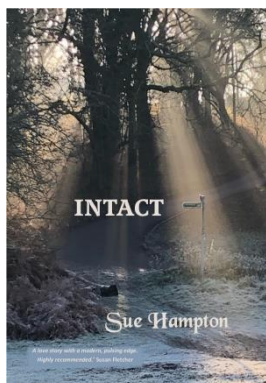


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"INTACT celebrates a sixty-year-old woman whose promise as an artist has never been fulfilled because her love life didn't run to plan. Most of us aim to live and love well, and are bruised by reality. But I didn't want Mags to be a victim; now she can shape her own future. It's a novel about relationships with others and oneself. But it's also about a non-binary man, which is of interest to me because I'm married to one." Sue Hampton

About the author

Sue Hampton is the author of more than 30 titles for children, teenagers and adults; she likes exploring different genres and styles. Her writing has been praised by two of her literary heroes, Michael Morpurgo and Susan Fletcher, and many other authors too. An ex-teacher, she enjoys visiting schools to inspire young readers and writers, and along with her author husband Leslie Tate she has appeared at many festivals and addressed many adult writing groups. Sue is a trustee for the charity People not Borders and Ambassador for Alopecia UK. This is her third short story collection for TSL Books, who also published her two picture books for People not Borders, I AM ME and I AM ME 2.

Review

"INTACT is a lively exploration of ageing, regret and human fallibility. It boasts a wealth of intricate characters; it also picks through the many complications and disillusion of modern living without losing sight of the deeply romantic tale at its heart. In short, it is a love story with a modern, pulsing edge. Highly recommended."

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"INTACT is wonderful. Mags is magnificently self-reliant: she's sharp, resourceful, vulnerable - in short, human. A beautifully written novel,

INTACT made me think about the relationship between love and art and redemption."

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