

## PRESS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### CONTACT:

Alison Mo  
GingerCat Books  
Tel/Fax: +44 (0)1252 850739  
[press@gingercatbooks.co.uk](mailto:press@gingercatbooks.co.uk)

### Local Author from Dippenhall- Val Harris Launches Second Novel- The Siren.



ISBN 978-0-9555997-2-9

A beautiful American girl, Diana di Marco, has made her home in Pietra, an enchanting resort in southern Italy. She forms a partnership with Antonio Capello, accompanying him on boat trips for visitors seeking the magic and romance of Italy and eventually they become lovers. Antonio longs for marriage but Diana seems incapable of making a commitment. Frustrated and confused by Diana's reluctance, Antonio cannot continue and he abruptly ends their relationship.

When Jo Sullivan arrives from England to work as a chef in a restaurant for the summer, she and Antonio develop a relationship. Diana finds herself gripped with jealousy to the point where she can no longer suppress her alter ego. With her troubled past creeping up on her, Diana sets out on a path of destruction and revenge.

Desperate to destroy all those who are loyal and care for her, she resurrects her real identity, Claudia Fisher, the one she had fought to bury and forget and proceeds to unleash her spiteful plan.

Set in the smouldering heat and beautiful backdrop of the Amalfi Coast, The Siren weaves the reader through the splintered, tortured world of Diana di Marco and the menacing events that unfold for Jo, Antonio, their friends and the people of Pietra.

-ENDS-

#### Editor's Notes

1. The book was launched at Peppone's Restaurant in Crondall on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The Italian themed event was well attended by members of the press, radio, book stores, local libraries, business representatives, as well as friends and family of the author.

Guests enjoyed canapés and wines typical of the Amalfi region and and listened to Val reading an excerpt from The Siren.

2. Jeremy Hunt- MP for South West Surrey and the Shadow Culture Secretary sent an email wishing Val every success for the launch of The Siren.
3. Val Harris published her first novel Whisky 'n Ginger in 2007.
4. The author's books are available to buy through all major book-sellers and online through her newly launched website [www.valharris.co.uk](http://www.valharris.co.uk).
5. Val Harris lives in Dippenhall near Farnham, Surrey. She has lived and worked in the area for many years, and is the local Stanza representative for the Poetry Society.