



Tamarisk: Love and War in France – With the D-Day 80th Anniversary Looming – this Spellbinding New Novel Shares a Story of Survival and the Renewal of Hope

In Angela Locke's latest novel – 'Tamarisk: Love and War in France' – this accomplished best-selling author and Francophile immerses readers in a story of love, suffering and survival; all set against the background of Special Operations Executive (F Section) and the immediate aftermath of war in Northern France. Using her title's Tamarisk tree as a metaphor for survival, love must find a way through the ruins of the country and healing must happen for this small group of people who are marked by war.

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UNITED KINGDOM – Published on 31st May 2024, just ahead of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings (6th June 2024), the writing of *Tamarisk* has been a labour of love for best-selling author and lover of all things French, Angela Locke.

Having taken 43 years to research her subject forensically, this fictional novel, based on factual stories, is underpinned by its protagonist Pierre's determination to survive, and his own efforts and those of others to heal and restore the vestiges of what has been left behind after the devastation of war.

Immersing readers in the unimaginable horrors of the theatre of war, and the mental resilience required just to keep alive, the breadth of this novel takes in wartime England, the terrible truths of the concentration camps, the ruins of Germany and the hero's determined search for Rebecca, a wireless operator with the Resistance and the love of his life.

Compelling, stirring and hugely evocative, *Tamarisk* is an extraordinary read and the author's eighth published book, one already a best-seller. A love story that is hard to shake off, it also makes a timely and eloquent reminder of 'Lest we forget.'

Synopsis:

A story of love and tragedy set against the background of impossible odds, the French Resistance and the wartime landscape of France.

The author says:

“A major theme in *Tamarisk*, which runs through the story, is how we deal with the Peace after War, how we survive War – if we do – and how we restore Life. The book is set partly on the farm *Le Tamaris*, close to the Normandy beaches where the Tamarisk bushes now bloom once again. I hope it is a book which accurately reflects those two worlds of War and Peace. The theme too is very relevant given the current war in Ukraine and all the issues it throws up for us in the West.”

Reviews of *Tamarisk* ahead of publication include:

“I sold military books for more than two decades, and I read many. This gripping novel slow-burns its way into your heart...” – **Brindley Hallam Dennis: A Penny Spitfire**

“Angela Locke takes us back in time, through one of the greatest tragedies history has ever seen, and leads her characters, and the reader, gently to safe ground. Rural France is so beautifully evoked.” – **Kathleen Jones, author and poet, Royal Literary Fellow**

Tamarisk is magnificent. Gripping and beautifully written by an author who has a deep understanding of France and the Roma people. The perfect novel for our difficult times...” – **Grevel Lindop, former professor of English, Manchester University, author of Travels on the Dance Floor, A Literary Guide to the Lake District, Charles Williams: The Third Inkling, and others**

“This remarkable story, symbolised by the miraculous recovery of the Tamarisk tree, shows how one family found renewed hope after the traumas they had faced in that most terrible of all wars...” – **Steve Matthews, bookseller, bookshop owner, publisher, author, reviewer, and historian**

“You might want to fasten your seat belt as you are drawn into Pierre’s story from the moment his parachute opens until the very last page of Angela Locke’s *Tamarisk*...” – **Rebekah Spivey, USA, author of Marigolds in Boxes, Flight Plan, and Rugburns; editor, writing coach, certified facilitator for Women Writing for Change**

Published by Top Hat Books on 31st May 2024, *Tamarisk* is available to pre-order in paperback (ISBN No: 978-1803414867) priced £12.99 on Amazon at <https://tinyurl.com/332e88jn> and on Barnes & Noble.

About the author:



Angela Locke is an author, poet and journalist who grew up in Suffolk, now living in the English Lake District. She has had seven books published, some of which have been widely translated across the world. Her maternal grandmother was rumoured to be from a settled Romany family, and the tragedy of Hitler’s treatment of the Roma people is also a major theme of the story.

Angela Locke will be appearing on June 8th at **Words by the Water Book Festival** in Keswick which runs from 5th – 9th June 2024.