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Betrayal Headline

The Queen of Glasgow, Toni McVay, is no ordinary crime boss. For one thing, she likes to discipline disappointing employees by scooping out their eyeballs and keeping them as souvenirs. Jamie Gray and his gang the Blood Brothers are happy to do her dirty work in return for lessons in the ways of the local underworld, but are in no doubt that they need to keep Toni sweet to keep themselves safe. Rival families The Gordons and The Thompsons are ready for a turf war, keen to take over the lucrative Gallowburn estate, and weaken Toni's grip on the city. But can the old enemies really trust each other enough to join forces? And will their assumption that the Blood Brothers are the weak link in the McVay empire, prove to be their greatest mistake? Meanwhile Jamie's past refuses to stay hidden, and as his biggest secret looks set to be revealed with explosive consequences, Jamie faces the battle of his life. To keep his family safe, to keep his friends safe,

to keep himself safe, and to keep the woman he loves alive. If you love Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers, and Jessie Keane, you'll love Heather Atkinson. Discover the bestselling gangland author Heather Atkinson and you'll never look back... What readers are saying about Heather Atkinson: 'Another brilliant book from Heather...she really is one the best in the business.' 'I have read ALL Heather Atkinson's books. They are all fantastic.' 'All Heather's books are action packed and have you on edge.' 'I stumbled upon Heather's books and I'm so glad I did, characters excellent and storylines are great , I find myself searching the book stores for more of them to read the minute I finish one.'

Two Women Headline

She'll do whatever it takes to keep them together... Hard-hitting and uncompromising, **CLOSE** by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole tells the story of a woman determined to protect her family from an increasingly dangerous world... Patrick Brodie knows exactly how far he's prepared to go to get what he wants. And he wants it all. Now. Before long, Patrick has become a legend in his own lifetime. Violently. Lily Diamond is different from the kind of woman Patrick is normally attracted to. But together they are determined that their children will have everything they didn't. Until the unthinkable happens and Lily is left on her own to look after their family in a dangerous world. The Brodies must stay close to survive. But as everyone knows, your sins will find you out. If you love powerful female characters, be sure to also read Martina Cole's **GOODNIGHT LADY**, **THE KNOW** and **GET EVEN**. These ladies are strong, resilient and vengeful...

The Family Grand Central Publishing

The Bailey brothers are gangsters determined to make their mark in the

world. Peter and Daniel are chalk and cheese in many ways. Peter's calm exterior belies his ruthless nature, while Daniel's penchant for spectacular violence is legendary but together they are unstoppable. From the late seventies they rule London's East End and, when their sons join the business, it seems that no one can touch the powerful Baileys. Although it's never easy at the top; there is always someone waiting to take you down - sometimes even those closest to you. Lena Bailey is determined to shield her youngest child Tania from the Life. But when a terrible tragedy occurs, Tania's eyes are opened to their world in a way that forces her to make an irrevocable choice that will determine her future. Martina Cole's gritty and gripping new novel is an unflinching portrait of a family torn apart by violence and betrayal, but ultimately bound by loyalty, by blood, and by a burning desire for revenge.

The Game Headline

Maura Ryan is back to claim her gangland crown... **MAURA'S GAME** is the unputdownable sequel to **DANGEROUS LADY**, the iconic first novel by Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole which catapulted her to fame and made her the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian). Maura Ryan was the queen of the criminal underworld when she pulled off the most audacious gold bullion robbery of all time. Since then, she's retired from a life of crime to be with the only man she's ever loved. But enemies from her past are closing in and they're about to learn that they should never cross Maura Ryan. The dangerous lady is back and she's as lethal as ever... We know you'll be hooked on Maura Ryan, so be sure to first read the gripping prequel to **MAURA'S GAME**, **DANGEROUS LADY**.

Get Even Headline

You might break out, but you'll never be free... Filled with shocking twists, **THE JUMP** by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole is a compelling thriller that tells a dark and dangerous story of a desperate wife with a husband behind bars... Donna Brunos will do anything for her husband. Including breaking him out of prison. She believes her beloved Georgio when he tells her he's been framed for armed robbery. But planning the jump opens Donna's eyes to

a shocking world where the man she married is not who he seems. For more compelling novels about life on the inside, be sure to read Martina Cole's FACELESS, TWO WOMEN and THE GOOD LIFE

Hard Girls Hachette UK

DI Kate Burrows could never keep away for long... HARD GIRLS is the third book in the DI Kate Burrows series: the only time the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times bestseller Martina Cole has written from the perspective of the Old Bill. Kate Burrows might be a retired DCI, but she never could stay away from the law for long. And now Grantley appears to have a new serial killer on its hands, Kate is the only one with the expertise to catch him. The case bears striking similarities to the Grantley Ripper. But this time the victims are prostitutes, and even hard girls deserve protection and justice. Kate Burrows caught the Ladykiller. She's just the woman for this job.

The DI Kate Burrows series is dangerously gripping - before you take on HARDGIRLS and DAMAGED, be sure to catch the series' first and second instalments LADYKILLER and BROKEN

The Life The Business

'One of the bad girls of gritty crime' Daily Mirror A gritty tale of hard time, hard men and hard drugs for fans of Martina Cole, Dreda Say Mitchell and Kerry Barnes. When Mary's mother throws her out, the sassy teenager soon learns how tough life can be. Her new friend Lynne is older, more sophisticated. She has a taste for cocaine and isn't above walking the streets for extra cash to pay for it. Mary sticks to a straighter path, until the night Lynne brings Ali and Raiz back to their flat. The women don't know that their sexy new friends are small-time criminals, desperate for alibis for a drug-dealer's murder. All too soon, Mary is in more trouble than she can handle. Can her old friend Jane's risky scheme save Mary? Or has her fate been sealed by falling for the wrong man? 'A cracking read that will chill you to the bone' Sun on Two-Faced 'Mandasue has played a real blinder with this fantastic novel' Martina Cole on Forget-Me-Not Maura's Game Headline

She has always kept quiet... until now... Dark and dangerous, GOODNIGHT LADY by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole features the powerful,

beautiful and fearless Briony Cavanagh, London's most infamous businesswoman, and mistress of her own fate... In the sixties, Briony Cavanagh ran a string of the most notorious brothels in London. Only Briony knew what went on behind those doors, and she never opened her mouth - unless she stood to benefit. Only Briony knew the painful road she'd travelled to get there. From an impoverished childhood that ended with shocking betrayal, she was determined to be mistress of her own fate. But along with success came risk and danger. And the Goodnight Lady had her own secret place that was always shadowed by loss. If you love powerful female characters, be sure to also read Martina Cole's THE KNOW, CLOSE and GET EVEN. These ladies are strong, resilient and vengeful...

The Graft Headline

The past will always catch up with you... THE RUNAWAY by No.1 Sunday Times bestselling author Martina Cole is an unputdownable thriller of corruption and violence and was adapted for television with an all-star cast including Alan Cumming, Jack O'Connell and Keith Allen. 'Martina tells it like it really is' - Sun. You can't run for ever. All that prostitute's daughter Cathy Connor and drunkard's son Eamonn Docherty want to do is escape their grim childhoods in London's East End. And soon events turn so dangerous they are left with no choice but to flee. Cathy to the red lit streets of Soho, Eamonn to the high ranks of gangland New York. Now she's a hardened survivor, he's Gotham's most ruthless villain, and their paths are about to cross once again... You might have seen THE RUNAWAY and THE TAKE on TV - but that certainly doesn't mean you know what happens in the books!

Faceless Headline

He's every woman's worst nightmare... THE LADYKILLER is the first book in the DI Kate Burrows series: the only time the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times bestseller Martina Cole has written from the perspective of the Old Bill. A killer is on the loose. It's up to DI Kate Burrows to stop him. But Kate has a problem. The Grantley Ripper has attacked the daughter of one of London's most infamous gangsters, Patrick Kelly, and now Kate's investigation, along with her heart, are dangerously entwined with him. As the worlds of crime and law collide, will Kate take

down the Ladykiller, or will he be her undoing? Her unique take on London's criminal underworld will have you hooked, so don't miss the rest of the DI Kate Burrows series, BROKEN, HARDGIRLS and DAMAGED The Life Headline

Success comes at a deadly price... THE GRAFT by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole is an unflinching novel that exposes a world that many would rather ignore... When Nick Leary hears the sound of an intruder's footsteps downstairs one night, something inside him snaps. The thought of losing his beautiful wife and sons, their luxurious home and possessions, everything he's grafted for, pushes him to attack. But this single act sets in motion something way beyond Nick's control. He's picked the wrong fight this time, and now it's too late to go back... For more novels that will take you deep into the dark and dangerous criminal underworld, check out Martina Cole's THE BUSINESS, THE LIFE and REVENGE

The Business Headline

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The Trap Headline

'I can't recommend this book highly enough' Martina Cole The first commuter train of the morning slowly rumbles away from platform seven of Queen St station. Everyone on board is sleepy, avoiding eye contact, reluctant to admit the day has begun. And then, as the train emerges from a tunnel, the screaming starts. Hanging from the bridge ahead of them is a body. Placed neatly on the ground below him are the victim's clothes. Why? Detective Inspector Narey is assigned the investigation and then just as quickly taken off it again. Tony Winter, now a journalist, must pursue the case for her. The line of questioning centres around the victim's clothes - why leave them in full view? And what did the killer take with them, and where might it appear again? Murderabilia - the practice of collecting items from crime scenes. Items only available on the dark web. The collector must be prepared to pay a high price. As Narey is about to find out ...

The Business Welbeck Publishing Group

With a foreword from Martina Cole, the Queen of Crime Most authors write what they know. Linda Calvey writes what she lived. They grew up with nothing. Just a regular family scraping by, living an honest life while crime ruled the East End. Until all that honesty and all that hard work left them with nothing. Poor, destitute and hungry, young Ruby decides to pull them from the ashes. It starts as one job, one step outside the law. Yet that one step sets her on a path - straight to the top. But in the East End you don't build an empire without making a few enemies . . . Welcome to the

underbelly of London, where criminals run the streets and one woman will do anything to protect her family. The crime debut novel of the year, perfect for readers who loved *No Mercy* and *Queenie*. If you loved *The Locksmith*, don't miss the sequel, *The Game*, coming March 2022.

[The Know](#) HarperCollins

Betrayal by Sunday Times No.1 bestseller, Martina Cole, author of *DANGEROUS LADY*, *THE TAKE*, *GET EVEN* and many more, is a gripping novel about the bonds that make - or break - a family. The 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian), Martina's unique, powerful storytelling will appeal to fans of Karin Slaughter and Patricia Cornwell. Aiden O'Hara has been head of the family since he was kid, and he's going to keep it that way. Jade Dixon watches his back. Mother of his son, she's the one who makes him invincible. But Jade's been in the game a lot longer than Aiden. She knows no one's indestructible. And when you're at the top, that's when you've got to watch the hardest. Especially the ones closest to you . . .

Close Headline

Everything comes at a price... Hard-hitting and uncompromising, *THE GOOD LIFE* by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole is a chilling thriller about power and protection, and what life is really like on the inside. When Cain Moran is sentenced to life in prison, he rules the inside with the same determination as he did the London underworld. He must protect his family, at whatever cost. Jenny Riley has never wanted anyone but Cain, and she will do everything she can to keep their relationship alive. But plenty of people think Cain and Jenny have been living the good life for too long. And they're about to make them pay... For more compelling novels about life on the inside, be sure to read Martina Cole's *FACELESS*, *TWO WOMEN* and *THE JUMP*

The Runaway Hachette UK

****Pre-order the brand new novel from No. 1 bestseller Martina Cole**** If you want to survive in this world there's one thing you need to value above all else: loyalty. Don't miss the explosive new novel from the queen of crime Martina Cole. 'She's a total one-off' Guardian 'The stuff of legend' Mirror 'Superstar crime writer' This Morning 'There really

is only one Martina Cole' Closer 'The undisputed Queen of crime writing' Erwin James

[No Mercy](#) Boldwood Books Ltd

The most authentic novel of gangster family life ever written, from the No. 1 bestselling author. The Bailey brothers are gangsters determined to make their mark in the world. Peter and Daniel are chalk and cheese in many ways - Peter's calm exterior belies his ruthless nature, while Daniel's penchant for spectacular violence is legendary - but together they are unstoppable. From the late seventies they rule London's East End and, when their sons join the business, it seems that no one can touch the powerful Baileys. Although it's never easy at the top; there is always someone waiting to take you down - sometimes even those closest to you . . . Lena Bailey is determined to shield her youngest child Tania from the Life. But when a terrible tragedy occurs, Tania's eyes are opened to their world in a way that forces her to make an irrevocable choice that will determine her future.

Revenge Headline

Once you're in the family, you're in it for life... Devastatingly powerful, *THE FAMILY* by the 'undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian) and Sunday Times No.1 bestseller Martina Cole reaches the darkest corners of family life. Philip Murphy expects loyalty from their nearest and dearest - for better or for worse... Family is everything for the Murphy clan. Philip runs his business empire with the help of his brother, and dotes on his two sons who will, one day, take over. His wife Christine is his perfect match. She'd always dreamed of a big happy family and, when she married into the Murphys, she thought she'd found one. But when that illusion is shattered, she's already in too deep. The Murphys are dangerous and Christine can't unsee the horrors she has now been forced to open her eyes to. But nor can she escape them. For more stories centred on family life, check out *FACES*, *THE FAITHLESS* and *BETRAYAL*. Martina Cole explores loyalty, protection, and how the ties that bind us can also sometimes choke the very thing we want to protect...

Loyalty Simon and Schuster

In gangland London, Maura Ryan is queen... Martina Cole's extraordinary first novel *DANGEROUS LADY* introduced a totally original genre of thriller, paving the way for her multiple No. 1 bestsellers, including *BETRAYAL* and *GET EVEN*. 'Right from the start [Cole] has enjoyed unqualified approval for her distinctive and powerfully written fiction' [The Times] No one thinks a seventeen-year-old girl can take on the hard men of London's gangland, but it's a mistake to underestimate Maura Ryan: she's tough, clever and beautiful - which makes her one very dangerous lady. Together, she and her brother Michael are unbeatable but

notoriety has its price. The police are determined to put Maura away once and for all - and not everyone in the family think that's such a bad idea. When it comes to the crunch, Maura has to face the pain of lost love in her past - and the dangerous lady discovers her heart is not made entirely of stone. Once you're hooked on Maura Ryan, be sure to read *MAURA'S GAME*, the second book from 'the undisputed queen of crime writing' (Guardian).