

A Story Close to Home

My Contemporary Novel on Motherhood and Autism Arrives July 17th

You may recognise us from the area already, my daughter's trademark headphones often give us away. I'm Leanne, I've lived in Nansledan for nine years and I'm delighted to share some news: my contemporary fiction debut novel **'Overwhelming Love'**, following a mum raising her autistic daughter, will be available from **17th July**.

This novel has been years in the making. Mostly written in our local Nansledan coffee shops or at the nearby softplay. Although it's fiction, writing it has helped me reflect on my own experiences raising my daughter here in Cornwall. We've felt so much love and support, but I've also drawn on stories from the wider SEN parenting community who haven't been so lucky.



The book tells the story of Tizzy Reeves, a single mum raising her non-verbal autistic daughter, Lainey. Stuck in an inflexible job and still waiting for the village everyone talks about, Tizzy is burnt out and barely recognises herself. When funding to keep Lainey in mainstream school is rejected, Tizzy reaches breaking point. She's done staying quiet, done asking nicely, and done tolerating a world that refuses to understand her daughter. But what happens when she finally confronts a system so reluctant to change and will anyone even listen?

Sharing this with the world is scary. The story is witty, but it's also honest and heartfelt. If you love relatable books that make you laugh and cry and resilient women you can't help but root for, then I think you'll love this one.

Overwhelming Love By Leanne Thomas Available on Amazon July 17th.

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