



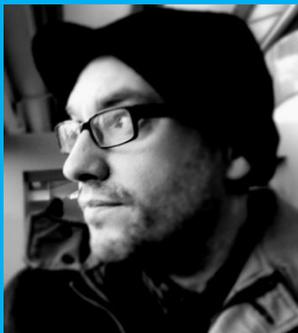
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She loves modern literary fiction and going to as many music gigs and festivals as she can.

Her latest book, 'This Careless Life' is a modern take on J.B. Priestley's play, 'An Inspector Calls' in which four privileged teenagers are forced to face up to consequences of their thoughtless actions. All her novels are published by Egmont.

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Paul Morris was a successful lawyer before becoming an author known for his meticulous research and exciting stories. As one of the most successful writers for Sever Arches Publishing's Time Traveller Series with his book about Alan Turing, Paul is often in demand for talks and signings for 'Time Traveller Danny and the Codebreaker'. His research about the misunderstood genius was so meticulous even staff at Bletchley Park couldn't fault his facts! His other published works include YA fiction and poetry and includes his book 'Beyond the Morning Sun', released in support of services charity Combat Stress. His latest book, 'Time Traveller Danny and the Paradise Machine', will be available soon.

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