

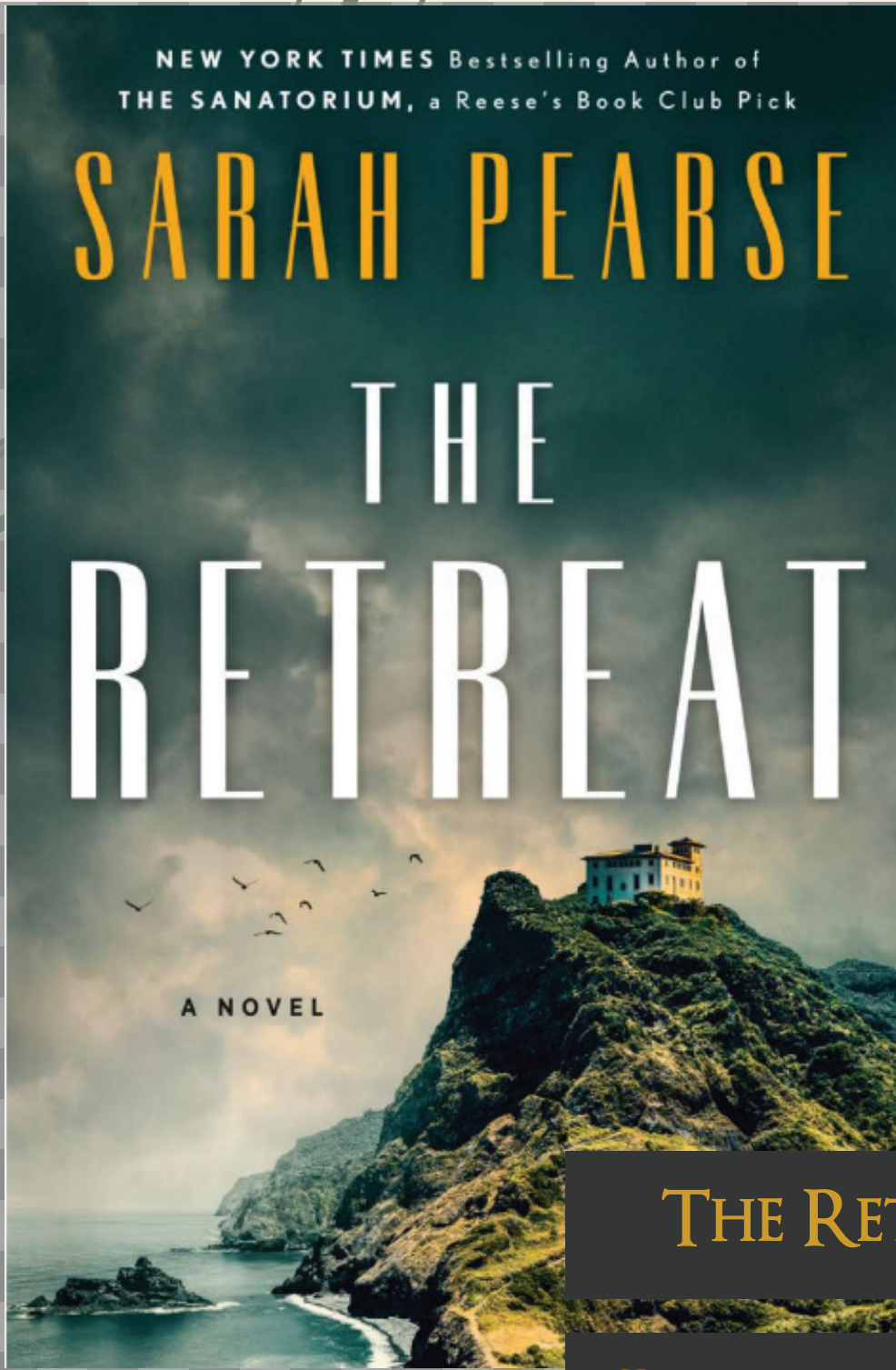
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NEW YORK TIMES Bestselling Author of
THE SANATORIUM, a Reese's Book Club Pick

SARAH PEARSE

THE
RETREAT

A NOVEL



THE RETREAT

READING GUIDE

MEETINGS

ZOOM - VIRTUAL



1st Meeting
SEPT 13TH
TILL CHAPTER 50
INCLUSIVE
8:30 P.M

2nd Meeting
SEPT 29
COMPLETE
BOOK
8:30 P.M



BTWTHEWINESBOOKCLUB

HELLO BOOK AND WINE LOVERS,

September is already here along with the change of leaves, sweater weather and longer nights. And with the chilly breeze comes our new pick : “The Retreat” a mystery novel set in an idyllic wellness retreat on an island off the English coast.

As we follow the new adventures of detective sergeant Elin Warner, we will put our heads together to gather the clues and solve these murders. As your hostess I’m honored to guide you through this case.

Happy reading

Lorraine

BOOK SINOPSIS

Most are here to recharge and refresh. But someone’s here for revenge. . .

An eco-wellness retreat has opened on an island off the English coast, promising rest and relaxation—but the island itself, known locally as Reaper’s Rock, has a dark past. Once the playground of a serial killer, it’s rumored to be cursed.

Detective Elin Warner is called to the retreat when a young woman’s body is found on the rocks below the yoga pavilion in what seems to be a tragic fall. But the victim wasn’t a guest—she wasn’t meant to be on the island at all.

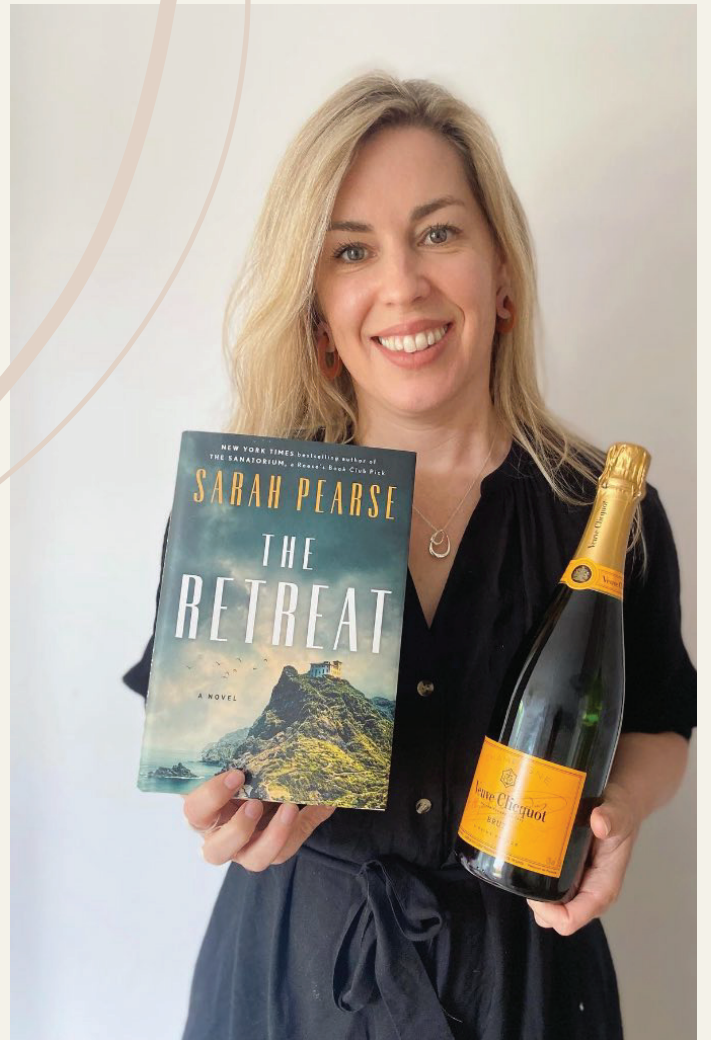
When a guest drowns in a diving incident the following day, Elin starts to suspect that there’s nothing accidental about these deaths. But why would someone target the guests, and who else is in danger?

Elin must find the killer—before the island’s history starts to repeat itself . . .

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

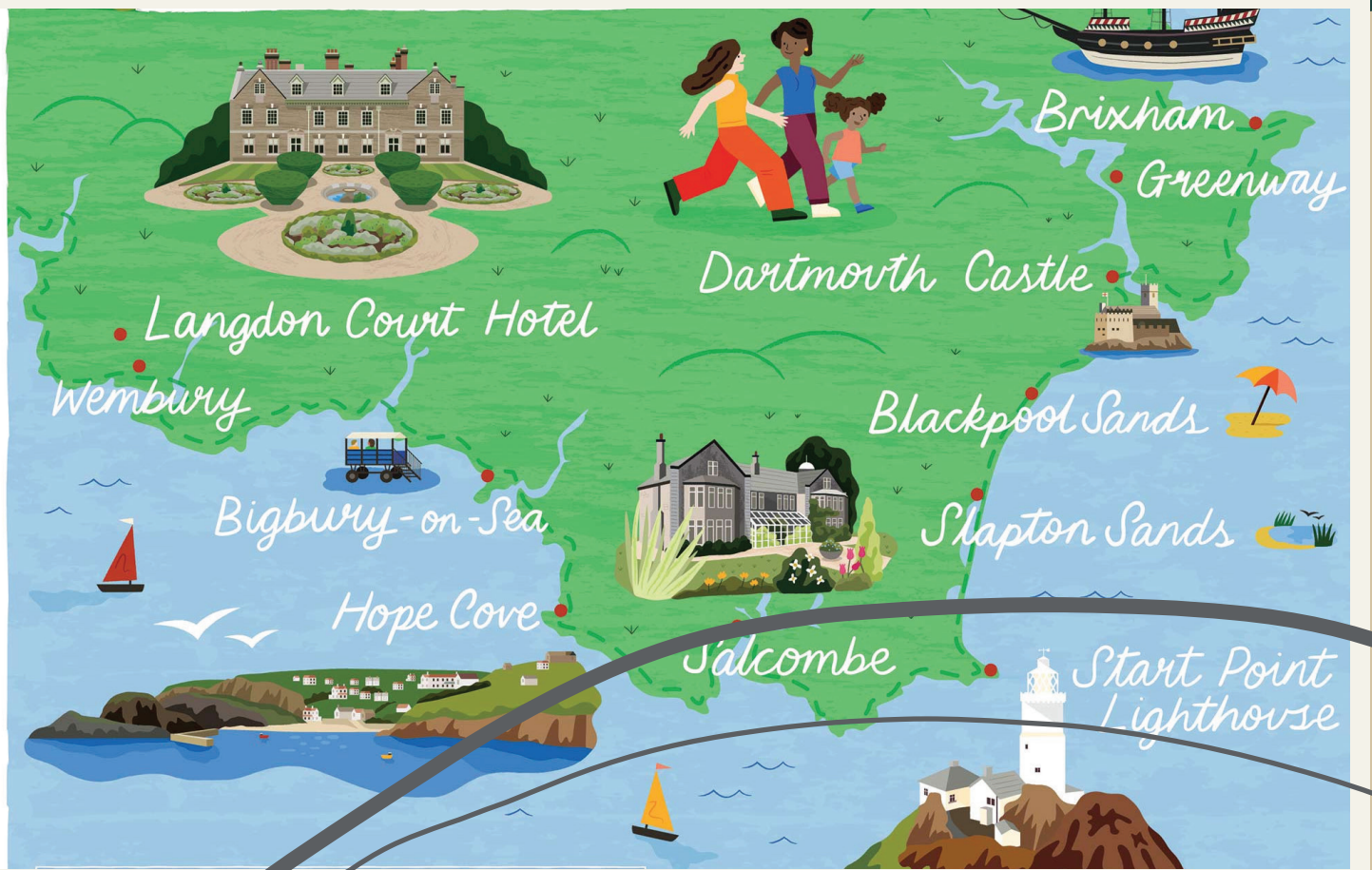
Sarah Pearse grew up in Devon, UK, and studied English literature and creative writing at the University of Warwick before completing a postgraduate diploma in broadcast journalism. *The Sanatorium*, her debut, was an instant New York Times bestseller and a #1 Sunday Times bestseller, and was selected as a Reese's Book Club Pick.

The Retreat is her second novel.



“YOU CAN BE A KING OR A STREET SWEEPER, BUT EVERYONE DANCES WITH THE GRIM REAPER.”
—CONVICTED MURDERER ROBERT ALTON
HARRIS’S LAST WORDS

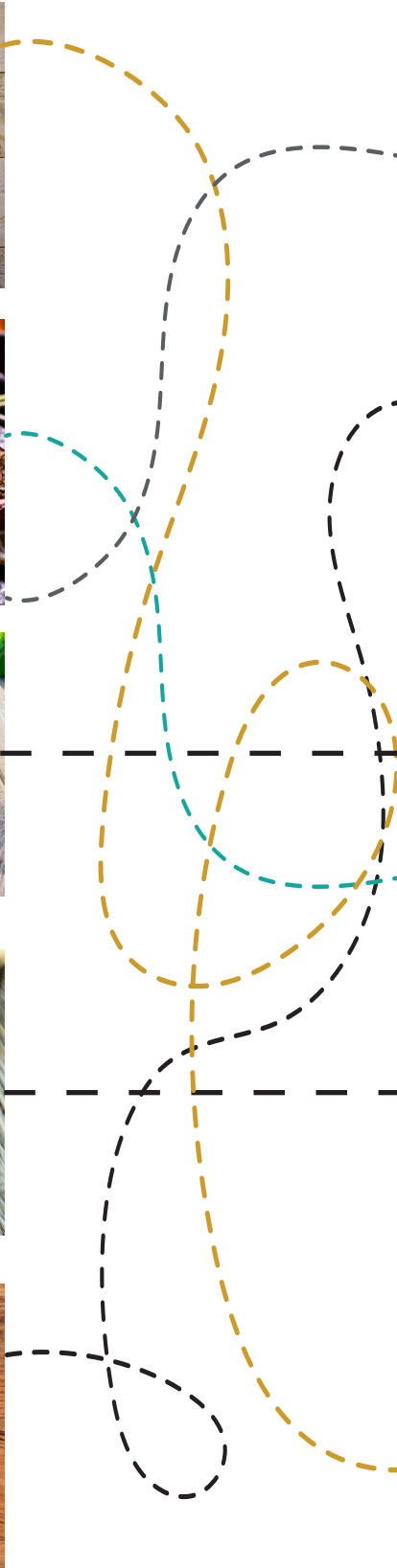
SOUTH DEVON - CARY ISLAND



FIRST CARY ISLAND WAS THE SITE OF THE ROCK HOUSE SCHOOL, WHICH USED HARSH PUNISHMENT TECHNIQUES ON ITS STUDENTS. AFTER THAT, IT WAS USED AS AN OUTWARD BOUND LOCATION, WHERE IN 2003 A GROUP OF KIDS (INCLUDING WILL AND FARRAH) WERE TERRORIZED BY LARSON CREACHER. FINALLY, A LUXURY ECO RESORT WAS DEVELOPED ON THE ISLAND. THERE WAS SOME CONTROVERSY OVER THIS; SOME PEOPLE LOBBIED TO TURN IT INTO AN SSSI (SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST). SSSI IS A UK THING: PRESERVING LAND FOR HABITAT PROTECTION AND ECOLOGICAL INTERESTS. I THINK THE CLOSEST EQUIVALENT IN THE US WOULD BE CONSERVATION LAND

YUMMM, I'M HUNGRY AND THIRSTY!!!

PAIR AND MATCH FOOD AND DRINKS



WHO LOVES MUSIC?!?

PLAYLIST CREATED FOR THE WINE AND BOOK LOVERS TO ENJOY WHILE IMMERGING THEMSELVES IN THE NEW ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT ELIN WARNER

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DRESS CODE FOR MEETING



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR SARAH?

FEEL FREE TO SHARE THEM WITH ME.

