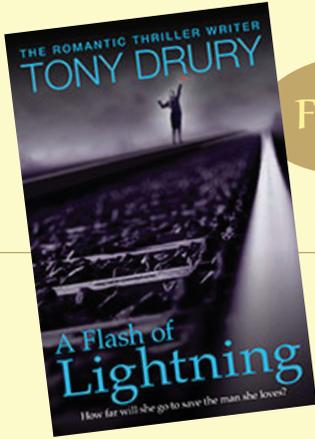


A Good Read



For You

A Flash of Lightning By Tony Drury

A great choice for those living within the distribution area of The Vine Magazine, as this novel's clever concept weaves the infamous tale of The Great Train Robbery through an intriguing idea of love, the world of city finance and a terrorist plot to kill 400 people.

If you like a read with local references these abound. At the beginning we are left wondering about the relevance, but as we become familiar with our lead characters, Jessica, who has chosen to make love and having a child two different decisions and Matthew, a philandering city financier, the importance of the location becomes clearer. The brilliant and honoured, Detective Chief Inspector Sarah Rudd is also thrust into a position of having to make difficult choices as her career, her love of her husband and family jostle for attention. With insider knowledge of a planned terrorist plot the urgency to find out when and where jeopardises everything she holds dear in a race to save lives and the cost may be greater than anyone thinks. Matthew walks a tightrope throughout the plot as £6 million

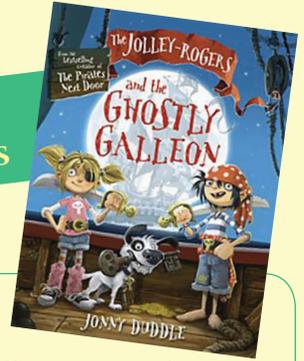
of film financing goes missing and his desperation to find it increases. Meanwhile his messy divorce leaves him worried for his own daughter's well-being and he wrestles with his attraction to other women whilst attempting to build a life with Jessica.

The reader is led through a mix of plots and characters all intertwined with the details and facts of The Great Train Robbery. With this, a simple love story and the dilemmas that face women such as balancing the demands of family and career, whilst many will recognise the mid-life crisis of many a man like Matthew. All our questions are answered as the story of all our characters come together in a suspense filled finale.

Look out for Tony Drury's next book published on 17th September in all good bookshops and on Amazon The Lady Who Turned revolves round three impressive women, the Lady magazine, and, in the background, the renowned Mrs T, the lady who was not for turning



For
The Kids



The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon By Jonny Duddle

Jonny Duddle's picture books have quickly become modern children's classics, and this chapter book follows on from 'The Pirates Next Door', using familiar characters but offering a longer and more detailed read for that awkward age when picture books are dismissed as 'babyish' but longer books are still a little too challenging.

Duddle's illustrations are carefully spaced, so that there are no daunting pages of solid text: there is always at least one line drawing to pull us in. However, the text also does this brilliantly. Picking up the story from where it was left at the end of 'The Pirates Next Door', it begins with strange happenings in Dull-On-Sea. Firstly there are some very odd night-time visitors. Then the museum is robbed - and whilst the account of events offered by hapless security guard Arthur Poppycock is garbled, it makes one thing clear: there are pirates involved! Matilda thinks it must be time to contact her best friend Jim-Lad, and he and his family soon set sail for Dull-On-Sea to try to discover exactly what is going on... Short enough for a rainy afternoon read, or long enough to keep younger readers guessing through a week of bedtimes, this is a fabulous little book.