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About the Author

Patrick Gale was born on the Isle of Wight in 1962. He spent his infancy at Wandsworth Prison, which his father governed, then grew up in Winchester. He now lives on a farm near Land's End. He's a passionate gardener, cook, and cellist and chairs the North Cornwall Book Festival each October. His fifteen novels include *A Perfectly Good Man* and *Notes From an Exhibition* - both of which were Richard and Judy Bookclub selections, *The Whole Day Through* and *Rough Music*. His latest, *A Place Called Winter*, draws intriguingly on his family history. You can find out more on his website www.galewarning.org.

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