader review

***** IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY For twenty years, Anna Bouverie, as a priest's wife, has served God and the parish in a variety of ways. She has baked for the Brownies, delivered parish magazines, washed and ironed her husband's surplices and clothed herself and her children in jumble-sale items. When her husband fails to gain promotion to archdeacon and retreats into isolated bitterness, and the bullying of her daughter at the local comprehensive reaches an intolerable level, Anna rebels. She takes a job in the local supermarket where she earns her own money, her sense of self-worth, the shocked disapproval of the parish and the icy fury of her husband. She also attracts the passionate interest of three very different men, each of whom was to play a significant part in the blossoming of her life...

After Julius Elizabeth Jane Howard 2016-06-07 A dead war hero's lingering influence follows his family from World War II-era London to the 1950s English countryside At the height of World War II, while her husband, Julius, was away at the front, Esme, the mother of two young children, fell in love for the first time. Her lover, a poet named Felix, was fourteen years her junior. After Julius was killed during the evacuation from Dunkirk, Esme hoped that she and Felix would marry. Instead, Felix enlisted, and Esme never saw him again. Now, nearly twenty years later, they're about to be reunited. But not in the way Esme imagined. Past and present converge at Esme's country house in Sussex where, during the course of one revelatory weekend, the far-reaching influence of the dead Julius begins to emerge. Narrated in turn by Esme; Felix; Esme's daughters, Cressy and Emma; and Emma's boyfriend, Daniel, the story moves seamlessly from one generation to the next as they all attempt to move on with their lives. In the tradition of Jean Rhys and Rosamond Lehmann, Elizabeth Jane Howard's wit, sensitivity, and unerring powers of observation are on dazzling display in this novel that explores the lingering impact of a heroic action on a soldier's loved ones. With its timeless themes of courage, love, and loss, *After Julius* is a towering work of fiction from the bestselling author of the *Cazalet Chronicles*.

Britannia's Daughters Joanna Trollope 1983

The Brass Dolphin Joanna Trollope 2000 On the island of Malta during World War II, a young British woman, living with her father in a beautiful but decaying mansion, learns important lessons about war, fear, and love.

