

# Turning The Tide

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A lovely example of contemporary women's fiction with some touching humour. This is Christine's debut novel.

Based in a sleepy seaside town on the east coast, *Turning The Tide* tells the story of one woman's desperate quest to keep her father's boat yard afloat and prevent her beloved town from being invaded by outsiders. A London property developer sees it as his next big venture for a swanky 'celeb' type restaurant and new upmarket housing. Colourful locals and a few twists make this novel a real heart warming read.

## All's fair in love and war? Depends on who's making the rules

**Harry Watling** has spent the past five years keeping her father's boat yard afloat, despite its dying clientele. Now all she wants to do is enjoy the peace and quiet of her sleepy backwater.

So when property developer **Matthew Corrigan** wants to turn the boat yard into an upmarket housing complex for his exotic new restaurant, it's like declaring war.

And the odds seem to be stacked in Matthew's favour. He's got the colourful locals on board, his hard-to-please girlfriend is warming to the idea and he has the means to force Harry's hand. Meanwhile, Harry has to fight not just his plans but also her feelings for the man himself.

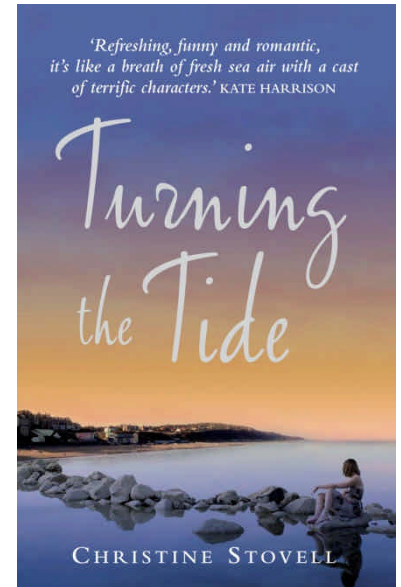
Then a family secret from the past creates heartbreak for Harry, and neither of them is prepared for what happens next ...

Winning a tin of chocolate in a national essay competition at primary school inspired **Christine Stovell** to become a writer! After graduating from UEA, she took various jobs in the public sector writing research papers and policy notes by day and filling up her spare drawers with embryonic novels by night. Losing her dad to cancer made her realise that if she was ever going to get a novel published she had to put her writing first.

Setting off, with her husband, from a sleepy seaside resort on the east coast in a vintage wooden boat to sail halfway round Britain provided the inspiration for her novel *Turning the Tide*.

Christine has also published numerous short stories and articles.

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