

The Girl Who Dared To Think 6 The Girl Who Dared To Endure

She thought she had put all the questions to rest. But someone from her past wants answers. From the bestselling author of *The Rumor* and *Who Did You Tell?* comes *The Dare*, an electrifying novel of suspense. "I read *The Dare* in two big gulps—it's pacey, has great characters, and there's a flip worthy of Simone Biles."—Fiona Barton, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Widow* At the time it was exciting. A game of dare, but one that had motive and justification. Children can be so judgmental, can't they? I can still hear her cry as she toppled forward, the dull thud of her body as it landed on the pavement. Lizzie and Alice are the best of friends, as close as can be. Until the day when they're out playing by the train tracks and a childish spat triggers Lizzie's epilepsy. When she comes to, she finds an unimaginable horror: Alice has been killed. Lizzie is devastated, and as she tries to cope with her grief, she is shocked to find herself alienated from Alice's friends and relatives, who are convinced Lizzie and "the dare" somehow had a role in her friend's death. I knew that whatever she wanted me to do, I'd do it. Like that first, dreadful dare. Years later, Lizzie has tried to move on. She's engaged to a wonderful man and is starting a new life in London. But someone from her past isn't willing to forgive and forget. And they'll do anything to pry answers from her. Even if Lizzie doesn't know them herself. The day Chrysta Perretti runs away from her crazy parents in Benton, Illinois, she feels she's angry enough to stay on the road forever. But two years later, when the car she's in suddenly breaks down in a small Arkansas town, Chrysta's road fever dies too, and something new is born: something tells her that it's possible to start over and she doesn't have to be alone. In Excelsior Springs, Chrysta comes to learn the power of lasting friendships, for it is because of her newfound friends that she just might survive a dark, unexpected, and dangerous new episode in her life. Crescent Dragonwagon and Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Zindel explore what happens when a thirteen-year-old runaway dares to stop running and learns to face the good – and the bad – in herself.

Told with unblinking transparency, *Amazon Girl: Dare to Dream* vividly portrays a childhood paradise lost, a childlike faith uncovered, and courage forged in heartache. In this book, I share my adventures, my struggles, my hurt as a young girl, and the fulfillment of my dreams. Though I may describe joyful experiences, painful interruptions, and fear of the unknown, each chapter challenges you to never give up on your dreams. I encourage you to hang on to your faith and find the courage to step off your limb of safety and soar into the great adventure that God has for you. With God, nothing is impossible. God is the dream giver, and He deposited dreams inside you that only you can fulfill. Take this journey with me, and witness how my dreams became His dreams that are coming true.

Return to the Tower in the fourth book of *The Girl Who Dared* series, where Liana will face her greatest challenge yet. A woman who needs to run her own life. A man who needs to exert control. Can she surrender to his demands without losing her sense of self once more? After ending a relationship to a cheating, domineering man, Isabelle Masters takes off in her leased Mercedes, only to be arrested for grand theft and hauled to a local police station. To her surprise, she is rescued by the most unlikely person, Gabriel Dare, a man she's been attracted to for far too long. Although Gabe yearns to possess Isabelle, he knows all too well he must fight his primitive need to bind her to him, and instead help bring out the independent woman she yearns to become — or risk losing her for good.

Women have been doing amazing, daring, and dangerous things for years, but they're rarely mentioned in our history books as adventurers, daredevils, or rebels. This new compilation of brief biographies features women throughout history who have risked their lives for adventure—many of whom you may not know, but all of whom you'll WANT to know, such as: • Annie Edson Taylor, the first person who dared to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel • Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman who dared to fly in space • Helen Gibson, the first woman who dared to be a professional stunt person • And many more! This is the perfect read for anyone who wants to know what it means to explore, discover, play, climb, and fight like a girl!

In this second installation, Liana Castell makes a shocking discovery, after stumbling upon an ancient, dusty office sealed away from the rest of the Tower. Her first instinct is to flee - until she realizes all is not what it seems. The room has been hidden for a reason. It holds secrets about the Tower's past, and answers that could be key to her people's future. But with this knowledge comes grave danger, as Liana will quickly discover.

Readers will be inspired by this immigration story about a young refugee whose family tries to emigrate to Pakistan when India is divided into two separate nations. This short, 32-page hi-lo book features full-color illustrations to capture the attention of kids who enjoy realistic fiction stories about characters who must overcome difficult circumstances in order to survive.

When a simple round of truth or dare spins out of control, three girls find it's no longer a party game -- it's do or die. It all started on a whim: The game was a way for Tenley Reed to reclaim her popularity, a chance for perfect Caitlin "Angel" Thomas to prove she's more than her Harvard application. Loner Sydney Morgan wasn't even there; she was hiding behind her camera, as usual. But when all three start receiving mysterious dares long after the party has ended, they're forced to play along -- or risk exposing their darkest secrets. How far will Tenley, Caitlin, and Sydney go to keep the truth from surfacing? And who's behind this twisted game? Set against the backdrop of Echo Bay, an isolated beach town haunted by misfortune, *Truth or Dare* is a highly charged debut that will keep readers in suspense from beginning to end. Victoria Woodhull, Mary Wollstonecraft, Aimee Semple McPherson, Edwina Mountbatten, Margaret Argyll and Chanel were all women who dared. They had no time for what society said they could and couldn't do and would see the world bend before they did. In 1872 a mesmerising psychic named Victoria Woodhull shattered tradition by running for the White House. Had she won the ensuing spectacle would surely have rivalled that of our own era. Abhorring such flamboyance, Mary Wollstonecraft inspired a revolution of thought with her pen as she issued women's first manifesto – still to be fulfilled. From Aimee Semple McPherson, the first female preacher in America, to Coco Chanel, designer of an empire, these women became the change they wanted to see in society. In *Women Who Dared*, Jeremy Scott pays tribute to them all with wit, verve and reverence.

The Champion has been chosen, and Liana's courage will be put to the test like never before.

'So cadets; how's the morale?' 'High Sir!' we boys and girls screamed in unison. 'Should we tighten your training?' 'Yes sir; give us

more!' 'Good!' he said. Then whispered to the chief instructor; 'Tighten their discipline. Toughen their schedule. I've never seen such happy cadets. This is not a party!' They entered the Officers' Training Academy at Chennai; with a single desire—to be Officers in the army. Soon they discovered it was going to be an uphill task; literally! They fought; they bickered; they cried and they raised hell. But they also learnt. They learnt to take push-ups and punishments; front rolls and figures of eight; strict discipline and night marches in their stride. Where Girls Dare is a hilarious and entertaining story of what happens when fifty-two lady cadets (LCs) train alongside four hundred Gentleman Cadets (GCs); some of whom believe that girls in the army is a bad idea. For more info on new series Metro Reads; please visit www.metroreads.in

"Reunite with Liana one last time... Are you ready to return to the Tower? The electrifying conclusion of Liana Castell's journey."--Publisher's description.

Return to the Tower and reunite with Liana Castell in the breath-stealing third book of The Girl Who Dared to Think series. Pre-order now!

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Twenty-year-old Liana Castell must be careful what she thinks. Her life is defined by the number on her wristband -- a rating out of ten awarded based on her usefulness and loyalty to the Tower, and monitored by a device in her skull. A device that reports forbidden thoughts. Liana is currently a four, the lowest possible acceptable score. When her worst nightmare comes to pass and she drops to a three, desperation spurs her down a path few dare to tread.

He's the one who left. She's the one he left behind. Willow James, athletic trainer for the Miami Thunder football team, knows abandonment and hurt. A child of foster care, she's been moved around and left behind more times than she cares to count. Just when she was starting to let her guard down with Braden Prescott, he left for a two year stint with Doctors Without Borders. Now he's back. Dr. Braden Prescott always felt like an outsider in his family of professional sports players. He's traveled the world and is better for it, but now he's home with a job for the Miami Thunder. When he comes face to face with the woman he left behind, their chemistry still smolders. She'll give him her body again but not her heart. He knows leaving her once was the biggest mistake of his life. Can Willow learn to trust him not to leave, especially when adventure comes calling again?

Presents a graphic novel version of "The Little Match Girl," adapted by Michael O'Connell and Jeff Curtis from the story by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875).

Equal parts Dexter and 50 Shades, this is the eagerly awaited new novel from A. R. Torre, author of the award winning erotic thriller, The Girl in 6E. The rules are the same. I can't open the door. I can't leave. I can't kill anyone. The only difference is, I don't set the rules anymore. Guards in grey uniforms do. It is everything I never wanted and everything I always deserved. I write to you now, from a prison cell. My home for the next twenty to thirty years. That's the going term for murder.

Have you ever had one of those really bad days at work? You know, one where your sexy AF boss catches you photocopying your backside in his office? No? Just me then? I blame my bestie and partner in chaos. She challenged me with a not-so-innocent dare that I should've flat out declined. But I'm an adrenaline junkie, and now, here I am. I know it sounds crazy, and daredevil tendencies aside, I definitely went too far to get his attention. But you haven't seen him. Colton Wolfe. My boss. Tall, dark, and handsome, with the sexiest British accent I've ever heard. His only flaw? That he's completely oblivious to what's been right in front of him all along. Me. Well, he was until a few minutes ago. Remember those good old days? Before I got caught bare-assed and making nice with the copy machine, and before I was totally getting fired? But wait. Maybe I'm not. If I can take on the biggest dare of all. Making Colton Wolfe fall in love with me. Liam Swift is a young man Amy has always admired from afar. She's seen his face a thousand times; on the screen and in magazines. He seems unstoppable as his talent and beauty send him hurtling toward becoming a Hollywood legend... Until one day - in what appears to be a fit of madness - he stuns the world by throwing it all away. Not even the most persistent reporter can fathom the reason behind Liam's decision. Never in Amy's wildest dreams could she have imagined this God of acting would go on to accept employment at her local boarding school. Or that he'd personally start teaching her drama lessons. It seems life can't get much better for Amy ... until the sound of tortured weeping starts echoing through the thin walls of her dorm room each night, leading her to stumble upon a horrifying secret Liam had hoped to keep hidden forever. Scroll up & click the buy button now...

In the wake of the violent labor disputes in Colorado's two-year Coalfield War, a young woman and single mother resolved in 1916 to change the status quo for "girls," as well-to-do women in Denver referred to their hired help. Her name was Jane Street, and this compelling biography is the first to chronicle her defiant efforts—and devastating misfortunes—as a leader of the so-called housemaid rebellion. A native of Indiana, Jane Street (1887–1966) began her activist endeavors as an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). In riveting detail, author Jane Little Botkin recounts Street's attempts to orchestrate a domestic mutiny against Denver's elitist Capitol Hill women, including wives of the state's national guard officers and Colorado Fuel and Iron operators. It did not take long for the housemaid rebellion to make local and national news. Despite the IWW's initial support of the housemaids' fight for fairness and better pay, Street soon found herself engaged in a gender war, the target of sexism within the very organization she worked so hard to support. The abuses she suffered ranged from sabotage and betrayal to arrests and abandonment. After the United States entered World War I and the first Red Scare arose, Street's battle to balance motherhood and labor organizing began to take its toll. Legal troubles, broken relationships, and poverty threatened her very existence. In previous western labor and women's studies accounts, Jane Street has figured only marginally, credited in passing as the founder of a housemaids' union. To unearth the rich detail of her story, Botkin has combed through case histories, family archives, and—perhaps most significant—Street's own writings, which express her greatest joys, her deepest sorrows, and her unfortunate dealings with systematic injustice. Setting Jane's story within the wider context of early-twentieth-century class struggles and the women's suffrage movement, *The Girl Who Dared to Defy* paints a fascinating—and ultimately heartbreaking—portrait of one woman's courageous fight for equality.

The Gender Game By Bella Forrest

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR SUN-MI HWANG This is the story of a dog named Scraggly.

Born an outsider because of her distinctive appearance, she spends most of her days in the sun-filled yard of her owner's

house. Scraggly has dreams and aspirations just like the rest of us. But each winter, dark clouds descend and Scraggly is faced with challenges that she must overcome. Through the clouds and even beyond the gates of her owner's yard lies the possibility of friendship, motherhood and happiness - they are for the taking if Scraggly can just hold on to them, bring them home and build the life she so desperately desires. *The Dog Who Dared to Dream* is a wise tale of the relationship between dog and man, as well as a celebration of a life lived with courage. Translated into English for the first time, it is a classic from Sun-mi Hwang, the international bestselling author.

He's about to find a baby on his doorstep ... and his assistant in his bed. Austin Prescott is a lot of things. Ex football player. Sports agent. And as of this morning? Father. Finding a baby on his doorstep should have been a joke but the pink sticky note and baby carrier she came in is deadly serious. What's an out of his depth bachelor to do? Call his tempting and beyond gorgeous executive assistant and beg her to move in. Quinnlyn Stone agrees to help Austin until he can straighten out his messy life. It's just another item on her very long To-Do list. It's absolutely not because she's attracted to her very single and extremely handsome boss. Close quarters. A baby. Undeniable chemistry. What could possibly go wrong?

Gina's world falls apart when she loses her husband in a plane crash in mysterious circumstances. She is suddenly left with three children to bring up on her own. Yet she dares to dream and rises to the position of Head of Finance for a London textiles firm. When the new CEO, the handsome, successful entrepreneur Shahid Malick arrives to rescue the ailing company, he proves to be everything she could wish for in a man, and the feeling is mutual. Yet his confident manner and immaculate business credentials mask profound sadness from a dark past that he is finally able to unload. As they draw closer together and their passion, love and commitment deepen, she finds that her own past unexpectedly catches up with her and huge reserves of inner resolve are called for as her dreams are tested to the limit.

"An inspiring picture book biography about Shirley Chisholm"--

"The terrifying finale is a doozy, and Ky is a capable (can you say muay thai?), whip-smart, snarky joy. Readers will follow her anywhere, no matter how dangerous. Dark and thrilling." —Kirkus When her FBI agent father is framed for murder, Kylene is forced to move in with her grandfather, back to the small town that turned its back on her, and the boy who betrayed her. All Ky cares about is clearing her father's name, but someone won't let her forget the photo scandal that drove her away two years ago. As the threats gain momentum, Ky finds an unlikely ally in the rookie FBI agent sent to keep an eye on her. Determined to expose the town's hidden skeletons, Ky unwittingly thrusts herself into a much bigger plot. They thought she'd forgive and forget. They're about to learn they messed with the wrong girl. "A quick-witted heroine, a fast-paced plot, and a twisty whodunit mystery kept me on my toes. Fans of *Riverdale* will adore Kylene Danners and devour this suspenseful story." —USA Today bestselling author K.A. Tucker At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Meet the Fletchers of Dare Island Ambitious Meg, the daughter who never looked back Steady Matt, the son who stayed And rebel Luke, the Marine who thought he'd never return Meg Fletcher spent her childhood dreaming of escaping Dare Island—her family's home for generations. So after she landed a high-powered job in New York City, she left and never looked back. But when she loses both her job and the support of her long-term, live-in boyfriend, she returns home to lick her wounds and reevaluate her life. Helping out her parents at the family inn, she can't avoid the reminders of the past she'd rather forget—especially charming and successful Sam Grady, her brother's best friend. Their one disastrous night of teenage passion should have forever killed their childhood attraction, but Sam seems determined to reignite those long-buried embers. As Meg discovers the man he's become, she's tempted to open her vulnerable heart to him. But she has no intention of staying on Dare Island—no matter how seductive Sam's embrace might be...

Includes an excerpt from: *The child thief*.

'Compelling. Poignant. Haunting. Heart wrenching. Just beautiful. Everyone needs to read this wonderful book.' - Renita D'Silva, bestselling author of *The Forgotten Daughter 1939*. Seventeen-year-old Nora Jennings has spent her life secure in the certainty of a bright, happy future - until one night of passion has more catastrophic consequences than she ever could have anticipated. Labelled a moral defective and sectioned under the Mental Deficiency Act, she is forced to endure years of unspeakable cruelty at the hands of those who are supposed to care for her. 1981. When psychiatrist Janet Humphreys comes across Nora, heavily institutionalised and still living in the hospital more than forty years after her incarceration, she knows that she must be the one to help Nora rediscover what it is to live. But as she works to help Nora overcome her past, Janet realises she must finally face her own. Based on a true story, *The Girl Behind the Gates* is the raw, heart-breaking yet ultimately uplifting tale of a young woman cut down in her prime, and of the woman who finally brings her back to life, perfect for fans of *The Girl in the Letter* and *Philomena*. Further praise for *THE GIRL BEHIND THE GATES*: 'The Girl behind the Gates absorbed me from the start. A haunting, heart-wrenching but ultimately heart-warming novel told in beautiful prose and with great compassion and insight.' - Gill Thompson, bestselling author of *The Oceans Between Us* 'The Girl Behind the Gates is a powerful, emotional novel - harrowing in parts but always authentic and full of insights and compassion, and a sobering account of the best and worst of human nature. I was moved to tears by the ending and will certainly not hesitate to recommend it.' - Jill Childs, bestselling author of *Gracie's Secret* 'A powerful story of trust, compassion, healing -- and the transforming power of love, that can give new life to a broken spirit.' - Sharon Maas, bestselling author of *The Violin Maker's Daughter*

The end is near. Reunite with Liana in the penultimate book of her journey.

In a deliciously sexy twist on the classic game, USA Today bestselling author Mira Lyn Kelly proves that when playing truth or dare—always choose dare. After her one attempt at commitment ends in the worst kind of betrayal, Maggie Lawson vows that the only people she'll love 'til death do they part will be her friends. Unfortunately that means Maggie letting her bestie rope her into a year-long dating dare: score a new date each month or pay a penalty. Seems doable—until Maggie's date stands her up, leaving only one option: the sexy stud who just moved in upstairs. The problem? He and Maggie can't stop fighting—and that's just the beginning. His name is Tyler Wells and the last thing he needs is his neighbor distracting him with her girl-next-door smile and sharp tongue. Tyler's in Chicago for one reason: to woo back his selfish ex in order to reclaim the child he once thought was his—and that means keeping Maggie out of his bed. A tall order, since Maggie has become a bigger temptation than he ever expected to face. But before they can even consider leaving the past behind, Maggie and Tyler must accept a brand-new dare: real, forever love. Praise for *Truth or Dare* "It's clear from the beginning that all the snark between Tyler and Maggie is masking a

powerful attraction that they both wish to ignore. Every time they resist just makes every time they give in that much hotter (and sweeter).”—Library Journal “Truth or Dare is a sexy, heartfelt story about hard choices, sweet temptation, and forever love!”—USA Today bestselling author Tina Wainscott “I so enjoyed this book! Incredible tension, a great cast of characters—undoubtedly all ready for their books—some very funny moments and lines (‘Friends don’t let friends take their wine home in a baggie!’) and some really gooey emotional conflict.”—Molly O’Keefe, author of *Indecent Proposal* “Delicious tension, raw emotion, and plenty of heat make *Truth or Dare* a sexy, witty read.”—Elisabeth Barrett, author of the *Star Harbor* series “Mira Lynn Kelly is a master storyteller, and she proved it again here. She crafted unforgettable characters that wormed their way into the reader’s heart. You could never go wrong reading one of her books!”—The Romance Reviews Includes an excerpt from another Loveswept title. Get ready for another binge-worthy romance from New York Times bestselling author Elle Kennedy! College was supposed to be my chance to get over my ugly-duckling complex and spread my wings. Instead, I wound up in a sorority full of mean girls. I already have a hard time fitting in, so when my Kappa Chi sisters issue the challenge, I can’t say no. The dare: seduce the hottest new hockey player in the junior class. Conor Edwards is a regular at Greek Row parties...and in Greek Row sorority beds. He’s the one you fall for before you learn that guys like him don’t give girls like me a second glance. Except Mr. Popular throws me for a loop—rather than laughing in my face, he does me a solid by letting me take him upstairs to pretend we’re getting busy. Even crazier, now he wants to keep pretending. Turns out Conor loves games, and he thinks it’s fun to pull the wool over my frenemies’ eyes. But resisting his easy charm and surfer-boy hotness is darn near impossible. Though I’m realizing there’s much more to Conor’s story than his fan club can see. And the longer this silly ruse goes on, the greater the danger of it all blowing up in my face.

The Girl Who Dared Teacher Created Materials

LIKE A GIRL: DARE TO DREAM by Fer Caggiano Empowering and educational artwork embodying strong and inspiring women in South Carolina. Now you can have their stories and portraits ON THE GO when you buy the ebook version. The canvas is a powerful tool and the blueprint of an artist. Its creative essence tells a narrative with the use of color, emotion, texture and layers. International artist Fer Caggiano has embarked on a journey to celebrate the heroic achievements of 40 remarkable women, who have transcended life’s challenges to create a legacy of inspiration. The artistic and colorful celebration of women is a time-honored tradition, but never before has the medium of storytelling, art and achievement come together in a more poignant and emotional way. The vision of Charleston, South Carolina based Fer Caggiano and her dedication to sharing the beautiful stories of these 40 remarkable women is the culmination of a journey from the heart. These 40 women all come from different walks of life, but together they share the common link of reaching the pinnacle of their dreams. Come with us as we take a walk into this transparent, vulnerable and powerful passage that is *Like A Girl: Dare To Dream*.

The searing novel of friendship and betrayal that inspired the USA Network series, praised by Gillian Flynn as “Lord of the Flies set in a high-school cheerleading squad...Tense, dark, and beautifully written.” Addy Hanlon has always been Beth Cassidy’s best friend and trusted lieutenant. Beth calls the shots and Addy carries them out, a long-established order of things that has brought them to the pinnacle of their high-school careers. Now they’re seniors who rule the intensely competitive cheer squad, feared and followed by the other girls -- until the young new coach arrives. Cool and commanding, an emissary from the adult world just beyond their reach, Coach Colette French draws Addy and the other cheerleaders into her life. Only Beth, unsettled by the new regime, remains outside Coach’s golden circle, waging a subtle but vicious campaign to regain her position as “top girl” -- both with the team and with Addy herself. Then a suicide focuses a police investigation on Coach and her squad. After the first wave of shock and grief, Addy tries to uncover the truth behind the death -- and learns that the boundary between loyalty and love can be dangerous terrain. The raw passions of girlhood are brought to life in this taut, unflinching exploration of friendship, ambition, and power. Award-winning novelist Megan Abbott, writing with what Tom Perrotta has hailed as “total authority and an almost desperate intensity,” provides a harrowing glimpse into the dark heart of the all-American girl.

A tale that imagines the life of a woman Jesus in ancient Palestine follows the story of androgynous tomboy Anna, who is disguised as a male and sold to a band of shepherds before entering a spiritual society of desert women who convey mystical teachings and help her discover her latent powers. Reprint.

Hiding the truth about her mother’s illicit lifestyle until an intervention forces her to move in with a reluctant aunt, Beth becomes a misfit in a new school and unexpectedly falls for star athlete Ryan, whose secrets and compulsion to engage in daring behaviors prompts an intense relationship.

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A READ WITH JENNA TODAY SHOW BOOK CLUB PICK! “Brave, fresh . . . unforgettable.”—The New York Times Book Review “A celebration of girls who dare to dream.”—Imbolo Mbue, author of *Behold the Dreamers* (Oprah’s Book Club pick) Shortlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize and recommended by The New York Times, Marie Claire, Vogue, Essence, PopSugar, Daily Mail, Electric Literature, Red, Stylist, Daily Kos, Library Journal, The Everygirl, and Read It Forward! The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* is a simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power of fighting for your dreams. Despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in her path, Adunni never loses sight of her goal of escaping the life of poverty she was born into so that she can build the future she chooses for herself – and help other girls like her do the same. Her spirited determination to find joy and hope in even the most difficult circumstances imaginable will “break your heart and then put it back together again” (Jenna Bush Hager on *The Today Show*) even as Adunni shows us how one courageous young girl can inspire us all to reach for our dreams...and maybe even change the world.

Sainsbury’s Magazine Book Club Choice’Tense, dark and so real as to be almost unbearable, this novel is utterly compelling.’Rosamund Lupton, international bestselling author of *Sister and Three Hours*’Wayne weaves a book that is at

once engrossing and an exploration of what it means to be a woman, a moral person, a parent, and a neighbour.'Rowan Hisayo Buchanan, author of *Starling Days* and *Harmless Like You*'*To Dare* is a vivid, poignant, and compelling read; Jemma Wayne skilfully weaves her narrative threads tighter and tighter as the story moves towards its nerve-jangling conclusion. I loved it - I couldn't put it down!'Saskia Sarginson'A five star novel by one of our best writers. I was gripped.'Louis de Bernières, author of the international bestseller *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*'Dares, violent jealousies and chasms between having and not having are at the heart of this uncomfortable urban tale. Simone has found herself a new job but is biding her time to tell her angry, addicted husband Terry. Next door, Veronica has just moved into her smart new home, and from the chill of the marital bed, hears brutal body thumps against the party wall. Then Veronica runs into Sarah, her former teenage best friend, and Sarah hesitantly allows a reconnection. A power game kicks off. The collision of their lives, determined by upbringing, powers Jemma Wayne's fierce storytelling.'Sainsbury's Magazine Book Club'Veronica and her wealthy husband George are unpacking boxes, hoping a fresh start in their newly refurbished Victorian terrace will help them heal from a recent trauma. Next door, Simone returns to her neglected council flat. Miserable and trapped, she struggles to take care of her children under the watch of her controlling husband Terry. When childhood friend Sarah re-enters Veronica's life, things are thrown even further off balance. As tensions in their own lives rise, the painful memory that binds them threatens to spill into their present. Three lives collide in this story of family, inequality and revenge.'*To Dare* is a superior thriller, unflinching in its examination of class prejudice and in its portrayal of grief. Wayne writes beautifully with scarcely a word wasted. The characters are real and relatable and watching them all go through Wayne's devious wringer is irresistibly entertaining. The final suspenseful chapters had my heart pounding as Wayne's expertly drip-fed plot begins to congeal like spilt blood. I still can't shake the image of the shocking conclusion from my mind.'A.S. Hatch'Jemma owes me a night's sleep! What a transfixing book. The tension spirals out of control and you have no idea how it will end... It's clever and well written and I can see how Jemma has been shortlisted for so many prizes.'Hilary Boyd, author of *Thursdays in the Park* and *The Lie*'*To Dare* is not only a skilful and intimate dissection of the power struggles that exist between female friends in any era, but also a daring exploration of our class divides, and of the most terrifying issues hidden behind closed doors... *To Dare* is a rare example of fiction that is equally literary and commercial.'Ophelia Field, author of *The Favourite*'Exquisitely written with a fine eye for detail and characterisation. A poignant portrayal of friendship and strangers who have more – and yet less – in common than first meets the eye.'Jane Corry, author of *My Husband's Wife* and *Blood Sisters*'In an exploration of very different lives and backgrounds, *To Dare* is a novel with exquisitely drawn characters and multi-layered prose. Secrets weigh heavily in this beautifully written novel, and they'll sit with you long after you finish.'Rachael Blok'*To Dare* is a tense, fast-paced novel that combines an edge-of-the-seat narrative with an unflinching examination of inequality, jealousy and friendship. Superbly observed, the characters remain in the mind long after the final page is turned. A cut above others in this genre.'WI Life magazine'Wayne shines creative light on the inter

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