

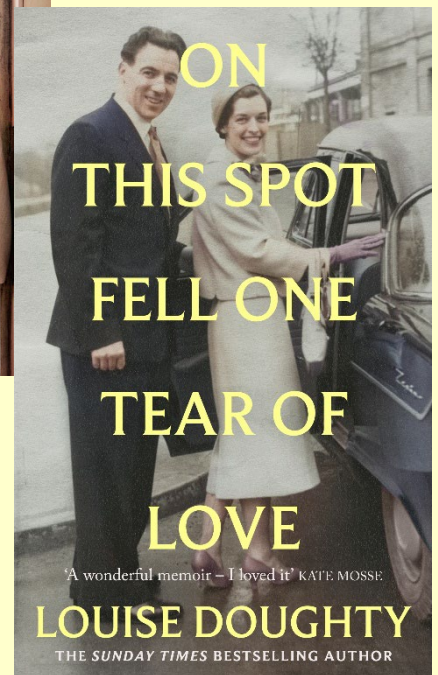
ON THIS SPOT FELL ONE TEAR OF LOVE

Louise Doughty

The *Sunday Times* Bestselling Author




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'Tender, thoughtful, beautifully written, this is a wonderful and gentle memoir about childhood and class, loss and memory - I loved it' - **Kate Mosse**

'Loving, generous and unflinching' - **Bernardine Evaristo**

'A wonderful book by a great writer' - **Kit de Waal**

In her first memoir, acclaimed novelist Louise Doughty tells the story of losing her parents and the unexpected discovery she made whilst clearing out the family home. Inside a black suitcase, the last item left in their bungalow before the sale of the house was completed, she stumbled upon a treasure trove of letters that revealed the origins of her parents' love affair. These letters offered a fascinating glimpse into the daily lives of working-class people in the 1950s and the tight social conventions that almost prevented her parents from staying together and building a life.

On This Spot Fell One Tear of Love is a portrait of grief and loss and family, but most of all, it's a love story. With peerless clarity, tenderness and wit, Louise Doughty introduces us to two ardent, eloquent, hopeful young people full of spirit and determination, and brings to light the hidden depths of the people she had simply known as mum and dad.

Louise Doughty's novels include *Platform Seven*, recently filmed for ITV; *Black Water*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year; the bestseller *Apple Tree Yard*, which was adapted for BBC One; and *Whatever You Love*, nominated for the Costa Novel Award and the Women's Prize for Fiction.

She has been nominated for many other prizes including the *Sunday Times* Short Story Prize and the CWA Silver Dagger, along with creating and writing the hit BBC drama *Crossfire*. Her work has been translated into thirty languages. She lives in London.

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