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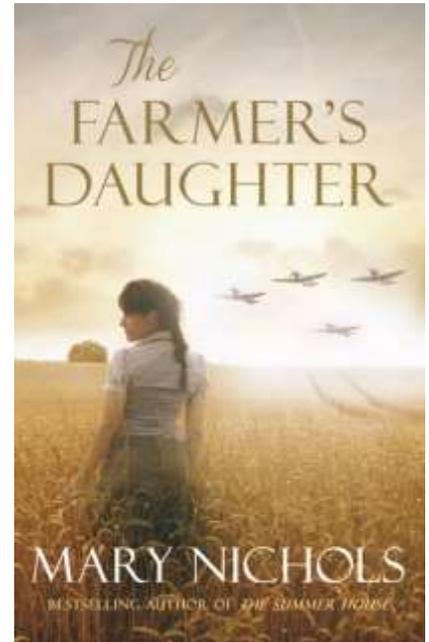


# THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER

Mary Nichols

### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- Perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Rachel Hore
- *The Kirilov Star* was shortlisted for the RNA's Historical Romantic Novel Award 2013.
- 'Mary Nichols weaves wonderful stories and gives excellent period detail, which makes reading her books a rich experience' **ANNA JACOBS**



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### OTHER TITLES:

#### THE SUMMER HOUSE

Germany (Weltbild)  
Hungary (General Press)  
Poland (Weltbild)

#### THE GIRL ON THE BEACH

Germany (Weltbild)  
Hungary (General Press)

#### THE KIRILOV STAR

Germany (Weltbild)  
Hungary (General Press)

#### A DIFFERENT WORLD

Hungary (General Press)

#### THE FOUNTAIN

Hungary (General Press)

#### ESCAPE BY MOONLIGHT

Germany (Weltbild)  
Hungary (General Press)

#### WE'LL MEET AGAIN

### DESCRIPTION:

June, 1944. Since her father's stroke, Jean has been trying to run her parents' small farm almost single-handedly and is in desperate need of help. Karl, a German prisoner of war captured when the Allies invade France in 1944, turns out to be just what she needs. He is polite, hardworking and homesick, but is he more than that? Fraternisation between the prisoners and the local population is forbidden, but as the weeks and months pass, Jean and Karl become closer – much to the dismay of Jean's family and Karl's compatriots. Can their love have a future when it seems every hand is against them?

### AUTHOR:

Born in Singapore, Mary Nichols spent most of her life in East Anglia. She wrote short stories and articles for a variety of newspapers and magazines, but later turned to writing novels. Mary died in 2016.

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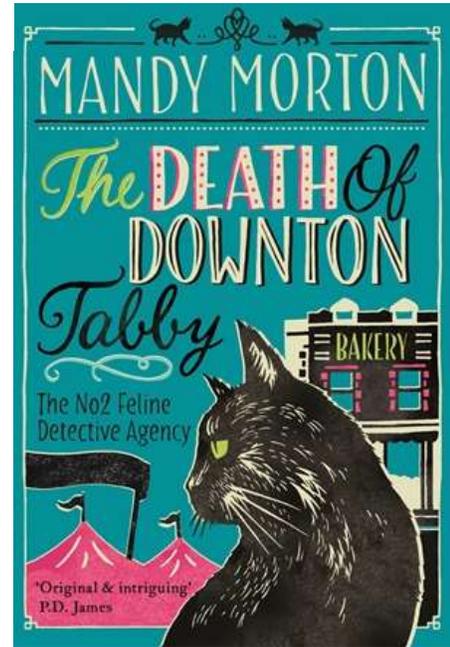
# THE DEATH OF DOWNTON TABBY

Mandy Morton

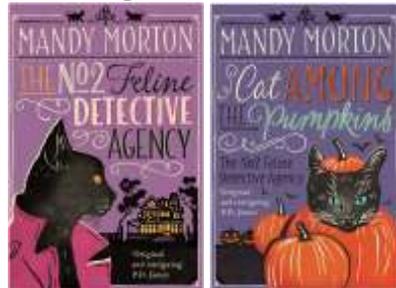
## SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

A hilarious continuation of the No. 2 Feline Detective Agency series

- Delightfully witty and original featuring two of our favourite things – cats and mysteries
- Author is very promotable and keen to do events (alongside her partner Nicola Upson – Faber author)
- Fourth book out in October 2016
- 'Original and intriguing... a world without people which cat lovers will enter and enjoy'. PD James



## New designs:



## DESCRIPTION:

The Town is celebrating its first literary festival, and The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency has been hired to oversee security.

On the arrival of the three Brontë sisters and the famous aristocat, Sir Downton Tabby, Hettie Bagshot and her sidekick, Tilly, are plunged into crisis as a serial killer stalks the festival grounds. Will there be an author left standing? Will Meridian Hambone sell out of her 'Littertray' t-shirts? And will there be enough crime teas to go round?

## AUTHOR:

Mandy Morton began her professional life as a musician. More recently, she has worked as a freelance arts journalist for national and local radio. She lives with her partner Nicola Upson in Cambridge and Cornwall, where there is always a place for an ageing long-haired tabby cat.

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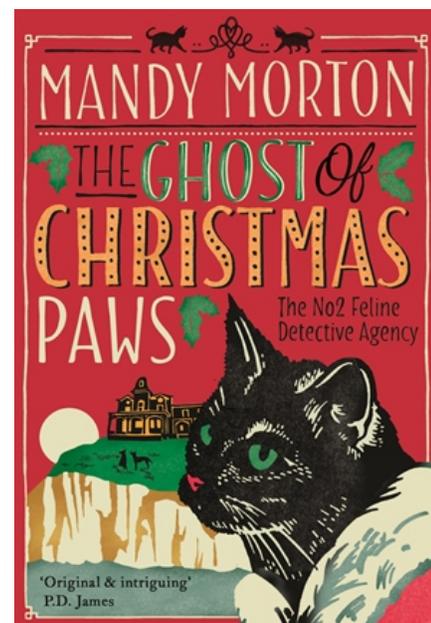
USA (St Martins Press)

**THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAWS**  
**Mandy Morton**

**SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:**

- Third in major 3-book deal
- Delightfully witty and original featuring two perennially popular literary subjects – cats and mysteries
- Author is very promotable and keen to do events
- Stunning cover artwork
- ‘Original and intriguing... a world without people which cat lovers will enter and enjoy’. P.D. James

**Previous titles:**



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**BOOKS 1 & 2 SOLD:**

**USA (St Martins Press)**

**DESCRIPTION:**

It's a week before Christmas and Hettie and Tilly set out on a very dangerous case for The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency. Lady Eloise Crabstock-Singe has summoned them to Crabstock Manor in the village of Porthladle on the Cornish Coast to solve the mystery of Christmas Paws, a servant cat who haunts the Manor intent on killing off all the Crabstocks.

Should they put their trust in Absalom and Lamorna Tweek? Will Saffron Bunn's cooking get any better? And what is Evergreen Flinch searching for?

Through blizzard and storm, stranded on the notorious Bodkin Moor and laid up at Jam Makers Inn will Hettie and Tilly save the day and get home in time for Christmas dinner?

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## THE LAST ROMAN: TRIUMPH

Jack Ludlow

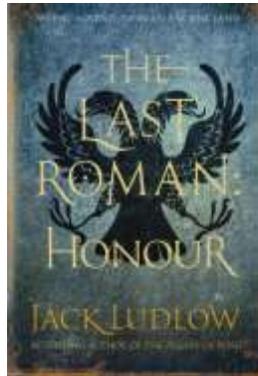
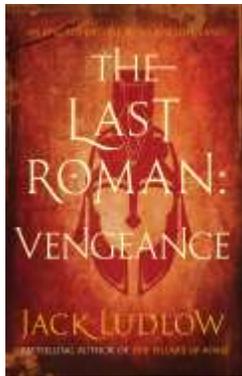
### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- History and adventure, brutality and courage combine to powerful effect, making The Last Roman an outstanding series
- Blockbuster historical fiction for fans of Bernard Cornwell and Robyn Young
- Jack Ludlow's Republic trilogy was a top ten bestseller

Praise for The Last Roman series:

'A rip-roaring page-turner with considerable depth. It gives a vivid, authentic flavour of those turbulent times, laced as it is with carefully-worked-in historical detail that's informative without being intrusive. And the characters are engagingly three-dimensional, even the villains.' - *Historical Novels Review*

Previous titles:

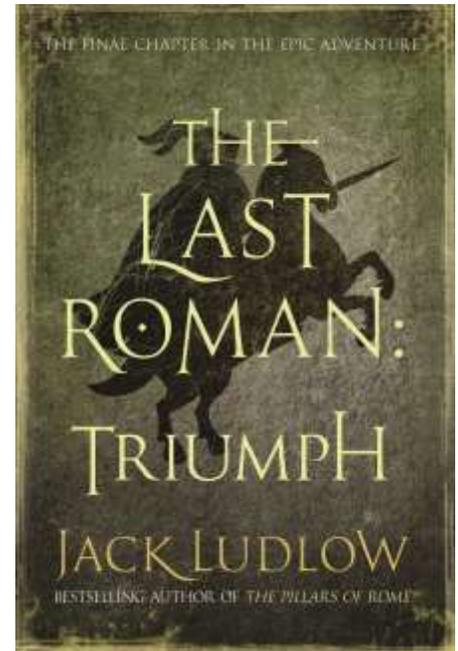


### DESCRIPTION:

Who can Flavius Belisarius call an enemy? The Goths he must fight to take Italy back for the Byzantium. Or is it the intrigues of the Empress Theodora, who fears his ambitions. There is his own wife, betraying him in more than one way and Justinian, the unreliable emperor he helped to the throne. Sixth Century Byzantium, a hotbed of intrigue; Italy and Persia were he must combat some of his fellow generals. Count Belisarius, the empire's most successful military leader, must navigate a world infested with too many enemies, few friends and fight and win battles on the way.

### AUTHOR:

Jack Ludlow is the pseudonym of David Donachie, who was born in Edinburgh in 1944. The author of a number of bestselling books, he now lives in Deal.



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**Other Series Sold:**

Conquest Trilogy – Forlaget Punktum, Denmark

Republic Trilogy – Forlaget Punktum, Denmark

Republic Trilogy – Algaida, Spain

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**HAWKWOOD****Jack Ludlow****SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:**

- History and adventure, brutality and courage combine to powerful effect
- Sir John Hawkwood was a famous British mercenary in 14<sup>th</sup> century Italy and his extraordinary life is the basis for Ludlow's novel, brought brilliantly to life
- Blockbuster historical fiction for fans of Bernard Cornwell and Robyn Young
- Jack Ludlow's Republic trilogy was a top ten bestseller

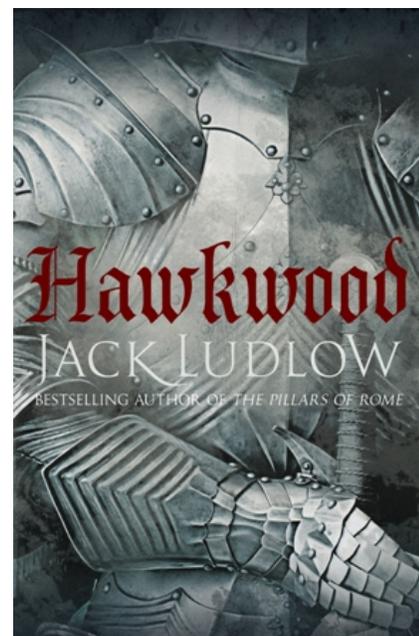
'A rip-roaring page-turner with considerable depth. It gives a vivid, authentic flavour of those turbulent times, laced as it is with carefully-worked-in historical detail that's informative without being intrusive. And the characters are engagingly three-dimensional, even the villains.' - *Historical Novels Review on The Sword of Revenge, Editor's Choice*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Hundred Years' War is over and newly-knighted Sir John Hawkwood is headed for France to make his fortune as a freebooter. Violence and extortion are rife, and the freebooters will stop at nothing to capture the Papal City of Avignon. This is only the beginning: Italy beckons, and with it, yet more battles against rival mercenaries, powerful cities and the Papal State.

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# **A COTSWOLD CASEBOOK**

## **Rebecca Tope**

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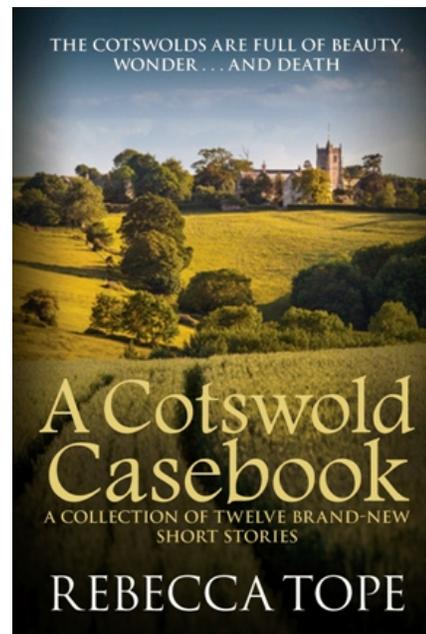
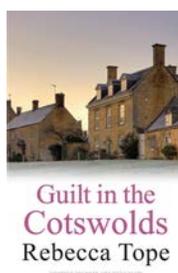
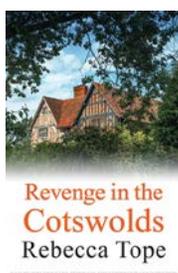
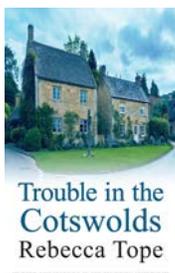
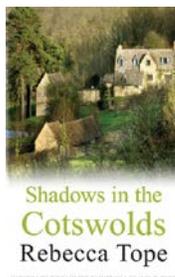
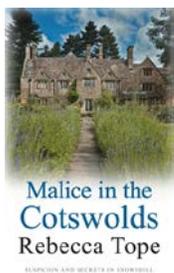
**A collection of short crime stories set in the Cotswold countryside**

- The first collection of short stories from the perennially popular crime writer.
- Sales growing for this long running and well-loved series numbering 14 books
- Author’s PLR count at close to 200,000 borrows for 2013 and has now exceeded 70,000 sales through TCM.

‘A compulsive series of rural adventures . . . Well-paced mystery with plenty of quirks and plot twists’

‘The classic English village mystery is alive and well and living in Gloucestershire’  
*Sherlock Magazine*

### **Previous titles:**



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### **DESCRIPTION:**

A brand-new collection of short stories, featuring the popular characters from Rebecca Tope’s Cotswold mystery novels.

A suspicious funeral, a fatal encounter at a garden centre of all places, and a country walk marred by the discovery of a hidden corpse, are just some of the perplexing situations with which Thea Osborne, her friends and a further cast of characters must contend. In this expanded view of the world of her popular books, Tope reminds us that death and crime will visit even the most idyllic country villages.

### **AUTHOR:**

Rebecca Tope currently lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire rearing Cotswold sheep and Tamworth and Berkshire pigs and produces her own meat and wool.

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# THE HAWKSHEAD HOSTAGE

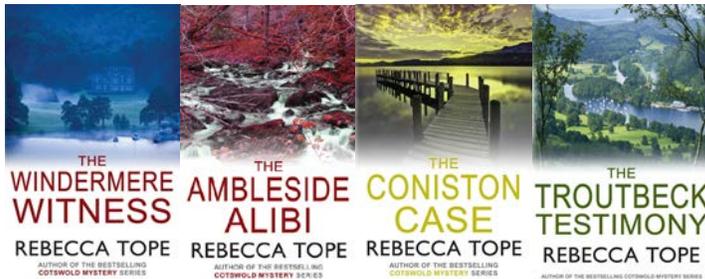
## Rebecca Tope

SALES POINTS / REVIEWS

- Latest release instalment in Tope’s increasingly popular series, perfect follow-on reading for fans of fans of her Cotswold Mysteries
- An excellent example of cosy crime fiction, one for fans of M.C Beaton
- Active author promotion
- Set in the atmospheric Lake District

'This is my favourite type of mystery - a really good "whodunnit" ... Highly recommended.' *Eurocrime*

Previous titles:



DESCRIPTION:

Summer has come to the Lake District town of Windermere, where Persimmon ‘Simmy’ Brown runs her own florist shop. But there’s no time for her to stop and smell the roses with the shop struggling for money, so a contract to provide floral displays for a hotel in Hawkshead couldn’t have arrived at a better moment. However, Simmy’s association with the hotel soon turns sinister when she finds a body in the lake.

To make matters worse, her friend, Ben Harkness – responsible for calling and alerting her of the discovered body – is now missing and thought to be kidnapped. Caught up in both a murder and kidnapping investigation, Simmy begins chasing clues left by the missing Ben.

With many suspicious characters bustling in and out of the hotel, while simultaneously trying to cope with her father’s encroaching dementia, solving the puzzle seems a grueling challenge, but Simmy is compelled to uncover the truth...

AUTHOR:

Rebecca Tope has led a varied career working as an antenatal teacher, a Relate counsellor and an assistant funeral director. She currently lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire rearing Cotswold sheep and Tamworth and Berkshire pigs and produces her own meat and wool.

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AUTHOR OF THE BESTSELLING COTSWOLD MYSTERY SERIES

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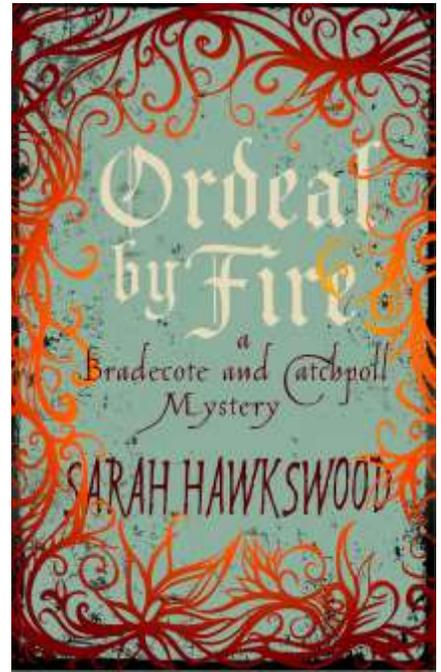


## ORDEAL BY FIRE Sarah Hawkswood

### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- We are delighted to welcome Sarah Hawkswood and her medieval sleuths Bradecote and Catchpoll to Allison & Busby.
- Fans of historical crime fiction are sure to enjoy this cunningly wrought mystery, particularly fans of Ellis Peters' Cadfael books, Ariana Franklin's Mistress of Death series and Bernard Knight's Crouner John series
- Author is based close to the book's setting of Worcester and is an energetic promoter of her books

**'Hawkswood leaves the reader guessing to the well-written end.'**  
*Historical Novels Review on The Lord Bishop's Clerk*



### DESCRIPTION:

September 1143. Sergeant Catchpoll hopes a fire at a Worcester silversmith's is just an accident, but when there is a second fire, and a charred corpse is discovered, he has no choice but to call in the undersheriff, Hugh Bradecote, to help find the culprit.

With further fires, a hooded figure stalking the streets, and a possible murder that has gone undiscovered for some months, the duo have to work together to avoid getting more than their fingers burnt in this puzzling investigation.

### AUTHOR:

Sarah Hawkswood describes herself as a 'wordsmith' who is only really happy when writing. She read Modern History at Oxford University and she takes her pen name from her six times great grandmother. She is married, with two grown up children and now lives in Malvern, Worcestershire.

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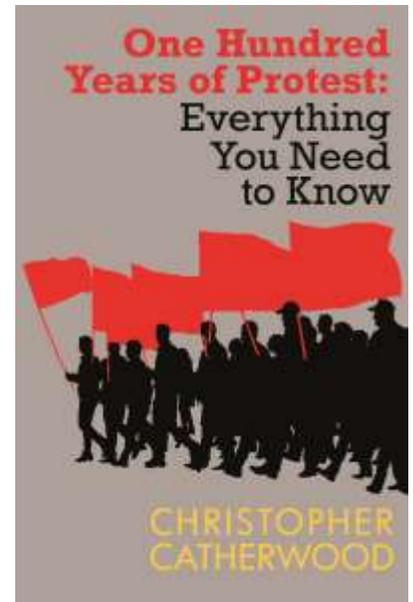
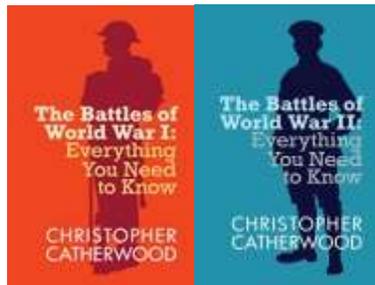
## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROTEST: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Dr. Christopher Catherwood

### SALES POINTS/REVIEWS

- Third in series of introductory books covering key facts of popular topics
- Author led tours of the Flanders battlefields during 2014.
- 'Christopher Catherwood is a master at explaining complex historical issues in an admirably clear way' **Alexander McCall Smith**
- 'Catherwood is an excellent guide at cutting through the mythology that surrounds this subject' *The Guardian*

### PREVIOUS TITLES:



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### DESCRIPTION:

From the Suffragettes to Stonewall, from the Prague Spring to the Arab Spring, from the Jarrow Marchers to the Poll Tax Riots, from Gandhi to Martin Luther King, we have witnessed a century and more of highly significant protests in which ordinary people have made their views known to those in power and sometimes changed the world. We have seen remarkable changes and popular protest has played a critical role in making ours a better and more democratic world. This book chooses a few key protests to show what we can accomplish if we try

### AUTHOR:

Dr Christopher Catherwood is Emeritus Archives By-Fellow of Churchill College Cambridge, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a supervisor at Homerton College, Cambridge. He has written many books and articles including *Winston's Folly* and *A Brief History of the Middle East*.

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## THE BATTLES OF WORLD WAR I: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW SERIES

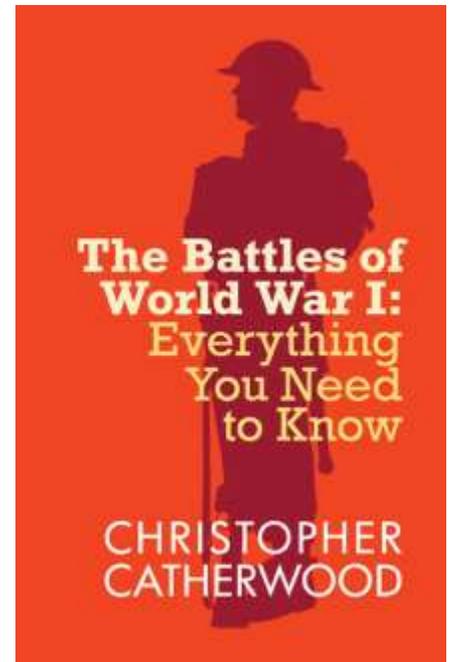
Dr. Christopher Catherwood

### KEY NOTE:

Respected scholar Catherwood pens a book that combines surprising breadth with popular appeal

### SALES POINTS/REVIEWS

- Launches series of introductory books covering key facts of popular topics
- Highlights the relevancy to today's on-going Middle East troubles
- 'Christopher Catherwood is a master at explaining complex historical issues in an admirably clear way' **Alexander McCall Smith**
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### DESCRIPTION:

Our understanding of the twentieth century and beyond hinges upon the First World War. In this new and comprehensive book, the fascinating facts are presented in an accessible way, allowing anyone to brush up on the devastating conflict that changed the world we live in.

Discover everything you need to know about:

The battle of Ypres

The Somme

The forgotten wars between Italy, Austria and Russia

The invention of the tank and how it changed the war

The role of the USA

The siege of Kut

The battle the Germans won

and much more . . .

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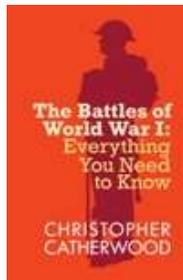
# THE BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Dr. Christopher Catherwood

## SALES POINTS/REVIEWS

- Second in series of introductory books covering key facts of popular topics
- 'Christopher Catherwood is a master at explaining complex historical issues in an admirably clear way' **Alexander McCall Smith**
- 'Catherwood is an excellent guide at cutting through the mythology that surrounds this subject' *The Guardian*

## OTHER TITLES:



## DESCRIPTION:

The Second World War is without parallel in human history. The sheer carnage is staggering, with some estimating over 80 million people died as a result of the conflict. Catherwood brings an objective, informative voice to the vast detail on the subject of the war's key battles, allowing you appreciate how it shaped the world we live in today.

Discover everything you need to know about:

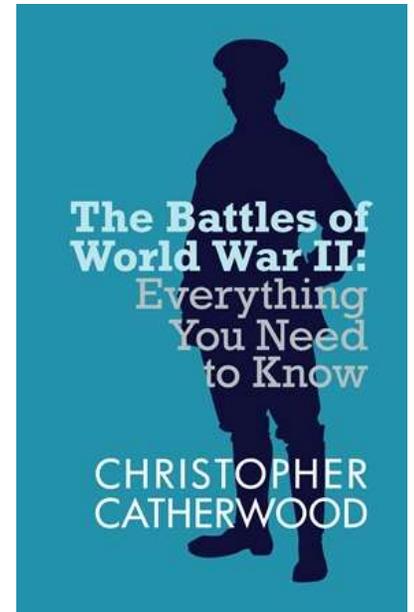
- The prelude to war
- The Battle of Britain
- The USA's entry into the war
- The Battle of Stalingrad
- The Battles in Asia; Iwo Jima, Hiroshima and Nagasaki and much more.

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