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## THE MATHEMATICAL BRIDGE (Nighthawk 2)

Jim Kelly

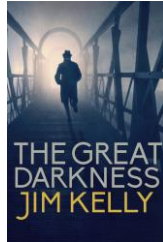
### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- A new Cambridge-based series from a Dagger in the Library-winning author with a rapidly growing following
- Inspired in part by the author's father who was a Chief Superintendent in the Met. and a Commando in WW2
- For fans of James Runcie's *Granchester* books and TV show
- Kelly is the perfect candidate for a leap in sales and recognition – A&B have ambitions to see him sit alongside Ann Cleeves

'Sinister, mysterious and refreshingly different.'

**Andrew Taylor, author of *Ashes of London***

### Previous book:



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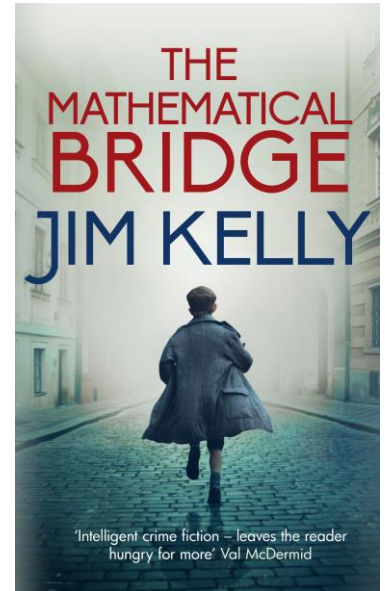
Cambridge, 1940. It is the first winter of the war and the snow is falling thick and fast. A college porter, crossing the ancient Mathematical Bridge on his nightly rounds, is startled to hear a child's cries for help coming from the icy river below. Detective Inspector Eden Brooke is summoned by police whistle and commandeers a punt in a desperate attempt to save the child, but the flood carries the boy away into the night. By dawn there is no trace of the victim. The boy was Sean Flynn, part of a group of Irish Catholic children evacuated from a poor London parish. When an explosion causes damage at a factory engaged in war work and the bombers leave an Irish Republican slogan at the scene, Brooke questions whether there could be a connection between the two events. As more riddles come to light, he begins to close in on a killer, but there is one last twist: it seems that Sean Flynn had his own startling secret.

### AUTHOR:

Jim Kelly was born in 1957 and is the son of a Scotland Yard detective. He went to university in Sheffield, later training as a journalist and worked on the *Bedfordshire Times*, *Yorkshire Evening Press* and the *Financial Times*. His first book, *The Water Clock*, was shortlisted for the John Creasey Award and he has since won a CWA Dagger in the Library and the New Angle Prize for Literature. He lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire.

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### ALSO AVAILABLE:

***THE GREAT DARKNESS*  
(2018)**

***BYRON'S POOL* (2020)**



## THE GREAT DARKNESS (Nighthawk 1)

Jim Kelly

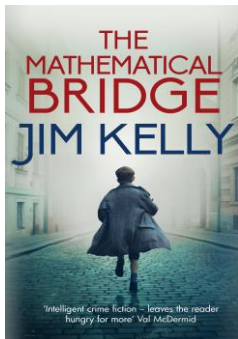
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### Praise for Jim Kelly:

'Engrossing and wonderfully atmospheric'  
**Booklist Starred Review**

### Also in the series:



### DESCRIPTION:

1939, Cambridge. The opening weeks of the Second World War, and the first blackout – The Great Darkness – covers southern England, enveloping the city. Detective Inspector Eden Brooke, a wounded hero of the Great War, takes his nightly dip in the cool waters of the Cam. The night is full of alarms, but in this Phoney War, the enemy never comes.

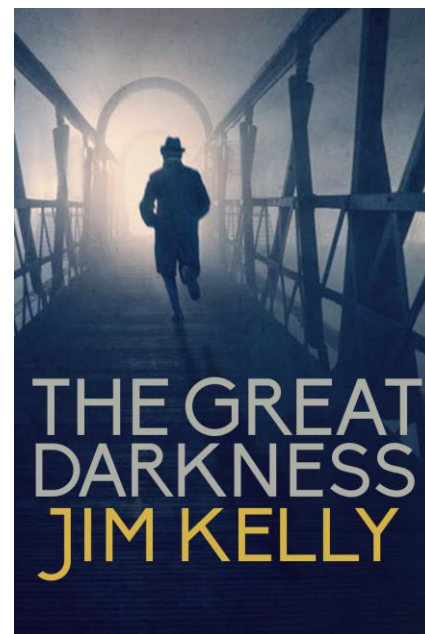
But daylight reveals a corpse on the riverside, the body torn apart by some unspeakable force. Brooke investigates, calling on the expertise and inspiration of a faithful group of fellow 'nighthawks' across the city, all condemned, like him, to a life lived away from the light. Within hours The Great Darkness has claimed a second victim. War, it seems, has many victims. But what links these crimes of the night?

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## THE COTSWOLDS MYSTERIES SERIES

Rebecca Tope

- A classic British mystery set in the idyllic countryside with striking covers.
- Sales growing across all Tope titles.
- A long running and well-loved series with hordes of devoted fans.
- Author's annual PLR count at close to 200,000 borrows.
- TV interest

'A compulsive series of rural adventures . . . Well-paced mystery with plenty of quirks and plot twists' **Good Book Guide**

### Includes:



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**SEVENTEEN BOOKS IN  
THE SERIES**

### DESCRIPTION:

Thea and Drew have been married for a year and are settled in the village of Broad Campden, but Thea is chafing at the domestic routines she is expected to devote herself to, missing the novelty and adventure that house-sitting used to bring. When a routine burial exposes the secrets of the deceased, Drew finds himself caught in the middle of a family feud, in which he feels he is on the wrong side, and Thea's inquisitiveness and penchant for solving crimes draws her in too. With another crisis at Drew's other business leaving him with a profound dilemma and Thea struggling against the charismatic charms of a new man, can their marriage survive this latest Cotswold drama?

### AUTHOR:

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the stunning Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees, but also manages to travel the world and enjoy civilisation from time to time. Most of her varied experiences and activities find their way into her books, sooner or later.

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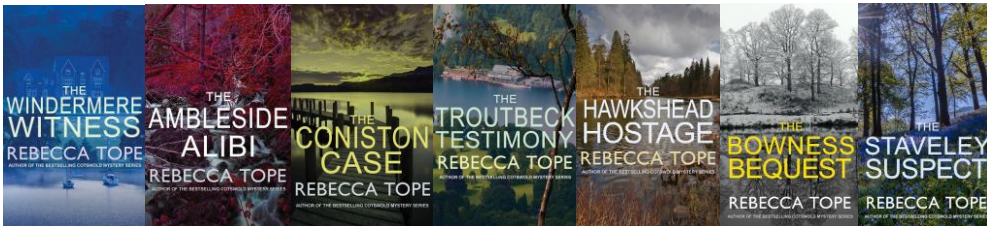
**THE LAKE DISTRICT MYSTERIES SERIES  
REBECCA TOPE**

**SALES POINTS / REVIEWS**

- Tope's increasingly popular series, perfect follow-on reading for fans of her Cotswold Mysteries.
- Excellent cosy crime fiction, one for fans of M.C Beaton and Carola Dunn
- Set in the atmospheric Lake District.

*'A quirky whodunnit delight in the Agatha Raisin mould'*  
**Peterborough Telegraph**

**Titles:**



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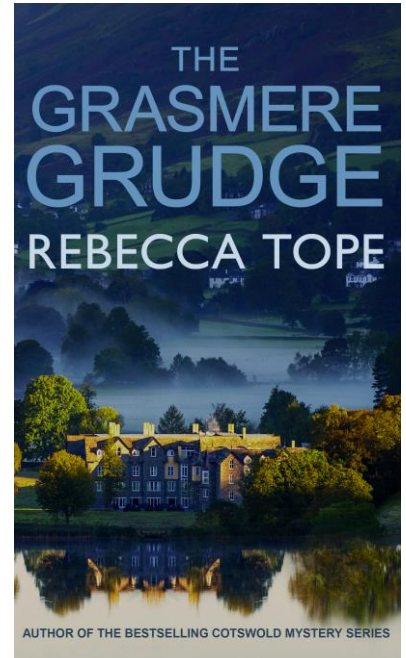
Returning from a much-needed holiday, Persimmon 'Simmy' Brown discovers that life in the Lake District is, as ever, far from relaxing. Before she can enjoy the idea of being the future Mrs Chris Henderson, her fiancé discovers the body of his friend, antique dealer Jonathan Woolley, brutally strangled in a house in Grasmere.

Enlisting the help of her friends and amateur detectives Ben and Bonnie, the investigation appears to ask more questions than it answers as historical grudges against the dead man are revealed. It seems that many people had a reason for wanting him dead. But with Chris's increasingly evasive and odd behaviour, Simmy begins to wonder if he is more involved in the murder than he is saying. How can she put her trust in a man with something to hide?

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**EIGHT BOOKS IN THE  
SERIES**





## BRADECOTE & CATCHPOLL SERIES

**Sarah Hawkswood**

### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- Hawkswood's medieval-set mystery series appeals particularly to fans of Ellis Peters' *Cadfael* books, Ariana Franklin's *Mistress of Death* series and Bernard Knight's *Crowner John* series
- Author is based close to the book's setting of Worcester and is an energetic promoter of her books

### Praise for Sarah Hawkswood:

'Her elegant and carefully chosen prose keep you glued to the page. She creates a medieval world of her own – and drags the reader deeply into it...a must-read'

***Crime Review on Ordeal by Fire***

'Hawkswood leaves the reader guessing to the well-written end'

***Historical Novels Review***

### Previous titles:



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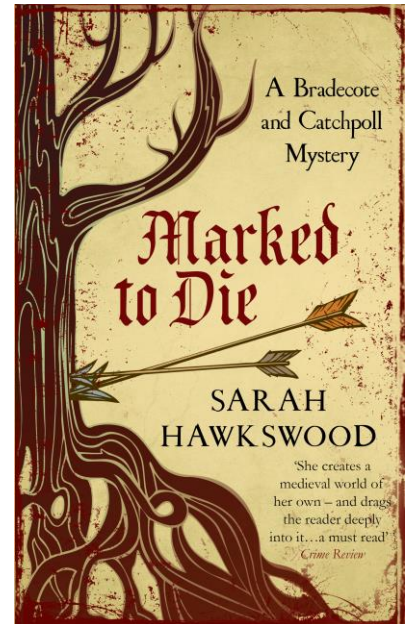
October 1143. His task dispatched, a mysterious archer melts back into the forest leaving a pile of corpses in his wake. The lord Sheriff of Worcester cannot ignore such a brazen attack on the salt road from Wich, nor the death of a nobleman in the wrong place at the wrong time. And so Hugh Bradecote and Serjeant Catchpoll are dispatched to hunt an elusive killer and his gang and put a stop to the mounting attacks.

But it is not easy to get the culprits in their sights with a reeve keen to keep his position at all costs, a lord with his own ends to serve and a distrusting and vengeful widow to whom Bradecote is increasingly attracted.

### AUTHOR:

Sarah Hawkswood describes herself as a 'wordsmith' who is only really happy when writing. She read Modern History at Oxford and first published a non-fiction book on the Royal Marines in the First World War before moving on to medieval mysteries set in Worcestershire.

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**SIX BOOKS IN SERIES:**

**SERVANT OF DEATH  
ORDEAL BY FIRE  
MARKED TO DIE  
HOSTAGE TO FORTUNE  
UNTITLED BOOK 5  
UNTITLED BOOK 6**

## THE MICHAELMAS MURDERS

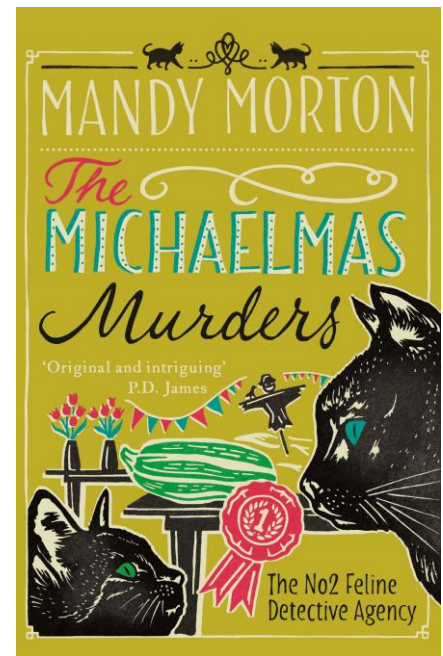
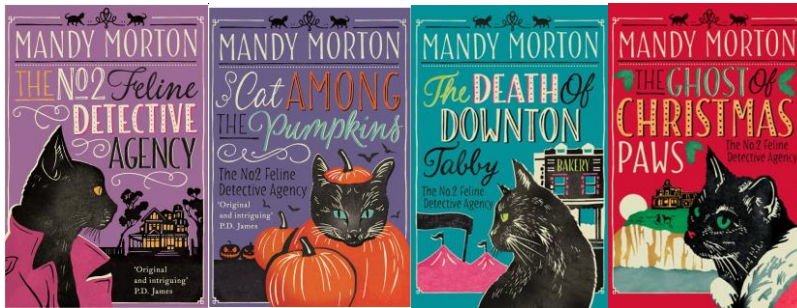
Mandy Morton

### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- Fifth instalment in Morton's quirky comic crime series with a unique cast of feline characters.
- Stunning cover artwork

'Original and intriguing... a world without people which cat lovers will enter and enjoy'. **P. D. James**

### Other titles:



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WHOLE SERIES**

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### DESCRIPTION:

As the Town's annual flower and produce show approaches, it's all doom and bloom up on the allotments, with prize vegetables going missing and a dead body on Bonny Grub's onion patch. Baronial landowner Fluff Wither-Fork is beside herself and calls in the No. 2 Feline Detective Agency.

Who is trying to sabotage the scarecrow competition? And will Hettie Bagshot and her sidekick Tilly get to the bottom of this murky compost heap before judgement day arrives? Amid a sea of binder twine and raised beds, a spiteful killer cat is on the prowl. Who will be next, as the allotment community shake in their wellington boots?

### 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.



## THE CONTRABAND SHORE TRILOGY David Donachie

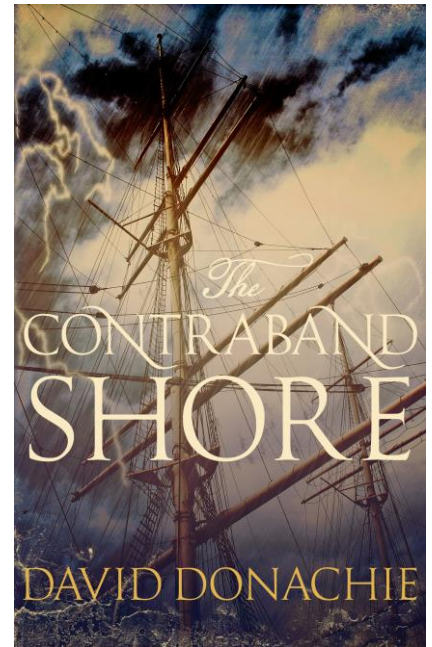
### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

A new historical adventure series from the author of the John Pearce naval adventures

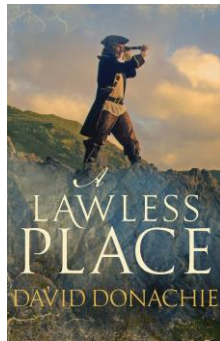
- Explores the centuries-old business of smuggling out of the Kent coast at Deal – the author's home town.
- Donachie is currently Chair of the Society of Authors.
- Stunning covers that evoke a sense of time and place.

'A rollicking, highly charged read, full of eighteenth century atmosphere'

*Good Book Guide*



### Other titles:



### DESCRIPTION:

1787. Captain Edward Brazier, recently paid off from his frigate and comfortably off with prize money, he is headed to Deal to propose marriage to the young and lovely widow Betsey Langridge. He must navigate the bustle of the town's narrow streets that are busy with legal, illicit and depraved business flowing from and around the ships at dock. But all does not go well; between Betsy's brother and guardian Henry Tulkington prohibiting the match, and Brazier marked out for trouble by a local smuggling gang, his plans are in disarray. And when it slowly emerges that there may have been a decades old injustice closer to home, Brazier is caught up in more than he'd bargained for.

### AUTHOR:

Born in Edinburgh in 1944, David Donachie has had a variety of jobs, including selling everything from business machines to soap. He has always had an abiding interest in the naval history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The author of a number of bestselling books, he now lives in Deal, Kent with his wife, the novelist Sarah Grazebrook and their two children.

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**THREE BOOKS IN THE  
SERIES:**

**THE CONTRABAND  
SHORE**

**A LAWLESS PLACE**

**BLOOD WILL OUT**

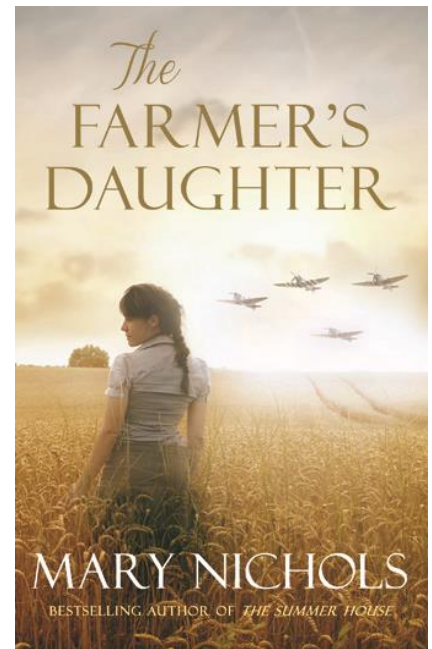


## THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER

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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#### 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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