



The Atomic's Wife

by Fiona H. Joyce

Logline

She knows what you want. But will she give you what you need?

Key Selling Points

- An exciting suspense thriller with a hint of supernatural.
- Appealing to fans in the Joanne Harris *Chocolate* and *Different Class* genres with a hint of Sebastian Faulks *A Week in December*.
- Strong appeal to female readership with an independent central female character.
- Sub plots involving love, domestic violence, transvestism, immigration and euthanasia, written in a compelling and often darkly humorous voice.
- A quirky and distinctive flow of scientific data and facts woven into the richly fragrant and evocative narrative.
- Captures the zeitgeist *#MeToo/Exclusion Rider* ethos in the women's suffrage centenary.

What do a retired accountant, a Vietnamese immigrant, a headmaster's wife, an elderly heiress, and an agoraphobic have in common?

They have a scientist's wife who can see, hear and smell their secrets, just like her mother and her grandmother before her...

Five strangers. Five secrets. And a harrowing lie that cannot remain buried forever. Lydia knows all about the importance of scientific discovery. But she also understands the danger of ignoring the power of nature.

Particularly its scent, which is much more than just a smell. She learnt all that, and a lot more, a long time ago.

So when five lives collide during a freak midsummer heatwave, the Atomic Wife knows just what they need to expose, and confront, the truth.

And the real truth is something that none of them expected to uncover.

Author

Fiona's debut novel, *Dirty Weekend in Brighton*, was published in 2016 and is currently being developed as a screenplay. Originally trained as a solicitor, Fiona practiced law for some years before starting up a number of different companies, until she changed direction entirely and enrolled in film school. Her writing ambitions were rekindled while working on a screenplay for a film she later directed, and novel writing then became her main focus. Fiona is currently working on her next book, *Beachlands*. www.fionahjoyce.com.

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