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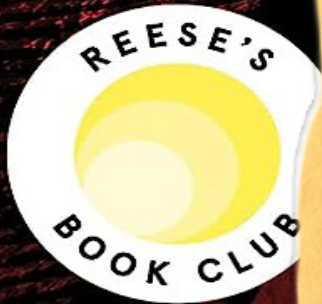
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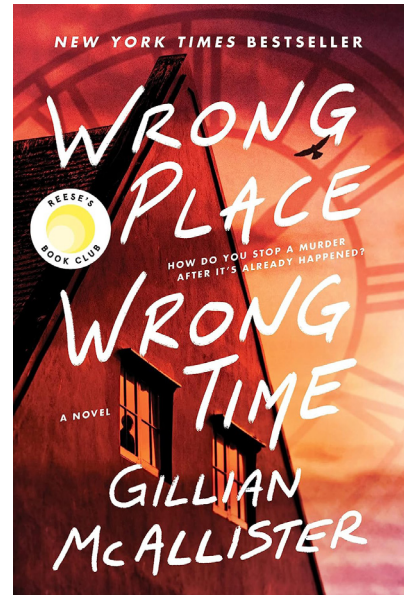
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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- Gillian McAllister is joining us today from the UK.
- First ever lunchtime book club
- *Wrong Time, Wrong Place* has sold one million copies!

She has been writing for as long as she can remember. She graduated with an English degree before working as a lawyer/solicitor.

McAllister wrote fiction in her spare time throughout adulthood, often writing in the evenings and commutes to and from work.[1] She finished her first full (unpublished) novel while suffering from glandular fever[2] for two years.

She lives in Birmingham, England, where she now writes full-time. She is also the creator and co-host of the popular Honest Authors podcast.

Gillian McAllister is the *New York Times* bestselling author of Reese's Book Club Pick *Wrong Place Wrong Time*, *Just Another Missing Person*, *Everything but the Truth*, *The Choice*, *The Good Sister*, *The Evidence Against You*, *How to Disappear*, and the Richard & Judy Book Club pick *That Night*.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Can you stop a murder after it's already happened?

It is midnight on the morning of Halloween, and Jen anxiously waits up for her 18-year-old son, Todd, to return home. But worries about his broken curfew transform into something much more dangerous when Todd finally emerges from the darkness. As Jen watches through the window, she sees her funny, seemingly happy teenage son stab a total stranger.

She doesn't know who the victim is, or why Todd has committed such a devastating act of violence. All she knows is that her life, and Todd's, have been shattered.

After her son is taken into custody, Jen falls asleep in despair. But when she wakes up... it is yesterday. The murder has not happened yet—and there may be a chance to stop it. Each morning, when Jen wakes, she is further back in the past, first weeks, then years, before the murder. And Jen realizes that somewhere in the past lies the trigger for Todd's terrible crime...and it is her mission to find it, and prevent it from taking place.

### **SETTING/LOCATION**

- Liverpool, England - where Jen and Kelly/Ryan live and where the OCG (organized crime gang) operates
- Merseyside Police in Birkenhead - Ryan's police station where he investigates the OCG

### **CHARACTERS**

- Ryan Hiles / Kelly Brotherhood
- Jen Brotherhood (Hiles)
- Todd Brotherhood (Hiles) - Jen and Kelly/Ryan's son
- Nicola Williams (Angela) - Undercover cop with Ryan
- Clio (Eve) - Todd's girlfriend and the baby that was stolen when Ryan was a cop
- Joseph Jones - OCG crime boss
- Ezra Michaels - friend and business partner of Joseph Jones, fronting as Clio's uncle
- Kelly Hiles - Ryan's brother who ran drugs and killed himself
- Bradford - Ryan's first police supervisor in the 999 unit
- Leo - cop supervisor when moved to Undercover
- Jamie - undercover cop on OCG case with Leo
- Rakesh - Jen's law firm partner
- Andy Vettese - PhD friend of Rakesh who studied time travel
- Gina - Friend/client who is a PI
- Pauline - friend of Jen's, Connor's mom
- Connor - Todd's friend, who ends up being involved with the crime ring at the end
- Kenneth - Jen's Dad, lawyer and owner of the firm she worked for when she met Ryan/Kelly

### **THINGS I LOVED ABOUT THIS BOOK**

- I don't think I have ever read a time travel book that I liked until this one. I was hooked. I didn't really put the pieces together because I was so focused on how she was going to get out of this loop.

- This book was a mystery/thriller but I was really into the character Jen. I wanted to go there with her.
- My family sometimes gets held captive to hearing about the books I am reading. I told my son Elijah this one and he said wow that sounds awesome, is it a movie yet?
- I loved watching Jen deal with mom guilt. I think we all look back and wonder if we were present enough.

### **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS**

- What surprised you most about this story?
- Ryan/Kelly decided it was better to stay as his undercover alias illegally, potentially appearing as a criminal, rather than risking his life (and Jen's) outing himself as an undercover cop. What do you think of this decision and what would you do?

### **MEMORABLE SCENES**

- Day 0, The Murder, 10/31-11/1 (pg 5)
- Day -1, Waking up a day behind (pg 16)
- Day -2, Jen telling Rakesh for the first time about the time travel, and he gave her Andy's name. (pg 42)
- Day -3, Jen telling Kelly about the time travel via the car accident she predicts. When asked what he would do, Kelly said he would kill Joseph Jones. (pg 83)
- Day -4, Jen's first meeting with Andy. (pg 91)
- Day -8, Jen finding the badge and the burner phone (pg 108)
- Day -13, Followed Todd to the pool hall and figured out that Todd was recounting the story to his dad. Jen confronted Kelly (pg 158)
- Day -22, Jen overhearing Kelly and Todd arguing in the backyard (pg 169)
- Day -47, Jen following Kelly to the restaurant for take out after a hand off with Joseph Jones and confronting him, he told her not to look for the baby (pg 187)
- Day -105, Jen meeting with Joseph Jones at the prison (pg 204)
- Day -144, Jen discovers Ryan's old house (pg 219)
- Day -531, Andy finally tells her the code of the name of his childhood imaginary friend - "George" (pg 233)
- Day -531, Jen being with her dad the day he died (pg 237)
- Day -783, Seeing Nicola in the restaurant in plain clothes and calling her Nicola in front of Kelly (pg 260)

- Day -6998, Jen follows Kelly to the trial for Joseph. Realizes Kelly/Ryan is law enforcement in witness protection and confronts him after they leave (page # for trial start) (pg 311)
- Ryan's chapter or Day -7158, Ryan/Kelly came to Jen and her dad's office offering his decorating services (both perspectives in either chapter/page) (pg 327 or 349)
- Ryan (Day -7161ish), Ryan confronts Kenneth, Jen's dad, quits the police (pg 342)
- Day -7158, Jen figures out her father is involved with the timeshare and Joseph Jones (pg 352)
- Day -7230, Jen went to Ryan at police station about Eve and stopped the kidnapping (pg 356)
- Day 0, Jen wakes up to Ryan and not Kelly, and then she begins to forget everything that happened (pg 364)

### **MEMORABLE QUOTES**

- Both phases of parenthood – the newborn years and the almost-adult ones – are bookended by sleep deprivation, though for different reasons. (pg 3)
- She'd thought motherhood was so boring at the time, so unrewarding, the hours and hours dedicated to the same tasks in a variety of orders. But it wasn't, she now knows; to say so is like saying breathing is boring. (pg 25)
- She always found motherhood so hard. It had been such a shock. Such a vast reduction in the time available to her. She did nothing well, not work nor parenting. She put out fires in both for what felt like a decade straight, has only recently emerged. But maybe the damage is already done. (pg 34)
- Everything in parenthood feels so endless until it ceases. (pg 269)
- "Sometimes," he says gently, when she's finished, "the emotions of living something the first time prevent us from seeing the true picture, don't they?" He rubs at his beard. "If I could go back – the things in my life that I would just stand and truly, fully witness, if I knew how they were going to turn out . . ." (pg 274)
- Some people laugh to hide their shame, they laugh instead of saying I feel embarrassed and small. (pg 275)
- They were so swept up in it, in the demands of parenting a small child. The Jen of now can hardly remember why it was so difficult, can't recall the exact details. Only that it was. (pg 292)

- Like with most things in parenthood, he wanted support, to be understood, rather than for her to take over. (pg 294)
- We only think of the bad things that happen, rather than those that, through fortune, pass us by. (pg 360)