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Rachel Barnett is the author of escapist contemporary women's fiction set in glamorous European destinations. Her novels combine romance, friendship, and second chances against vivid backdrops that invite readers to escape the everyday.

## **ABOUT RACHEL BARNETT**

Short Bio (approx. 100 words)

Rachel Barnett writes escapist contemporary fiction set in some of Europe's most beautiful locations, from the French Riviera and Italian Lakes to the Scottish Highlands and the French Alps. A former primary school teacher, she now writes full time from rural Wiltshire, where the surrounding countryside inspires her storytelling. Rachel's novels are known for their vivid settings, heart-warming characters and page-turning plots. She is published by Embla Books and Boldwood Books, and her work includes a Kindle Top 50 bestseller.

## **ABOUT RACHEL BARNETT**

Medium Bio (approx. 250 words)

Rachel Barnett is an author of contemporary women's fiction, writing warm, escapist novels set in glamorous European destinations. Her stories transport readers to sparkling Italian lakes, sun-drenched French châteaux, snow-covered Alpine lodges and windswept Scottish castles, combining romance, friendship, and second chances with a strong sense of place.

After several years working as a primary school teacher, Rachel pursued her long-held dream of writing novels and now writes full time from her home in rural Wiltshire, almost within sight of Stonehenge. When she's not writing, she runs a small livery stables and is rarely far from horses, muddy boots or her two Labradors.

Rachel began publishing under the name Laura Leeson before releasing novels under her own name with Embla Books, including *A Summer on the Riviera*, *Starlight at Snow Pine Lodge* (a Kindle Top 50 bestseller), *Escape to the French Chateau*, and *Christmas at a Highland Castle*. In 2026, Boldwood Books will publish *The Italian Lakes Affair*, the first in a new series of glamorous, gripping romances set in unforgettable destinations.

Rachel is a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association, and her books are frequently described by readers as "the perfect escape" and "impossible to put down".

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## **ABOUT RACHEL BARNETT**

Long Bio (approx. 500 words)

Rachel Barnett writes escapist contemporary women's fiction that whisks readers away to Europe's most beautiful destinations. Her novels are known for their richly imagined settings, emotional depth, and page-turning storylines, blending romance, friendship, and transformation against backdrops so vivid they feel like a holiday between the pages.

A former primary school teacher, Rachel spent years juggling classroom life before carving out time to pursue her lifelong ambition of becoming a novelist. She now writes full-time from rural Wiltshire, where the landscape, history and seasonal rhythms of the countryside feed directly into her creative process. She shares her home with her family and two Labradors, and when she's not writing, she runs a small livery stables on the farm, surrounded by horses and open fields.

Rachel's publishing journey began under the pen name Laura Leeson, before she went on to publish novels under her own name with Embla Books. Her titles include *A Summer on the Riviera*, *Starlight at Snow Pine Lodge* - which became a Kindle Top 50 bestseller - *Escape to the French Chateau*, and *Christmas at a Highland Castle*. Her work has been praised for its evocative settings, engaging characters, and sense of warmth and escapism.

In February 2026, Boldwood Books will publish *The Italian Lakes Affair*, the first in a new series of glamorous European romances set on the shores of Lake Garda. With its blend of luxury, food, desire and self-discovery, the novel marks an exciting new chapter in Rachel's writing career.

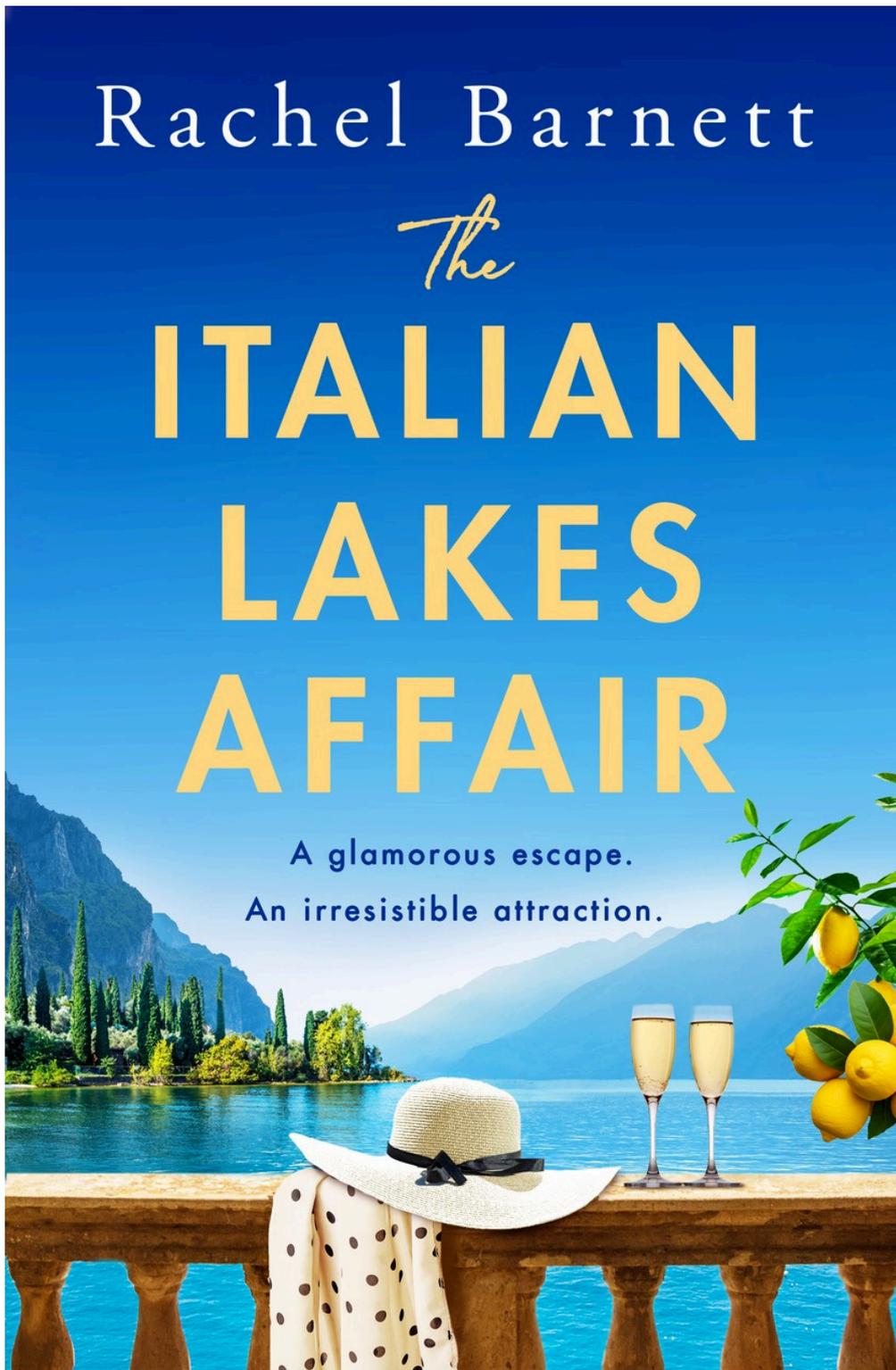
Rachel is a proud member of the Romantic Novelists' Association. Readers describe her novels as "cosy, compelling and unputdownable" - stories best enjoyed with a cup of coffee, a blanket, and the promise of escape.

## BOOKS AT A GLANCE

Latest

The Italian Lakes Affair

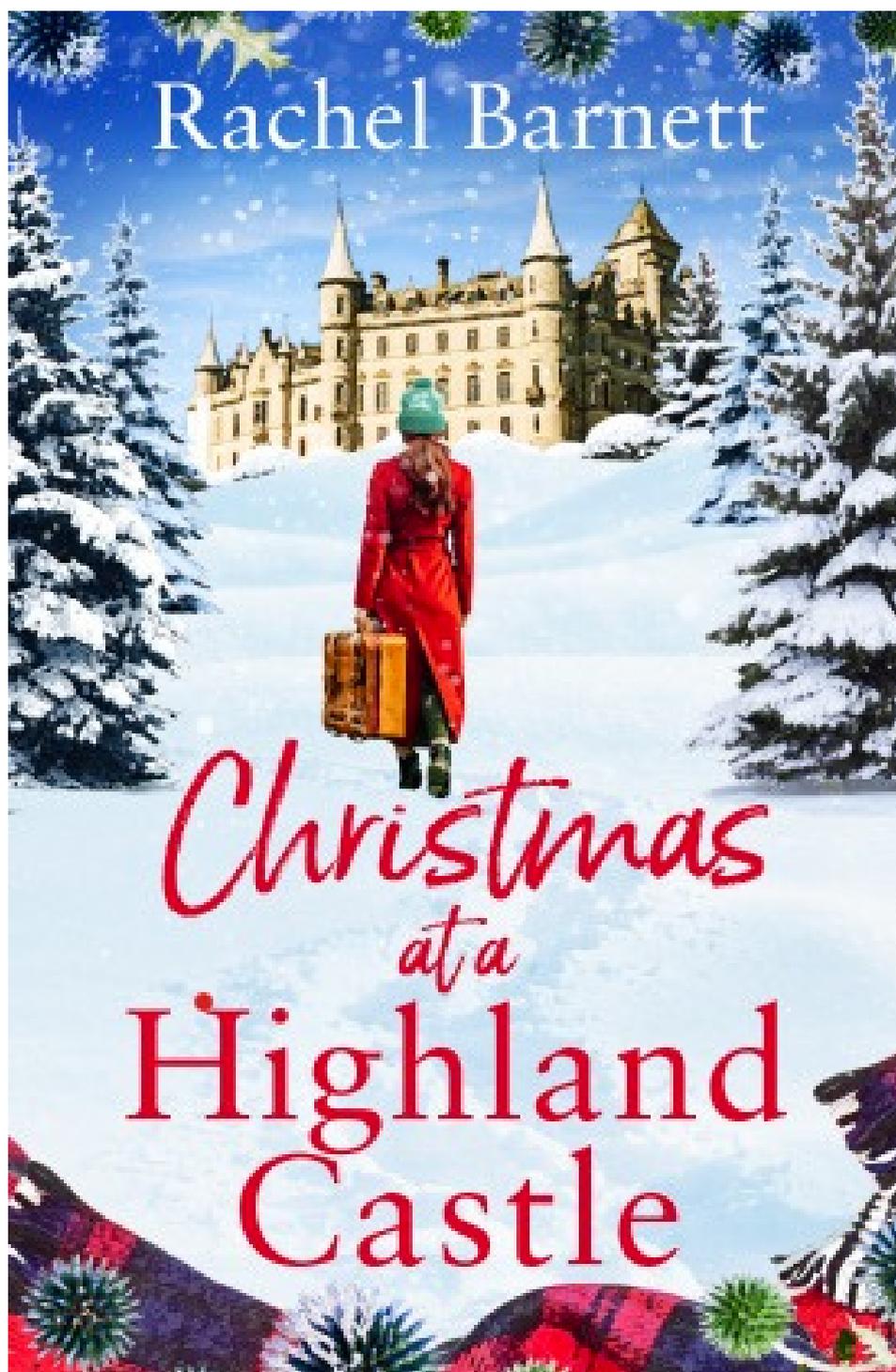
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## BOOKS AT A GLANCE

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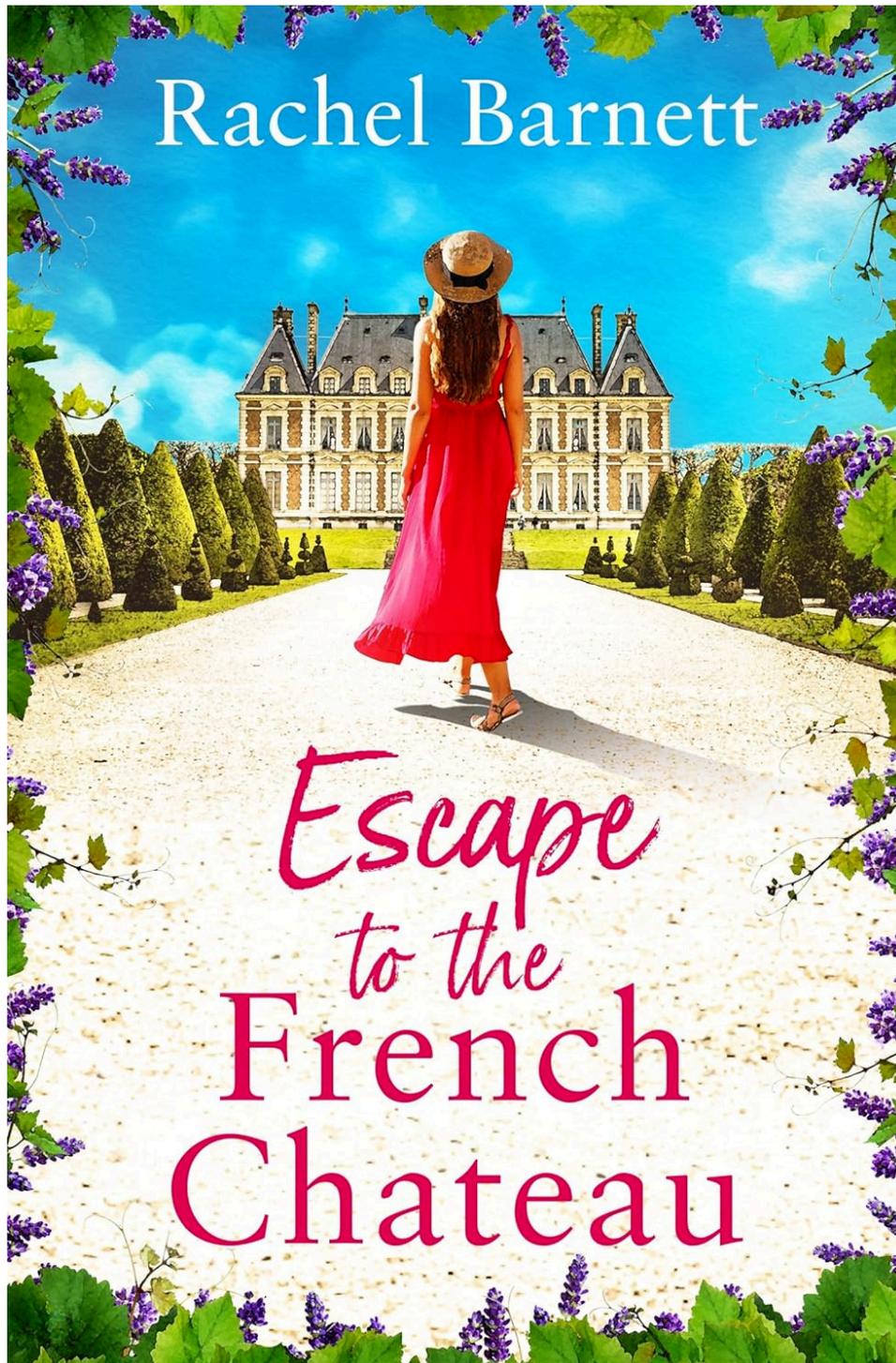
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Escape to the French Chateau (Embla Books)



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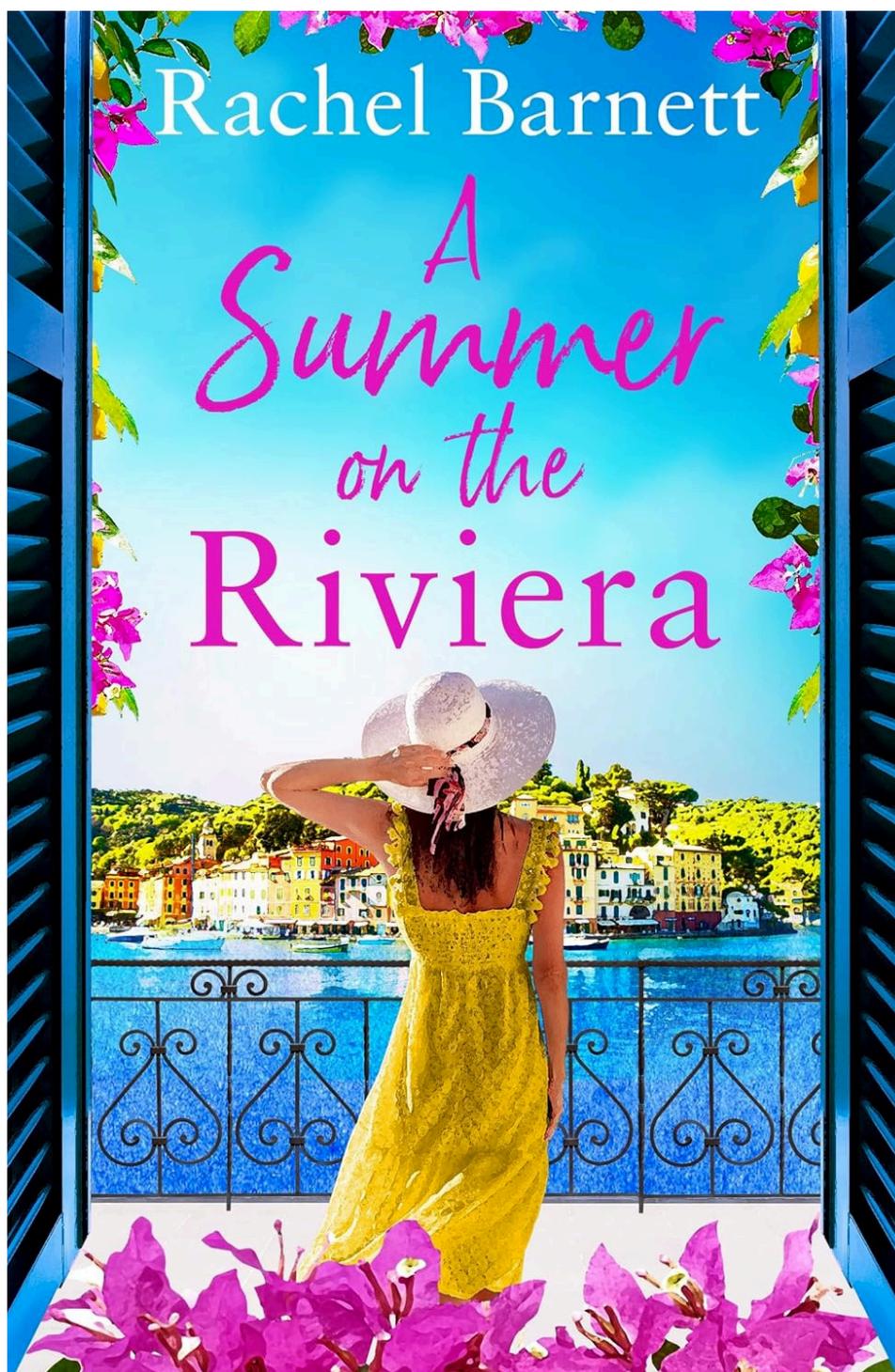
Starlight at Snow Pine Lodge - Kindle Top 50 Bestseller  
(Embla Books)



## BOOKS AT A GLANCE

Previously published

A Summer on the Riviera (Embla Books)



## QUICK FACTS

**Genre:** Escapist contemporary fiction

**Themes:** Romance, friendship, second chances, armchair travel

**Location:** Rural Wiltshire, England

**Publishers:** Boldwood Books, Embla Books (Bonnier Books UK)

**Achievements:** Kindle Top 50 Bestseller

**Membership:** Romantic Novelists' Association

## AVAILABLE FOR

- Interviews (virtual or in person)
- Podcast appearances
- Guest blog posts and author features
- Book club visits (virtual or in person, Wiltshire area)
- Media commentary on escapist fiction and “armchair travel” reads

## INTERVIEW ANGLES

- **From classroom to novelist:** transitioning from teaching to writing
- Writing escapist fiction from the English countryside
- Researching European settings for fiction
- Why readers are drawn to “armchair travel” novels
- Balancing writing life with running a livery stables
- Building a writing career with a traditional publisher

## SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What inspired you to move from teaching into writing fiction?
- How do you research the European locations in your books?
- What draws you to escapist storytelling?
- Can you describe your writing routine in rural Wiltshire?
- What makes your novels different from other contemporary women's fiction?
- What can readers expect next after *The Italian Lakes Affair*?

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