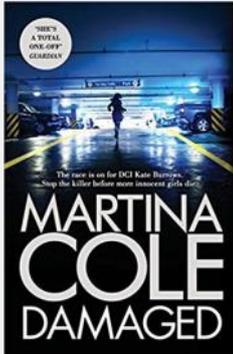


# DARLEY ANDERSON

# NEWSLETTER

## Martina Cole celebrates 25 years of record-breaking bestsellers



The epic new novel, **Damaged**, from the 'undisputed Queen of Crime' (Guardian) was published to great acclaim this month.

It was a No.3 hardback bestseller and was only beaten to the top spot by fellow publishing titans Ken Follet, Robert Harris and Dan Brown.

*Heat* magazine gave it 5 stars and said, 'With the return of some of her best-loved characters and lashings of her usual grit, Cole fans will lap this up.' *The Financial Times* echoed the sentiment, they said, 'It is Cole's ear for everyday speech (as much as her in-your-face, unvarnished storytelling)

that grants her books such impact.'

At the huge launch party at the Sanderson Hotel, Martina celebrated the publication of **Damaged** with friends, family and fans. It was an emotional event as she celebrated 25 years of record-breaking bestsellers. Her publishers, editors and, of course, agent, Darley Anderson, were all there to support and congratulate her on her outstanding and unmatched success.

Entertainment came in the form of a live band who created an original song for Martina as well as performing some of her favourite songs.



## Martina Cole: The Facts

\* Martina Cole has had more #1 original bestsellers than any other author.

\* She has sold over 17 million copies across all her titles.

\* When Darley Anderson read the manuscript for her first novel, **Dangerous Lady**, he called her and told her, 'Martina Cole, you are going to be a huge star.'

\* She is the youngest of five children.

\* Her dad was a merchant seaman. He'd come back for Christmas and

bring the books that were big in America.

\* Her first boyfriend was a bank robber.

\* Martina wrote her first book when she was 14. It was about a girl who was at a convent but secretly worked for the CIA.

\* Her books are the most requested in prison – and the most stolen from bookshops.

\* **The Faithless** made her the first British female adult-audience novelist to break the 50 million sales mark.

\* She's a voracious reader, sometimes reading a book a day. Her favourite novels include *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams and *Hollywood Wives* by Jackie Collins.

\* When writing, Martina tends to write through the night. She said, 'Sometimes I can go for 20 hours. I work through the night, it's more peaceful.'

\* Martina has her own production company and wants, one day, to direct a film.



## New talent at the DA Agency



We are thrilled to welcome two new and exciting authors at the DA Agency!

Phoebe Morgan (left) has had her brilliant first novel, **The Doll House**, published by HQ Digital this month. It has already racked up a number of 5 star reviews: one fan wrote, 'Jaw-dropper of a book, with a tantalisingly slow burn.' Phoebe talks about, her inspiration, working with an agent and what it's like to have your first novel published on the DA blog.

And huge welcome to Beth O'Leary! Beth's debut novel **The Flatshare** is an original and fresh women's fiction debut that you won't want to miss! Beth is a Children's editor at a major publishing house and lives in Winchester.



## NEW RELEASES



## Frankfurt Book Fair 2017



September for the Rights team at Darley Anderson means preparation for one big thing: Frankfurt.

Frankfurt is arguably the biggest trade book fair in publishing, with thousands of publishing professionals from around the world meeting with other agents and editors to discuss their authors and all the exciting news.

The Rights team will be in Frankfurt for a week and will be sitting down for back-to-back meetings with publishers to pitch our authors' brilliant titles.

## Rights in September



### NEW LANGUAGES

\*\* **TM Logan - Lies** \*\*

CROATIAN, DUTCH & HUNGARIAN

\*\* **Kerry Fisher - The Silent Wife** \*\*

CROATIAN

\*\* **Catherine Steadman - Something in the Water** \*\*

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