



## Avon signs Wright books

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*Two-book deal with GD Wright to expand Beachbrook series which kicked off last year with 'totally addictive' After The Storm*



Avon (HarperCollins) has signed two further novels by GD Wright. Rachel Hart, senior commissioning editor, bought world English rights from Katie Fulford at Bell Lomax Moreton.

The first of the as yet untitled new novels will be out in 2026, with the second to follow in 2027. 'As with Wright's first two thrillers, these will be set in the fictional seaside town of Beachbrook and star recurring character DS Sue Willmott, with a moral dilemma at their heart.'

The acquisition statement continues: 'G.D. Wright's debut *After the Storm* published last year, and was declared "Totally addictive. One of the most tense and gripping thrillers I've read in ages," by Lisa Jewell, "Tense and emotional," by Gillian McAllister, and "So compelling and tightly plotted I couldn't put it down," by Claire Douglas.'

Hart said: "Gary's writing is some of the most propulsive and emotional I've ever read, and I've been utterly blown away by the responses from readers and authors to his debut, *After the Storm*, which we published last summer. I'm looking forward to building on his highly acclaimed Beachbrook series with books three and four, which I know readers are going to love."

G.D Wright (*pictured*) said: "Bringing my Beachbrook series to life with Avon has been a dream come true. I can't speak highly enough of the whole team, with special praise to my editor Rachel Hart, and I can't wait to take the series to greater heights with these two new books. Bring tissues, it's going to get emotional."

Avon supplied some background information on the author. 'Gary Wright joined Kent Police at the age of 18. 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, 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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