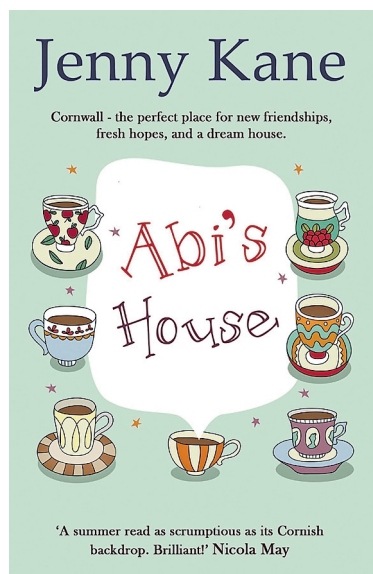


# BOOKSHELF

ANNETTE SHAW's roundup of new books



## Abi's House JENNY KANE

*Abi's House* is a gentle book set in Cornwall, at Sennen to be precise - everything we all hope to find to the left of Hampshire.

It's like being kissed by a summer breeze as newly widowed Abi Carter heads west for a new life.

Consequently, it was a surprise to hear that author Jenny Kane has a PhD entitled *Perceptions of Lawlessness: The Contribution of The Honour of Leicester to Crime and Lawlessness Between 120 and 1360 and its Bearing on the Ballad Literature of the Period*.

Jenny and I met for coffee at the Padbrook Park Hotel near Cullompton.

"I didn't mean to be a writer," she says with more than a smile. "I'm obsessed with Robin Hood but things evolved." By that Jenny is referring to a former life working in the library at Leicester University, where she met her husband. "It was through having a family that I got into writing children's books and the rest followed. Yes, I can feel success bubbling all around me!"

*Abi's House* hit no.1 in the Amazon Romance, Contemporary Fiction, and Women's Fiction charts, and is still flying high. It's a refreshingly innocent romance where the reader knows that everything will be alright. But as Jenny points out she doesn't over-egg the cream teas and the story is believable. Definitely a book for the beach this summer.

Based in Tiverton, Jenny is one of the organisers of the town's Literary Festival. The 2016 dates are 8-12 June. For details of speakers and venues see [tivlitfest.co.uk](http://tivlitfest.co.uk)

*Abi's House* is published by Accent Press. Paperback £7.99



## TIME TO SHINE Mel Menzies

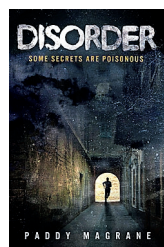
Torbay writer Mel Menzies has already had a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

In her new book she takes apart a marriage brick by brick.

This psychological mystery explores hypocrisy, forgiveness and fulfilment and it's a fascinating glimpse into the process of psychotherapy.

An uplifting and heart-warming read, *Time to Shine* takes its title in part from the beautiful acceptance speech made by Nelson Mandela, "We are all meant to shine..."

Published by Malcolm Down. Paperback £7.99



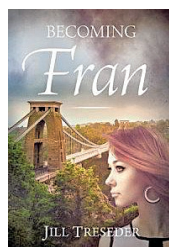
## DISORDER Paddy Magrane

A five-star cracker. The best way to describe Axminster author Paddy Magrane's first novel is conspiracy thriller with political and psychological elements.

When one of his clients, a Cabinet Minister, commits suicide, psychotherapist Sam Keddie finds himself at the centre of a fast-moving trail from London to Marrakesh.

It's a foray into the murky world of politics. Written in "box set" style with tantalising, snappy chapters, it really is one you can't put down.

Available on Amazon Kindle £2.99



## BECOMING FRAN Jill Treseder

At first glance this is a tale of life in the 1960s. However, Jill Treseder weaves in twists, turns and nuggets of wisdom about personal growth and healing the past.

Francesca Fairweather is tested as she faces love and loss. As her life progresses she uncovers a most unexpected past. In many ways Fran's story is one that could have happened to anyone.

It's a slow burn book but well worth reading. Jill lives on the South Hams near Dartmouth.

Published in partnership with Silverwood. Paperback £9.99



## THE STORY OF MARMALADE THE MOUSE AND HIS CORNISH ADVENTURE Lucy Magickmaker

Marmalade lives in Devon. Fancying a city break, he boarded the Penzance to Paddington train, but inadvertently hibernated. For a long time. Eventually, he woke up as the train pulled into Cornwall and was befriended by Sybil, a seagull. Their adventures take them around the county. Surfing in Newquay, Marmalade discovers new words like, 'yo' and 'dude'. Self-published hardback £14.50. [lucymagickmaker.co.uk](http://lucymagickmaker.co.uk)

Next month: What's the link between ace storyteller Tracy Chevalier's latest novel and Devon? All will be revealed.