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| John Hunt Publishing - **Top Hat Books** - announces the new title | | |
| **Peacemaker, The**  Janet Dean Knight  As the war to end all wars is about to be followed by another, a young woman finds her life taking the same tragic course as her mother's. One night in the summer of 1938 Violet Lowther’s mother Peggy is dying, her father Ellis is drunk in the pub, and Violet’s life is being ruined behind a dance hall in Barnsfield by a young miner who doesn’t look like Clark Gable after all. By September, the British Prime Minister is flying to Munich to try to make peace with Hitler, and in the same week, Violet travels to the remote moorland of Thorndale to visit relatives, escaping her own war with her father. But when Violet learns the truth about Ellis’ love for Peggy, will she finally be able to make her peace with him? The Peacemaker is a story of buried family secrets and the search for understanding from one generation to the next, and between men and women. Set at a pivotal moment in history it exposes how, in hiding our darkest experiences, the same human tragedies occur over and over again.  **Author Bio** Janet Dean Knight earned her MA in Creative Writing in 2015. Her debut novel The Peacemaker, **longlisted in the 2017 Mslexia Novel Competition**, explores the parallel lives of a mother and daughter during the First and Second World Wars. Janet has had poems shortlisted for the Bridport Prize and commended in the Stanza Poetry Competition. Janet co-runs the Awakening the Writer Within Retreats in France and the UK. She lives in York, UK.  Online: [Facebook](http://facebook.com/janetdeanknight), [Author Website](http://jdeanknight.com), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/#!/@jdeanknight)  **Previous Titles** The Friargate Anthology (9781904446682), (co-editor), Quacks Books, 2016.  **Endorsements** *Janet Dean Knight writes with care and exquisite precision about the details of working-class lives. Her writing is full of the lyricism and beauty, as well as the deep griefs, of everyday life. The Peacemaker brings the past into new focus and makes the seemingly ordinary glitter in extraordinary ways.* ***Naomi Booth, author of Sealed: The Lost Art of Sinking***  **Promotional Plans** Social media marketing, author blog, and JHP Fiction blog. Blog tour for reviews and interviews with author. Author to hold a book launch and continue regular attendance and talks at literary fairs around the UK. Promotion via author's MA Creative Writing group. Promotion to attendees of author's writing retreats.  **USP** Family relationships are explored in tandem with the emergence of WWII, making this a gripping read for readers who enjoy historical fiction and complex female characters.  **Competing Books** The Lie 9780099559283, by Helen Dunmore Windmill Books, 2014  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC014000) -> Historical(FIC014000) FICTION (General)(FIC044000) -> Contemporary Women(FIC044000) FICTION (General)(FIC032000) -> War & Military(FIC032000) |  | **Publication Date** March 2019  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78904-071-5 $15.95  |  £10.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 232PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78904-072-2 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2018936098 |
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