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BIO

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Christina McDonald is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Night Olivia Fell*, which has been optioned for TV by a major Hollywood studio. Her next book, *Behind Every Lie*, is out Feb 2020. Her writing has been featured in *The Sunday Times*, Dublin, *USAToday.com*, and *Expedia*. Originally from Seattle, WA, she has an MA in Journalism from the National University of Ireland Galway, and now lives in London, England with her husband, two sons, and their golden retriever, Tango.

Christina enjoys reading, hiking and lifting weights at the gym. She always wanted to be a writer, and told her earliest stories to her two younger sisters, who were her first audience, cheerleaders and sounding board. She has a BA in Communications from the University of Washington, Seattle and an MA in Journalism

from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Going to college in Ireland wasn't part of the master plan, but happened randomly when Christina went travelling and arrived completely jet lagged at Heathrow Airport in London, caught sight of the Aer Lingus desk, and spontaneously bought a ticket to Ireland. She loved it so much she went back the following year to study.

She is currently writing her third novel.

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BOOKS

behind every lie

If you can't remember it, how do you prove you didn't do it?

Eva Hansen wakes in the hospital after being stuck by lightning and discovers her mother, Kat, has been murdered. Eva was found unconscious down the street. She can't remember what happened but the police are highly suspicious of her.

Determined to clear her name, Eva heads from Seattle to London—Kat's former home—for answers. But as she unravels her mother's carefully held secrets, Eva soon realizes that someone doesn't want her to know the truth. And with violent memories beginning to emerge, Eva doesn't know who to trust. Least of all herself.

Told in alternating perspectives from Eva's search for answers and Kat's mysterious past, Christina McDonald has crafted another "complex, emotionally intense" (*Publishers Weekly*) domestic thriller. *Behind Every Lie* explores the complicated nature of mother-daughter relationships, family trauma, and the danger behind long-held secrets.

Praise for *Behind Every Lie*:

"Christina McDonald's *Behind Every Lie* is a cleverly plotted and emotionally charged page-turner about memory, trusting yourself, grieving, and letting go. Family secrets run deep in this compelling exploration of how far a mother will go to protect her child. Full of twists and turns, this is domestic suspense at its best!" —**Karen Katchur, bestselling author of *River Bodies***

"*Behind Every Lie* is a deep, suspenseful novel packed with family secrets. Christina McDonald has a true gift for creating characters that are so well-developed, it feels like you know them. An outstanding achievement!" —**Samantha Downing, author of the #1 International Bestseller *My Lovely Wife***



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the night olivia fell

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A search for the truth. A lifetime of lies.

In the small hours of the morning, Abi Knight is startled awake by the phone call no mother ever wants to get: her teenage daughter Olivia has fallen off a bridge. Not only is Olivia brain dead, she's pregnant and must remain on life support to keep her baby alive. And then Abi sees the angry bruises circling Olivia's wrists.

When the police unexpectedly rule Olivia's fall an accident, Abi decides to find out what really happened that night. Heartbroken and grieving, she unravels the threads of her daughter's life. Was Olivia's fall an accident? Or something far more sinister?

Christina McDonald weaves a suspenseful and heartwrenching tale of hidden relationships, devastating lies, and the power of a mother's love. With flashbacks of Olivia's own resolve to uncover family secrets, this taut and emotional novel asks: how well do you know your children? And how well do they know you?

***The Night Olivia Fell* is in early development at USA Network with Dr. Phil and Glenn Geller attached to Executive Produce and Nazrin Choudhury attached to write. Universal Content Productions and CBSTVS are the studios behind the project.**

Praise for *The Night Olivia Fell*:

"If you're already putting together your 2019 TBR list of must-read thrillers, you're probably going to want to add *The Night Olivia Fell* to it ASAP." —***Bustle Magazine***

"This was definitely an emotional read... Super impressive debut by an author to watch." —***Novel Gossip***

"McDonald ratchets up the suspense with every chapter, including plenty of gasp-worthy twists and turns as Abi and Olivia's story pushes towards its devastating conclusion. The suspense is supplemented by relationships of surprising depth and tenderness, providing balance and nuance to the story. A worthy debut from an up-and-coming domestic suspense author; readers who enjoy mother-daughter stories in the genre should line up for this one." —***Booklist, Starred Review***

"[A] complex, emotionally intense first novel...Fans of twisty domestic suspense novels will be rewarded." —***Publishers Weekly***



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