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Local Author teams up with local bookshops for Christmas release

Local Author announces book release and local bookshop events

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Carrie McGovern, a Sunderland romance writer has teamed up with local bookshops to promote her upcoming romance Christmas novella titled 'A Not So Silent Night'.

The book, which focuses on the aftermath of a Christmas party gone wrong and the connections built out of the aftermath, will be released on November 19th with celebration events in bookshops around the region.

The release kicks off with a sold out event, hosted by Chapter 13 bookshop in Sunderland on 20th November where readers can pick up signed copies in the Christmas themed night.

With the resurgence of reading for pleasure, and the opening of a number of independent book shops in the region, Carrie has forged relationships with a number of them and is delighted for her book launch to be in the city's newest addition.

> It's really important to support Indie bookshops throughout the region and I'm delighted to be hosting my launch events in them. The book community in the North-east is very special to me. My books and characters are predominantly set in region and my passion is for writing strong northern women.
>
> Carrie McGovern, Author

Chapter 13, the venue for the launch event, opened in July of this year in Frederick Street, Sunderland and has quickly become a favourite for the city's readers.

> As a local bookshop, we like to support local authors as much as we can. The book community is very supportive and we are looking forward to hosting more events in the future.
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> Hayley Beckinsale, Owner - Chapter 13 Independent Bookshop & Tearoom.

Carrie, who has already released 5 books set in the region or with strong northern female voices, will also be at Electric Beacon Books in South shields on November 21st and Bridge Street Books in Amble on 28th November.

A Not So Silent Night - Launch Event — 20 November 2026, Chapter 13, Sunderland

Meet the author of A Not So Silent Night — 21 November 2026, 2pm, Electric Beacon Books, South Shields

A Not So Silent Night - Amble Launch Event — 28 November 2026, 6pm, Bridge Street Books, Amble

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A Not So Silent Night — front cover (high resolution)

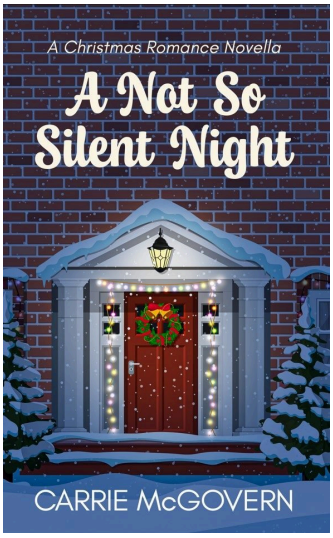
Carrie McGovern — author photograph (high resolution), credit Embrace Publishing

Hayley of Chapter 13 with Carrie McGovern Author (high resolution), credit Embrace Publishing

A Not So Silent Night - Christmas Novella by Carrie McGovern (high resolution), credit Embrace Publishing



Hayley of Chapter 13 with Carrie McGovern Author Credit: Embrace Publishing



A Not So Silent Night - Christmas Novella by Carrie McGovern Credit: Embrace Publishing

NOTES TO EDITORS

Title	A Not So Silent Night
Author	Carrie McGovern
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Publisher	Embrace Publishing

Books by Carrie McGovern are available from Back of Beyond Books (Sedgefield), Bridge Street Books (Amble), Chapter & Filter (Darlington), Chapter 13 (Sunderland), Electric Beacon Books (South Shields), Port Independent (Sunderland), The Sinful Spine (Newcastle upon Tyne), Wild Pages Bookshop (Hartlepool), HEA Romance Bookshop (Liverpool), Roaming Reads Bookshop (Kent).

About Embrace Publishing

Embrace Publishing is a publisher based in the North East of England. We publish contemporary romance by Carrie McGovern, with stock held in the UK.

About Carrie McGovern

Carrie McGovern is a contemporary romance author from the North East of England. She writes relatable love stories with strong female characters, with a strong emphasis on friendship.

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