

Love, Loss, and a Dangerous Conspiracy Collide in Peter Ashford's Gripping Debut Thriller, Her Name Was Katherine

A powerful British suspense novel explores enduring love, courage, and the relentless pursuit of justice.

*Her
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Katherine
A MARSTON GRANGE SERIES

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Tomah, Wisconsin Aug 12, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - When personal tragedy uncovers an international conspiracy, one man must risk everything to expose the truth.

Author **Peter Ashford** makes an impressive literary debut with *Her Name Was Katherine*, a compelling British suspense thriller that combines emotional storytelling, military authenticity, and high-stakes international intrigue. Blending espionage, organized crime, corporate influence, and political power, the novel delivers an intelligent and fast-paced story for readers who enjoy suspense with depth and realism.

At the center of the story is former Brigadier **Alex Carrington**, whose life is shattered when his wife, Katherine, dies after being unknowingly exposed to a deadly Cold War nerve toxin. Refusing to accept her death as an isolated tragedy, Alex begins searching for answers only to uncover a conspiracy that reaches from organized crime and international finance to powerful political circles.

As the investigation intensifies, Katherine's memory becomes the driving force behind Alex's determination to uncover the truth. What begins as a deeply personal search for justice soon places him against powerful and dangerous forces, forcing him to confront the possibility that revealing the truth may come at an enormous personal cost.

More than a thriller, *Her Name Was Katherine* is a story about **enduring love, loyalty, courage, betrayal, and the determination to seek justice even when the odds appear impossible.**

From Real-World Experience to International Suspense

Ashford draws upon his background in **military service and more than two decades as a Business Analyst** to create a story grounded in realism, strategy, and authentic decision-making.

The idea for *Her Name Was Katherine* began during a business trip, when Ashford found himself reflecting on how seemingly ordinary events can connect to something much larger.

"I wanted to write an intelligent British thriller that was grounded in realism rather than relying on gadgets or fantasy," Ashford explains. *"I began asking simple questions: What if? Who benefits? How would ordinary events connect to something much bigger?"*

Those questions eventually developed into a story set in the beautiful county of Surrey and expanded into an interconnected series in which every decision and consequence matters.

Peter Ashford Featured on The Spotlight Network

Adding to the book's growing promotional journey, **Peter Ashford recently appeared on *The Spotlight Network* with Logan Crawford**, where he had the opportunity to discuss his writing and his debut novel with a wider audience.

The appearance offers readers another opportunity to discover the author behind *Her Name Was Katherine* and learn more about the ideas, experiences, and creative vision that shaped the novel.

The Spotlight Network on *Her Name Was Katherine*: A Marston Grange Series by Peter Ashford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbmwYhMKx2Q>

The Beginning of the Marston Grange Series

Her Name Was Katherine serves as the first installment of the **Marston Grange Series**, introducing readers to former Brigadier Alex Carrington and the dangerous world he enters in his search for justice.

The story continues in *Operation Coldsnap*, followed by *The London Connection*, expanding the series into a larger narrative involving an international criminal network and the consequences of decisions made in the past.

For Ashford, the series provides an opportunity to explore not only suspense and intrigue but also the human consequences of loyalty, ambition, betrayal, and the pursuit of truth.

"Every author hopes their story will stay with readers long after they've turned the final page," Ashford says. *"I hope Her Name Was Katherine does exactly that. If you enjoy it, I promise that Alex Carrington's journey is only just beginning, and there is much more to come from the Marston Grange Series."*

About Peter Ashford

Peter Ashford writes intelligent British suspense novels that blend espionage, corporate intrigue, and psychological drama. Drawing on a career spanning military service and more than two decades as a Business Analyst, he creates stories grounded in realism, strategy, and authentic decision-making.

His debut novel, *Her Name Was Katherine*, introduces former Brigadier Alex Carrington as he uncovers a conspiracy linking a Cold War nerve toxin, organized crime, international finance, and corridors of political power.

Ashford's writing is characterized by strong characters, intricate plots, and a focus on loyalty, justice, and the personal cost of betrayal. He is currently expanding the **Marston Grange Series**, with *Operation Coldsnap* continuing Alex Carrington's fight against an international criminal network.

Peter Ashford lives in **Kent, England**, where he continues to write and develop future novels in the series.

About the Book

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