

# An Introduction to the Stones Corner Tetralogy, Turmoil & Darkness

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STONES CORNER



# Synopsis

## Stones Corner, *Turmoil*

Be warned! Turmoil is the first in the Stones Corner series of four (Darkness, Hope and Light to follow) and a gruelling read. It's harsh but importantly truthful and objective. If you love a terrific thriller with individual stories that combine to form a cataclysmic ending, then this book is for you! At the same time, learn what everyday life was REALLY like in Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland, during those dark, harsh times.

Caitlin McLaughlin is just like any other teenage girl: during the week, she works at the Rocola shirt factory in Stones Corner, Creggan, where she has become secretary to her boss's dishy nephew James. She likes music and trips into the city with her best friend at the weekend, but this is Derry 1972. A simple trip to the shops can lead to life-changing injuries or death, and staying at home can be just as dangerous when the British troops raid house to house.

Robert Sallis is a private with the Royal Fusiliers recently posted to the city.

He's repelled by the way some of his fellow soldiers behave, wary too of civilian feelings running high against the occupying army.

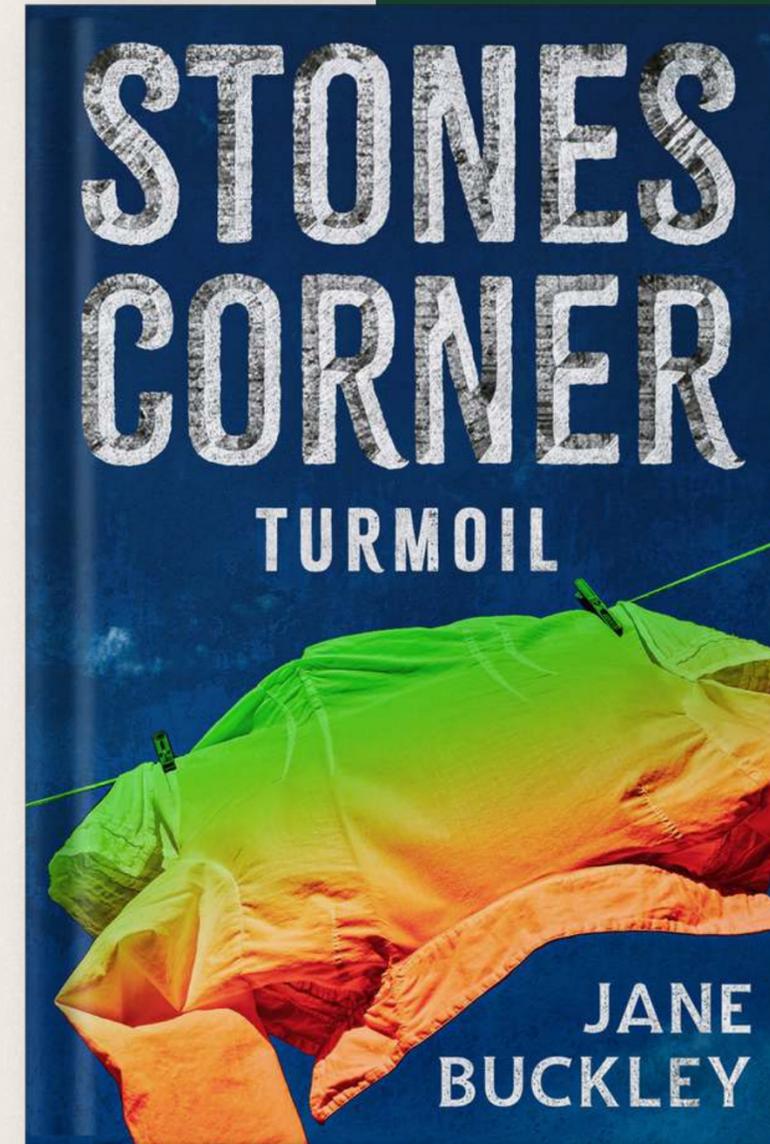
Accidentally separated from his patrol in Creggan, he's discovered by Caitlin hiding in her family's garden. He expects the worse but having seen enough violence too close to home, she doesn't give him away. Instead, she prefers to daydream about her charming boss, who has made his feelings for her plain.

A Catholic girl from the Bogside and the Protestant heir to a prominent local employer...Caitlin believes their love can overcome the triple obstacles of politics, class, and faith in her youthful innocence. Meanwhile, Robert, newly recruited to British undercover forces, is closing in on a terrorist strike in the heart of the city centre. Against the backdrop, two opposing psychopaths on different sides of the sectarian divide are set on the same destructive and violent path, one that can only conclude in disillusionment and heartbreak for innocent bystanders in a country wracked by turmoil.

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# Stones Corner, Turmoil reviews

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## ★ IndieReader

C.S. Holmes for IndieReader, May 14, 2021

Hard-hitting, informative, richly detailed, and filled with food for thought, STONES CORNER, TURMOIL by Jane Buckley is a historical novel fit to sink one's teeth into. Best of all there is a follow-up: STONES CORNER, DARKNESS is coming, September 2021.



Set in Northern Ireland during the 1970s, Turmoil paints a vivid picture of life lived amidst armed struggles. It's a story of people trying to get on with their lives against a backdrop of discrimination, bigotry, revolutionary conflict, and state suppression. And it's the little things of bravery and kindness that make this book such a joy. The uncle who buys his niece a pair of tights for her new job, knowing she can't afford them. The woman who berates the masked gunmen by telling them she'll complain to their mothers.

The wealthy boss who visits his injured secretary, naïve to the impact his flashy car will have in her impoverished and dangerous part of town. There is universality at work here. We may be in Northern Ireland, but we could be in any country where there is conflict - where bosses are trying to save their factories, where young men are seduced into a cause, where psychopaths use conflict as cover for their own dark work, and where people - despite everything - are flirting, laughing, and falling in love. The author has created a set of characters here that the reader can quickly identify with, and in some cases, genuinely care about. The various sides of the conflict are represented with an even-handedness which aids our understanding of the complexities of Northern Ireland's conflict. Turmoil is a confident and entertaining debut from the author whose next instalment, Darkness, is eagerly awaited...."

## goodreads

Various reviews from Goodreads

March 2021 ★★★★★

"...Just finished reading "Stones Corner, Turmoil" by Jane Buckley. I read a lot, mostly in the Thriller Genre, & I have to say this book was absolutely enthralling from start to finish. I can't wait for the next instalment."

April 2021 ★★★★★

"...This book is a compelling page-turner. I did wonder about reading it - 'The Troubles' haunted decades of my life, even though I wasn't directly affected. But once I picked it up, I couldn't stop reading. The book dives into a violent scene on the first page or two, but don't let this put you off. Though it doesn't shrink from violence, the book is even-handed and shows empathy with the various sides."

May 2021 ★★★★★

"...This book ended on a cliff-hanger leaving the reader wanting more, and the way it is composed kept me so engaged. If the next book is anything like this one, it will be money well spent. Well done, Jane, on a fantastically written book and thank you again."

May 2021 ★★★★★

"...Wow. From start to finish, this book was hard to put down. A genuine page-turner that had me gripped the whole way through and has me itching to get my hands on the pre-ordered Stones Corner Darkness!"

June 2021 ★★★★★

"...A superbly constructed thriller, written in a style that is accessible to those of us who may never really understand what it is like to live in a war zone; the backdrop for their lives, it's not extraordinary to them, it is, shockingly, their everyday lives. A novel with a lot of backbone and an enormous depth. It keeps the reader holding his breath to see what is going to happen next."

# Coming soon!

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## Stones Corner, *Darkness*

September 2021

The next instalment from author Jane Buckley, *Stones Corner – Darkness*, captures an era in Derry/Londonderry in the early '70s, considered the darkest years of The Troubles in Northern Ireland.

It reveals the catastrophic fall-out from the doomed Derry City Hotel meeting and its impact on the lives of so many, from the rich, vibrant James Henderson to the love-struck factory girl, Caitlin McLaughlin.

The guerrilla war in Northern Ireland rages as it extends to mainland Britain and the Republic of Ireland. Charles Jones, the bigoted Belfast businessman and the revenge-seeking British Army undercover operative IOWA, continue to seek every opportunity to cause distress and misery for the Nationalist papists.

*Darkness* takes us from the private clubs of London's West End to the dank, hellhole of Armagh Women's Gaol. Hope is deemed lost and forgotten until, ultimately, the power of love, truth, and justice steps in to create a new beginning.

*Darkness* is a brutal, hard-hitting, but scrupulously unbiased account of communities on both sides of the sectarian divide struggling to live and love against a background of chaos and carnage.

