



The Thornhill Secret

by Caroline Curran

PRESS RELEASE

The mysterious unsolved death of a beautiful young woman in the 1920s haunts a respected New Hampshire family and continues to resonate across the decades in this compelling new thriller.

Deep within the Ossipee mountains in New Hampshire in 1925 a gunshot is heard. A few days later a young woman is dead. In 1950 At Balmoral Castle in Scotland, the King and Queen are enjoying their summer holiday away from the hustle and bustle of London. During their visit the Queen's pearl-drop earrings go missing. A few weeks later the housekeeper is found dead. In 1999 As a writer of historical novels, Victoria Green, is very good at research. A little too good, perhaps, to suit at least one keeper of the Thornhill Secret, who apparently will stop at nothing to end Victoria's prying into the Thornhill family's hidden history. Victoria is the descendent of Todd Thornhill, a department store magnate who built the magnificent Thornhill Manor, one of Victoria's favourite holiday spots. On her most recent visit to her great-aunt, Elizabeth Thornhill, the heir to the Manor, she is put in her great-aunt Emily's old room. While looking through some bookshelves, Victoria discovers a hidden box that contains Emily's journal from 1925. Victoria is enthralled when she reads the journal, brimming with Emily's vivid descriptions of life on the estate. Crucially, the clues that Victoria gleans from the dead woman's diary suggest that Emily's untimely passing was anything but an accident. Intrigued and determined, Victoria begins a dedicated but potentially dangerous search to unravel the Thornhill Secret. In doing so she will be able to bring closure to the life and memory of Emily Thornhill, but she could also be unmasking a murderer.

Caroline Curran's **The Thornhill Secret** is an assured debut novel, beautifully evoking the 1920s era and drawing readers intimately into the tortured Thornhill family through clever oscillations in time, as Victoria Green endeavours to uncover the truth behind their dark and shameful secret. Curran's passion for crime dramas and thriller fiction is clear, as she injects suspense and thoughtful plotting into her engrossing story, keeping readers entirely hooked until the final, exciting reveal.

About the Author: Caroline Curran grew up in England and studied Sociology, English and Creative Writing at university. Having worked as a conference organiser in Geneva, Switzerland, she now teaches English as a foreign language. Caroline Curran lives in France.

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