

## Nicholas Evans

### Writer - fiction

Nicholas Evans was born in 1950 in Worcestershire, was educated at Bromsgrove School, and then read Law at Oxford. During the 1970s he cut his teeth as a trainee journalist and then as a TV reporter, specializing in US politics and foreign affairs, most notably covering the war in Beirut. By the 1980s he was at London Weekend Television, producing award-winning films on Laurence Olivier, Francis Bacon and David Hockney for The South Bank Show. His next film on director David Lean proved a turning point.



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## Publications

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### Fiction

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Publication Details	Notes
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**THE BRAVE**

2010

UK: Little, Brown; US: Little, Brown; Catalan: Grup 62 ; Chinese (simplified): Hunan; Dutch: Boekerij; French: Albin Michel; Ger

1959: There's little love in eight-year-old Tom Bedford's life – and even less when he is sent away to a brutal English boarding school, bristling with bullies and sadistic staff. The only comfort he gets is from his fantasy world of Cowboys & Indians. When his sister Diane, a rising star of stage and screen, falls in love with one of his idols, the suave TV cowboy Ray Montane, Tom's life is transformed. They move to Hollywood and all his dreams seem to have come true. Soon, however, the sinister side of Tinseltown will cast its shadow and a shocking act of violence will change their lives forever.

2007: What happened all those years ago remains a secret that corrodes Tom's life and wrecks his marriage. Only when his estranged son is charged with murder do the events resurface, forcing him to confront his demons. As he struggles to save his son's life, he will learn the true meaning of bravery.

Powerfully written and intensely moving, THE BRAVE explores our quest for love and identity, the fallibility of heroes and of parents and the devastating effects of family secrets.

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**THE SMOKE JUMPER**

2006

UK: Transworld (hardback), Little, Brown (paperback); US: Penguin; Bulgarian: Hermes; Chinese (simplified): Bertelsmann Asia; Cz

Connor Ford and Ed Tully are best friends, but they couldn't be less alike: one the laconic son of a rancher, with a gift for taking stunning photographs, the other an extrovert musician. They do, however, share two passions. The first is for spending their summer vacations parachuting into the remote wilderness of America to fight forest fires. The second is for Ed's girlfriend, a beautiful teacher called Julia Bishop. The golden summer these three young people spend together is shattered by a single shaft of lightning and the ensuing inferno changes their lives forever. Set against the vast backdrop of the American West and the wilds of Africa, THE SMOKE JUMPER is an epic story of friendship, passion and honour that charts three people's quest for happiness and self discovery.

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**THE DIVIDE**

2005

UK: Transworld (hardback), Little, Brown (paperback); US: Penguin; Bulgarian: Hermes; Chinese (simplified): Bertelsmann Asia; Cz

On a crystalline morning at the cusp of spring, two backcountry skiers find the body of a young woman embedded in the ice of a remote mountain creek. All through the night police work with floodlights and chainsaws to prise her out. Identifying her takes no time at all. For Abbie Cooper is on law-enforcement computers all across America, wanted for murder and acts of eco-terrorism. But how did she die? And what was the trail of events that led this golden child of a loving family so tragically astray? Ten years after his phenomenal international bestseller THE HORSE WHISPERER, Nicholas Evans returns with his most moving and heart-rending novel to date, THE DIVIDE.

On a journey of discovery and redemption that leads from the streets of New York to the daunting grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, THE DIVIDE tells the story of a family fractured by betrayal and struggling in search of lost happiness. It examines the pain we inflict on those we love the most and explores the passions and needs, the dashed hopes and disillusionments that connect and divide all men and women.

From its electrifying start to its ultimate devastating revelation, THE DIVIDE is an extraordinary and masterful thriller of the human heart.

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**THE HORSE  
WHISPERER**

1995

UK: Little, Brown US:

Penguin Random House

When Grace Maclean and her beloved horse, Pilgrim, are hit by a truck one snow-covered morning, their destinies become inextricably bound to one another. Though both manage to survive the tragedy, the impact on their lives is devastating; both horse and girl are traumatised and profoundly changed. Beside herself with worry, Grace's mother, Annie Macean, hears about a man called Tom Brooker, a 'whisperer' said to possess the gift of healing troubled horses. He is her last hope and she decides to abandon her life in upstate New York, setting off across the continent with Grace and Pilgrim to find him. This journey, under the sweeping Montana sky, will change all their lives for ever.

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