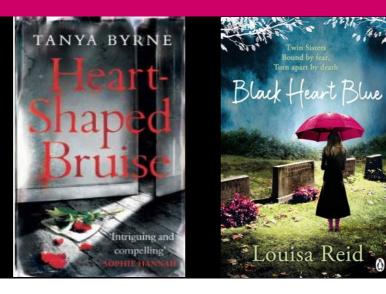
Meet debut authors TANYA BYRNE & LOUISA REID

for an evening of suspense and emotion



Tues 9th October 2012 5.30pm Lower Ground Floor, Central Library, Birmingham

(This is a free event)

Meet two debut writers whose books explore the dark side of human nature.

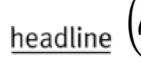
Tanya Byrne is the author of *Heart-Shaped Bruise* (Shortlisted for: John Creasey Dagger 2012), a compelling and heartbreaking story about identity and how far a person might go to seek revenge. Louisa Reid is the author of *Black Heart Blue*, a powerful novel about the domestic horrors that unfold in a small community.

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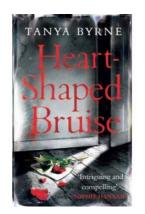
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Heart Shaped Bruise by Tanya Byrne Is a book that shows how one incident can affect two girls with similar upbringings very differently - one takes the right path, and the other the wrong path.

It is a thriller where the memory of the main character Emily cannot be relied on - she hides things from us, tells lies and has a very warped view of those around her and of herself. We know she has done something bad, but we are not sure what, and who to. And the worst thing is, you want her to get away with it.

Synopsis: "I think of all the things I could have been... a music student, in love, happy. But then Juliet stabbed my father and shattered everything I thought I knew about myself. She turned me into someone else, into this hard, angry, miserable girl who did

the most terrible things. Things that make people take a step back when I walk into a room. That's what hurts... that you all think you know who I am. But the one thing Google will never tell you is who I used to be... who I might have become. But I can tell you. So here we go - I'll be me and you be the stranger on the bus...."

Tanya Byrne was born in London and studied in Surrey, where she still lives with her cat who goes by several names, none of which he actually answers to. After eight years working for BBC Radio 1 and BBC Radio 4, she left to write her debut novel, Heart-Shaped Bruise. She started the novel at a Writer's Retreat in the South of France. She has a weakness for boys with guitars, drinks far too much tea and even though her mother tells her not to, she always talks to strangers. You can find out more about Tanya via http://tanyabyrne.tumblr.com or follow her on Twitter @tanyabyrne





Black Heart Blue by Louisa Reid is an absorbing, fast-paced story that will stay with you long after the last page, Louisa Reid gives voice to a pair of young twins struggling against the hold of their terrifying parents...

Synopsis: "They tried to make me go to my sister's funeral today. In the end I'd had to give in I'd been walking in her shadow for sixteen years and I liked its cool darkness. It was a good place to hide...."

How would you feel if your twin sister died suddenly? Particularly if she was the beautiful one and you were horribly disfigured. And how would it feel to be alone now if you and your sister were the only ones to know the truth about what takes place behind closed doors at home? And what would you do if it was your parents who

brought danger and terror into your life? Would you dare reveal how your sister died? And would you be brave enough to find an escape of your own?

Black Heart Blue is a powerful novel about the domestic horrors that can unfold within a small community - and one girl's quest to stand up for the truth. This is a book you will simply have to talk about and pass on to your friends...

Louisa Reid is 35 years old, married with two young daughters and currently teaches English in a girls' school in Cambridge. She is originally from Hale in Cheshire and studied English at Hertford College, Oxford and has lived in London and Zurich. Black Heart Blue is Louisa's debut novel. You can find out more about Louisa via her website: www.louisareid.com or follow her @louisareid



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