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Some Prominent Virginia Families Univ of California Press

“Another winner....Todd again excels at vivid atmosphere



and the effects of war in this specific time and place. Grade: A.” —Cleveland Plain Dealer “Readers who can’t get enough of Maisie Dobbs, the intrepid World War I battlefield nurse in Jacqueline Winspear’s novels...are bound to be caught up in the adventures of Bess Crawford.” —New York Times Book Review Charles Todd, author of the resoundingly acclaimed Ian Rutledge crime novels (“One of the best historical series being written today” —Washington Post Book World) debuts an exceptional new protagonist, World War I nurse Bess Crawford, in *A Duty to the Dead*. A gripping tale of

perilous obligations and dark family secrets in the shadows of a nightmarish time of global conflict, *A Duty to the Dead* is rich in suspense, surprise, and the impeccable period atmosphere that has become a Charles Todd trademark. *An Impartial Witness LP* HarperCollins A horrific explosion at a gunpowder mill sends Bess Crawford to war-torn France to keep a deadly pattern of lies from leading to more deaths, in this compelling and atmospheric mystery from the New York Times bestselling author of *A Question of Honor* and *An Unwilling Accomplice*. An explosion and fire at the Ashton

Gunpowder Mill in Kent has killed over a hundred men. It’s called an appalling tragedy—until suspicion and rumor raise the specter of murder. While visiting the Ashton family, Bess Crawford finds herself caught up in a venomous show of hostility that doesn’t stop with Philip Ashton’s arrest. Indeed, someone is out for blood, and the household is all but under siege. The only known witness to the tragedy is now at the Front in France. Bess is asked to find him. When she does, he refuses to tell her anything that will help the Ashtons. Realizing that he believes the tissue of lies that has nearly destroyed a family, Bess must convince him to tell her what really happened that terrible

Sunday morning. But now someone else is also searching for this man. To end the vicious persecution of the Ashtons, Bess must risk her own life to protect her reluctant witness from a clever killer intent on preventing either of them from ever reaching England.

The Red Door Harper
Collins

In the first of a new mystery series, we meet Nora Best as she flees her old life, cheating husband and all, and takes to the road with an Airstream trailer. Nora Best is the envy

of her friends. She's Nora ends up in a just turned fifty and campground in the mountains of Wyoming, has traded in her home with The Perfect-Ass Husband for an Airstream trailer and an adventure of a lifetime across the US. But during their leaving party, Nora finds her husband in a compromising position with a friend. Storming out of the party she jumps into her truck with no idea how to tow the Airstream or where she's going.

drowning her sorrows with its managers, Brad and Miranda. When she is woken by a frantic Miranda after Brad has disappeared and bloodstains have been found around the campsite, Nora finds herself caught up in an adventure she could never have expected . . . facing a charge of murder.

Where the Light Enters

HarperCollins

A dangerous case with ties leading back to the battlefields of World War I dredges up dark memories for Scotland Yard Inspector Ian Rutledge in *Hunting Shadows*, a gripping and atmospheric historical mystery set in 1920s England, from acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Charles Todd. A society wedding at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire becomes a crime scene when a man is murdered. After another body is found, the baffled local constabulary turns to Scotland Yard. Though the second crime had a witness, her description of

the killer is so strange its unbelievable. Despite his experience, Inspector Ian Rutledge has few answers of his own. The victims are so different that there is no rhyme or reason to their deaths. Nothing logically seems to connect them—except the killer. As the investigation widens, a clear suspect emerges. But for Rutledge, the facts still don't add up, leaving him to question his own judgment. In going over the details of the case, Rutledge is reminded of a dark episode he witnessed in the war. While the memory could lead him to the truth, it also raises a prickly dilemma. To stop a

murderer, will the ethical detective choose to follow the letter—or the spirit—of the law? *The History of the Catnach Press* Harper Collins
Lady Georgiana Rannoch learns that not everyone knows their table manners when a knife ends up in a duke's back in the seventh *Royal Spyness Mystery*. London, 1934. Entrusted by Her Majesty the Queen with grooming Jack Altringham—the Duke of Eynsford's newly discovered heir fresh from the Outback of Australia—for high society, Georgie now has the luxurious opportunity to live in one of England's most gorgeous stately homes. But upon her arrival at Kingsdowne Place,

Georgie finds herself in a manor full of miscreants, none of whom are pleased with the discovery of her new ward. Then the duke announces he wants to choose his own heir and causes quite the hubbub. Somewhere along the way Jack 's hunting knife ends up in the duke 's back. Eyes fall, backs turn, and fingers point to the young heir. As if the rascal weren ' t enough of a handful, now he ' s suspected of murder. But while Jack may be wild, Georgie would bet the crown jewels it wasn ' t he who killed the duke...

The Deacons for Defense

London : Hindley

It is 1919, and the War to End All Wars has been won. But for

Scotland Yard Inspector Ian Rutledge, recently returned from the battlefields of France, there is no peace. Suffering from shell shock, he plunges into his work to save his sanity. But his first assignment is a case certain to spell both personal and professional disaster. A popular colonel has been murdered in Warwickshire, and the main suspect is a decorated war hero. No matter what the outcome, Rutledge may not escape with his career intact. And, win or lose, the cost could be even higher: The one witness who could break the case is himself a shell-shock

victim. In this war-ravaged man, Rutledge sees his own possible future, should he fail. An Obsession with Anne Frank Macmillan In an original short story by New York Times bestselling author Charles Todd, Scotland Yard inspector Ian Rutledge must put all his detecting skills to use to solve a baffling case. A man and his young daughter were returning home from a dinner party when three men appeared from out of nowhere and grabbed the girl. Rutledge has to act

quickly to find the child and bring the surprising culprits to justice. The *Kidnapping* also includes excerpts from three other Ian Rutledge mysteries: *A Lonely Death*, *The Red Door*, and *A Pale Horse*.

An Unmarked Grave Berkley Books

Living with her family in India, young Bess Crawford's curiosity about this exotic country sometimes leads her into trouble. One day she slips away from the cantonment to visit the famous seer in a nearby village. Before this woman can finish telling her fortune, Bess is summoned back for an afternoon tea with the

Maharani, a close friend of her parents'. The seer's last words are a warning about forthcoming danger that Bess takes as the usual patter. But this visit by the Maharani has ominous overtones that mark it as more than a social call. Her husband has political enemies, and she has come to ask Bess's father, Major Crawford, for help. As the Maharani is leaving, Bess notices that there is something amiss with the royal entourage. Major Crawford must set out after them—but will he be in time? And what will happen to Bess, and the household left behind, when a vicious assassin circles back to take hostages? Here is an extraordinary glimpse into the childhood of the Bess

Crawford we know from her service in the Great War.

A Question of Honor Harper Collins

Widely praised for its balanced treatment of computer ethics, *Ethics for the Information Age* offers a modern presentation of the moral controversies surrounding information technology. Topics such as privacy and intellectual property are explored through multiple ethical theories, encouraging readers to think critically about these issues and to make their own ethical decisions.

Paper Bullets HarperCollins

“ As always, Todd ’ s intense feelings for the traumatized survivors of war make one mother ’ s son the broken hero of an entire generation of lost souls. ” — The New York Times Book Review

In the aftermath of World War I, English nurse Bess Crawford attempts to save a troubled officer from a mysterious killer in this eleventh book in the acclaimed Bess Crawford mystery series. The Armistice of November 1918 ended the fighting, but the Great War will not be over until a Peace Treaty is drawn up and signed by all parties involved. Representatives from the Allies are gathering in Paris, and already ominous signs of disagreement have appeared. Sister Bess Crawford, who has been working with the severely wounded in England in the war ’ s wake, is asked to carry out a personal mission in Paris for a Matron at the London headquarters of The Queen Alexandra ’ s. Bess is facing decisions about her own future, even as she searches for Lawrence Minton. When she finally locates him, instead of the intelligent, ambitious officer she expects, she finds a bitter and disturbed man who has abdicated his duties at the Peace Conference and is well on his way toward an addiction to opiates. Indeed, he tells her that he doesn ’ t care if he lives or dies, he only wants oblivion. But what has changed him? What is it that haunts him? It seems the truth is buried so deep in his mind that he can only relive it in wild nightmares. When Minton goes missing, bent on suicide, Bess must race to

unlock his past before he succeeds. Reluctant to trust an officer in Minton's regiment, a man with secrets of his own, and uncertain of the loyalties of Matron's friends in Paris, Bess must rely on her own instincts and experience—and sometimes in desperation on a stranger who claims he never met Minton. Could whatever happened to Minton in Paris somehow be connected to his war? And why did he not kill Bess when he had the chance—then later, viciously attack her without warning?

What is destroying Lieutenant Minton? Or is it who? And what horror will she have to confront, if she is to save him? In this, the eleventh novel in the award-winning Bess Crawford series, New York Times bestselling author Charles Todd delivers a rich and atmospheric portrait that illuminates the cost of war on human lives—the lingering pain and horror that no peace, no matter how earned, can assuage. A Bitter Truth LP ANU Press
The calculated use of media by

those in power is a phenomenon dating back at least to the seventeenth century, as Harold Weber demonstrates in this illuminating study of the relation of print culture to kingship under England's Charles II. Seventeenth-century London witnessed an enormous expansion of the print trade, and with this expansion came a revolutionary change in the relation between political authority—especially the monarchy—and the printed word. Weber argues that Charles' reign was characterized by a particularly fluid relationship between print and power. The press helped bring about both the deconsecration of divine monarchy and the formation of a

new public sphere, but these processes did not result in the progressive decay of royal authority. Charles fashioned his own semiotics of power out of the political transformations that had turned his world upside down. By linking diverse and unusual topics—the escape of Charles from Worcester, the royal ability to heal scrofula, the sexual escapades of the "merry monarch," and the trial and execution of Stephen College—Weber reveals the means by which Charles took advantage of a print industry instrumental to the creation of a new dispensation of power, one in which the state dominates the individual through the

supplementary relationship between signs and violence. Weber's study brings into sharp relief the conflicts involving public authority and printed discourse, social hierarchy and print culture, and authorial identity and responsibility—conflicts that helped shape the modern state. [The Highly Effective Detective](#) HarperCollins

“ A wonderful new mystery series that will let us see the horrors of World War I through the eyes of Bess Crawford, battlefield nurse. ” —Margaret Maron “ Readers who can ’ t get enough of Jacqueline Winspear ’ s novels, or Hester Latterly, who saw

action in the Crimean War in a series of novels by Anne Perry, are bound to be caught up in the adventures of Bess Crawford. ” —New York Times Book Review The critically acclaimed, New York Times bestselling author of the Ian Rutledge mystery series, Charles Todd once again spotlights World War I nurse Bess Crawford in *An Unmarked Grave*. Gripping, powerful, and evocative, this superb mystery masterwork unfolds during the deadly Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918, as Bess discovers the body of a murdered British

officer among the many dead
and sets out to unmask a craven
killer.

The Shattered Tree

HarperLuxe

"A female investigator every bit
as brainy and battle-hardened
as Lisbeth Salander."

—Maureen Corrigan, NPR's
Fresh Air, on Maisie Dobbs

Maisie Dobbs got her start as a
maid in an aristocratic London
household when she was
thirteen. Her employer,
suffragette Lady Rowan
Compton, soon became her
patron, taking the remarkably
bright youngster under her
wing. Lady Rowan's friend,

Maurice Blanche, often retained
as an investigator by the
European elite, recognized
Maisie ' s intuitive gifts and
helped her earn admission to
the prestigious Girton College
in Cambridge, where Maisie
planned to complete her
education. The outbreak of war
changed everything. Maisie
trained as a nurse, then left for
France to serve at the Front,
where she found—and lost—an
important part of herself. Ten
years after the Armistice, in the
spring of 1929, Maisie sets out
on her own as a private
investigator, one who has
learned that coincidences are

meaningful, and truth elusive.

Her very first case involves
suspected infidelity but reveals
something very different. In the
aftermath of the Great War, a
former officer has founded a
working farm known as The
Retreat, that acts as a
convalescent refuge for ex-
soldiers too shattered to resume
normal life. When Fate brings
Maisie a second case involving
The Retreat, she must finally
confront the ghost that has
haunted her for over a decade.

A Forgotten Place

HarperCollins

In the aftermath of World
War I, nurse Bess Crawford

is caught in a deadly feud between two families in this thirteenth book in the beloved mystery series from New York Times bestselling author Charles Todd.

Restless and uncertain of her future in the wake of World War I, former battlefield nurse Bess Crawford agrees to travel to Yorkshire to help a friend of her cousin Melinda through surgery. But circumstances change suddenly when news of a terrible accident reaches them. Bess agrees to go to isolated Scarfdale and the

Neville family, where one man has been killed and another gravely injured. The police are asking questions, and Bess is quickly drawn into the fray as two once close families take sides, even as they are forced to remain in the same house until the inquest is completed. When another tragedy strikes, the police are ready to make an arrest. Bess struggles to keep order as tensions rise and shots are fired. What dark truth is behind these deaths? And what about the tale of an older murder—one that

doesn't seem to have anything to do with the Nevilles? Bess is unaware that when she passes the story on to Cousin Melinda, she will set in motion a revelation with the potential to change the lives of those she loves most—her parents, and her dearest friend, Simon Brandon...

The Naturalist and His 'beautiful Islands' HarperCollins
Though the Great War has ended, Bess Crawford finds herself caught in deadly circumstances on a remote Welsh headland in this tenth entry from the acclaimed New York Times

bestselling author. The fighting has ended, the Armistice signed, but the war has left wounds that are still agonizingly raw. Battlefield Nurse Bess Crawford has been assigned to a clinic for amputees, and the Welsh patients worry her. She does her best to help them, but it's clear that they have nothing to go home to, in a valley where only the fit can work in the coal pits. When they are released, she fears that peace will do what war couldn't—take their lives. Their officer, Captain Williams, writes to describe their despair, and his own at trying to save his men. Bess feels compelled to look into their situation, but the Army and the clinic can do nothing. Requesting leave, she quietly

travels to Wales, and that bleak coal mining village, but she is too late. Captain Williams' sister tells Bess he has left the valley. Bess is afraid he intends to kill himself. She follows him to an isolated, storm-battered peninsula—a harsh and forgotten place where secrets and death go hand in hand. Deserted by her frightened driver, Bess is stranded among strangers suspicious of outsiders. She quickly discovers these villagers are hiding something, and she's learned too much to be allowed to leave. What's more, no one in England knows where she is. Why is there no Constable out here? And who is the mysterious Ellen? Captain Williams and his brother's

widow are her only allies, and Bess must take care not to put them at risk as she tries to find answers. But there is a murderer here who is driven to kill again and again. And the next person in his sights is Simon Brandon, searching for Bess and unaware of his danger. . . .

Georgia Land and People
Soho Press

“ You ’ re going to love Todd. ” —Stephen King, Entertainment Weekly The critically acclaimed creator of the Inspector Ian Rutledge and battlefield nurse Bess Crawford mystery series, Charles Todd now offers readers a bittersweet love story and romantic

mystery that unfolds at Christmas during the dangerous opening days of World War I. *The Walnut Tree* is an unforgettable story of a woman who puts herself in the line of fire for the sake of wounded soldiers and falls deeply in love with a man who may be forbidden to her. For anyone who has fallen under the spell of *Downton Abbey*, and for all the fans of the British-set mysteries of Elizabeth George, Anne Perry, Ruth Rendell, Martha Grimes, and Jacqueline Winspear, *The Walnut Tree* is essential reading.

Best Laid Plans Harper Collins
Now published together for the first time: Charles Todd's absorbing short stories—"The Kidnapping," "The Girl on the Beach," "Cold Comfort," and "The Maharani's Pearls"—featuring everyone's favorite Scotland Yard Inspector Ian Rutledge and intrepid battlefield nurse Bess Crawford. These vibrant tales transport readers from the home front in Great Britain where ominous clouds of war will

soon lead to the trenches of France, to the bloody front lines where Lieutenant Rutledge must risk his life to save his men. And finally to the exotic, dangerous India of Bess Crawford's youth. Together they create a fascinating glimpse into the extraordinary backgrounds of two of mystery's most popular characters.
A Book for a Rainy Day: Or, Recollections of the Events of the Years 1766-1833 Harper Collins
' I know no place where firm and paternal government would sooner produce beneficial results than in the Solomons ... Here is

an object worthy indeed the devotion of one ' s life ' . Charles Morris Woodford devoted his working life to pursuing this dream, becoming the first British Resident Commissioner in 1897 and remaining in office until 1915, establishing the colonial state almost singlehandedly. His career in the Pacific extended beyond the Solomon Islands. He worked briefly for the Western Pacific High Commission in Fiji, was a temporary consul in Samoa, and travelled as a Government Agent on a small labour vessel returning indentured workers to the Gilbert Islands. As an independent naturalist he made three successful expeditions to the islands, and even climbed Mt Popomanaseu,

the highest mountain in Guadalcanal. However, his natural history collection of over 20,000 specimens, held by the British Museum of Natural History, has not been comprehensively examined. The British Solomon Islands Protectorate was established in order to control the Pacific Labour Trade and to counter possible expansion by French and German colonialists. It remaining an impoverished, largely neglected protectorate in the Western Pacific whose economic importance was large-scale copra production, with its copra considered the second-worst in the world. This book is a study of Woodford, the man, and what

drove his desire to establish a colonial protectorate in the Solomon Islands. In doing so, it also addresses ongoing issues: not so much why the independent state broke down, but how imperfectly it was put together in the first place.

The Art of Strategy: A Game Theorist's Guide to Success in Business and Life HarperCollins

“ I am hard pressed to think of another book that can match the combination of practical insights and reading enjoyment. ” —Steven Levitt
Game theory means rigorous strategic thinking. It ' s the art of anticipating your opponent ' s next moves, knowing full well that your rival is trying to do the same

thing to you. Though parts of game theory involve simple common sense, much is counterintuitive, and it can only be mastered by developing a new way of seeing the world. Using a diverse array of rich case studies—from pop culture, TV, movies, sports, politics, and history—the authors show how nearly every business and personal interaction has a game-theory component to it. Mastering game theory will make you more successful in business and life, and this lively book is the key to that mastery.

An Irish Hostage University Press
of Kentucky

A murder leads World War I
nurse Bess Crawford into the

clutches of a wily killer.