

Two-book Avon deal for debut author and former policeman G.D. Wright

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Avon Books has acquired two books by debut author G. D. Wright (Gary Wright) after Senior Commissioning Editor Rachel Hart acquired World Rights from Nicky Lovick at WGM. The first book, *After The Storm*, is set to be published this August.

According to the acquisition statement: '*After The Storm* is a propulsive police procedural set on the south coast of England in which a child's tragic but suspicious drowning rips a small community apart with devastating consequences. It is perfect for fans of Gillian McAllister and Ann Cleeves, as well as shows like Broadchurch, Happy Valley and The Bay.'

Hart said: "As soon as I finished *After The Storm* I knew I had to publish it. The small-town backdrop creates a gripping claustrophobia that makes it impossible to put down, whilst Gary's insight as a former policeman injects an unmatched authenticity. The result is an emotional and twisty crime novel that will leave readers guessing right up to the last page."

Wright (*pictured*) said: "I am so excited to be working with Rachel and all the team at Avon. *After The Storm* has been like my third child for the best part of three years, and I know that it is in the safest of hands with this wonderful bunch."

Lovick said: "Working with Gary and Rachel on *After The Storm* has been a great pleasure."

Wright joined Kent Police at the age of 18 and worked in a variety of uniformed roles. According to the Avon statement: 'At the age of 29, and completely out of the blue, he suffered two cardiac arrests that led to the diagnosis of a life limiting and incurable disease of the heart.

'Following the implantation of an internal defibrillator into his heart, he was unable to continue policing and



retired at the age of 30. He bought a coffee shop in Ramsgate Harbour, and spent years looking out over the sea and dreaming up stories. He now writes full time, committing those very stories to paper.'

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