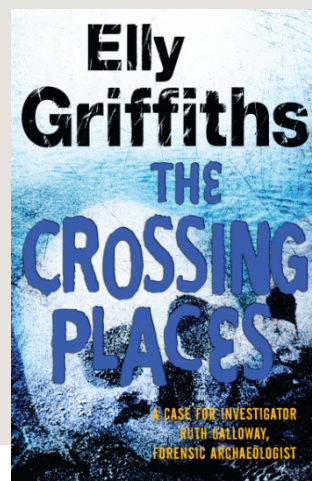


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Description

When she's not digging up bones or other ancient objects, Ruth Galloway lectures at the University of North Norfolk. She lives happily alone in a remote, wild place called Saltmarsh, overlooking the North Sea under Norfolk's vast skies. For company she has her cats Flint and Sparky, and Radio 4.

When a child's bones are found in the marshes near an ancient site that Ruth worked on ten years earlier, Ruth is asked to date them. The bones turn out to be two thousand years old, and DCI Harry Nelson, who called on Ruth for help, is disappointed. He'd hoped they would be the bones of a child called Lucy who's been missing for ten years. He's been getting letters about her ever since – bizarre notes with references to ritual and sacrifice and quoting the Bible and Shakespeare.

Then a second girl goes missing and Nelson receives another letter similar to the ones about Lucy. Soon it becomes clear that Ruth is in grave danger from a killer who knows that her expert knowledge is being used to help the police with their enquiries.

Sales Points

- This is the first book in a critically acclaimed new series featuring forensic archaeologist Dr Ruth Galloway – now in B format paperback
- 'Her lead character is engagingly awkward enough to be perversely appealing ... on this evidence Griffiths has wrought something of a miracle' – *The Times*
- 'Griffith's book has the hallmarks of true suspense ... I deliberately delayed reading the last pages of *The Crossing Places* because I didn't want it to end' – *Herald Sun*
- 'Ruth is an original character who thinks she knows herself, although she's in for a surprise or two on that score ... I just hope we meet her again. It was a blast' – *Sydney Morning Herald*
- Also available: *The Janus Stone* (ISBN 9781849162364, RRP \$32.95)

Author Profile

Elly Griffiths' Ruth Galloway novels take for their inspiration Elly's husband, who gave up a city job to train as an archaeologist, and her aunt who lives on the Norfolk coast and who filled her niece's head with the myths and legends of that area. Elly has two children and lives near Brighton. Though not her first novel, *The Crossing Places* is her first crime novel.