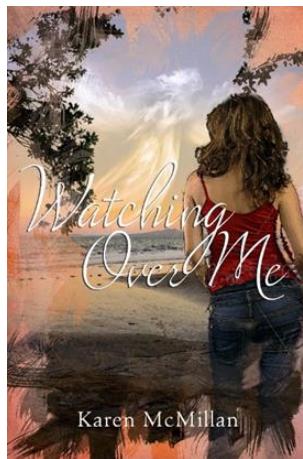
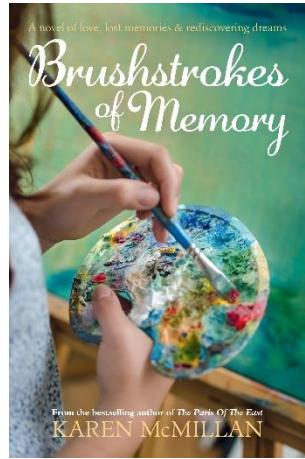
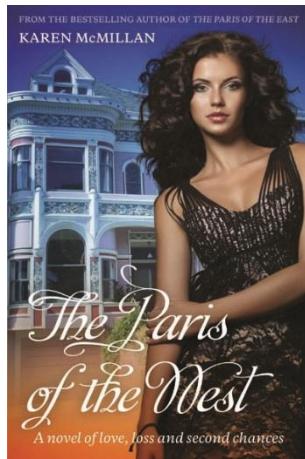
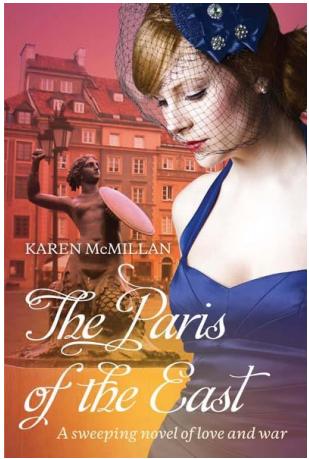


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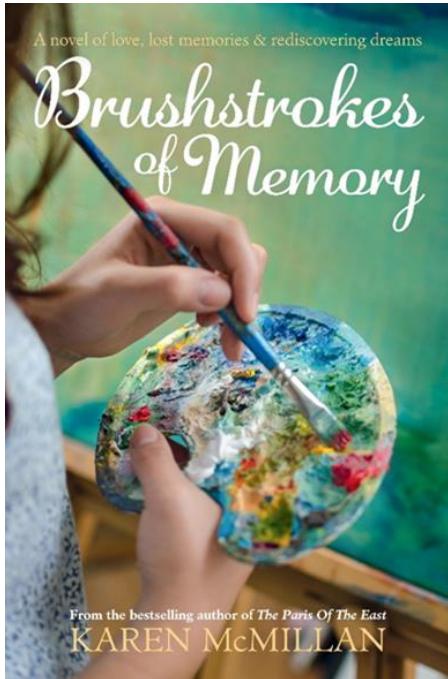
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On her thirty-second birthday, Rebecca is in high spirits and life could not be better personally and professionally. But in 2013, she wakes in hospital after a head injury and finds out that nearly a decade of her life has been erased from her memory. Now almost forty-two, she can't remember anything after her thirty-second birthday, a decade fraught with changes she would never have anticipated – illness, infidelity, betrayal, separation and death – and the disintegration of many of her dreams.

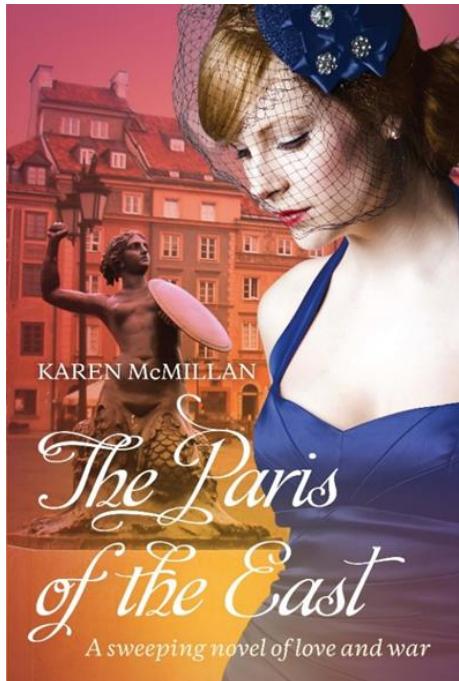
But if Rebecca can't remember anything of nearly ten years, then could this be the chance for her to wipe the slate clean and start again?

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Warsaw, 1939. Four friends picnic on a brilliant summer's day and celebrate an engagement, aware of the rumbles of war, but hopeful that in any conflict Poland will have the upper hand...

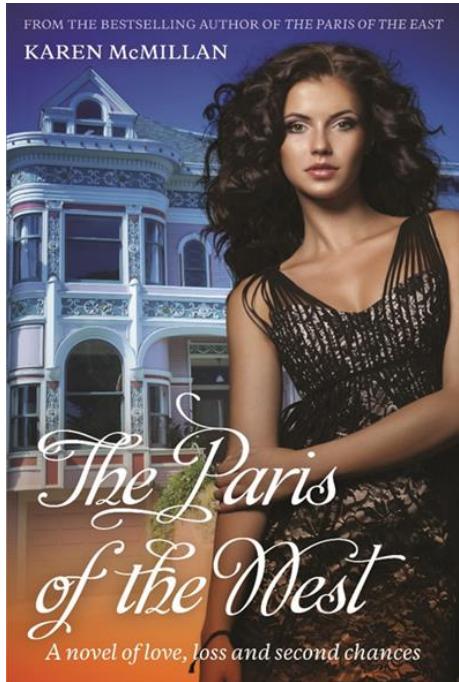
A page-turning story that spans the period of the Second World War, this is a dramatic historical adventure that goes from Warsaw to Lublin, from Bucharest to Paris, from London to the Concentration Camp at Ravensbruck – but always at the heart of this novel is the mesmerising city of Warsaw – ‘The Paris of the East.’

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The Paris of the West is a story of love and loss, betrayal and forgiveness, and having the courage to start over.

San Francisco, 1948. Having survived the Second World War against all odds, Celina and her family arrive on a Liberty Ship into the Bay Area with high hopes for their new lives. But as new immigrants they face many hurdles, and they have to deal somehow with the trauma of war and the grief of losing loved ones. Betrayal and more heartbreak are just around the corner.

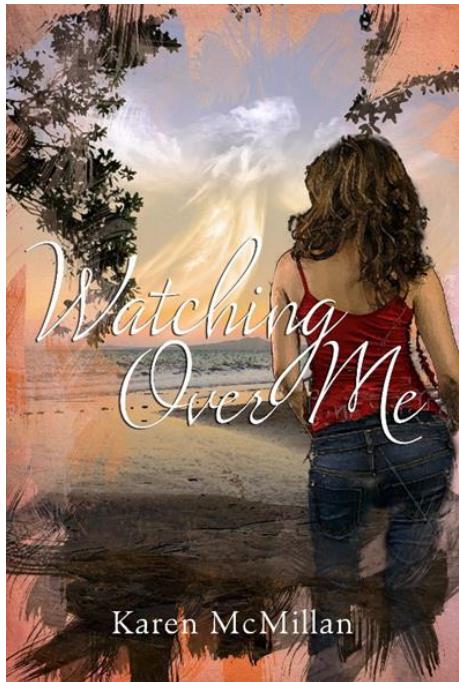
A historical read set in the spectacular hilly city of San Francisco, 'The Paris of the West' goes from the jazz clubs in the Fillmore District to the sun-kissed vineyards of Sonoma.

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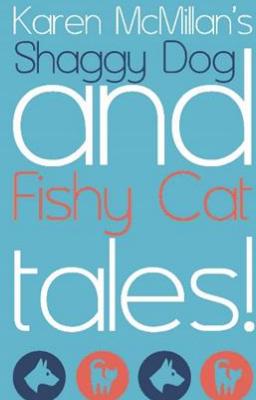
What would you do if you lost everything you had ever loved? In this page turning novel of love and loss, set in the late 1990s, Sarah Martin's idyllic world is shattered when the death of her father sets into motion a series of terrible life-changing events. While fighting to save her father's bookstore from bankruptcy, Sarah discovers family secrets that tear her and her husband Michael's lives apart.

Thrilling and compelling, *Watching Over Me* is an inspirational read that reveals, ultimately, how the power of love can transform lives.

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The cat with nine distinct personalities; the pooch who is an undercover agent; the cat who thinks he is a dog...

Shaggy Dog and Fishy Cat Tales is a delightful celebration of the unique feline and canine characters that share and enrich our lives.

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