



# *The Girl in the Photograph*

*By Kate Riordan*

*First published in 2015*

## **Genre and Subject**

*Historical fiction*

*Haunted Houses*

*Pregnancy*

## **Synopsis**

Summer, 1933. Alice Eveleigh has arrived at Fiercombe Manor in disgrace. Hiding her shame in the beautiful yet isolated house, in the care of housekeeper, Mrs Jelphs, Alice begins to sense that something isn't quite right. And that she is being watched. There are secrets at Fiercombe that those who remain there are determined to keep. Tragedy haunts the empty rooms and traces of the previous occupant, Elizabeth Stanton, are everywhere. And Alice discovers Elizabeth's life eerily mirrors the path she herself is on...The past is set to repeat its sorrows, with devastating consequences.

## **Author Biography**

Kate Riordan was born in 1973 and grew up in Gloucestershire, England. She studied English at the University of Exeter and later completed a postgraduate certificate in film and television at Central Saint Martins in London. Before becoming a full-time author, she worked as a producer for the BBC.

Riordan's writing often combines historical settings, secrets, and complex family dynamics. Some of her notable works include "The Girl in the Photograph" and "The Shadow Hour." Her books have been praised for their atmospheric storytelling and intricate plots.

## Discussion Starters

What books do you feel have been used for the inspiration of this novel?

How was Riordan able to evoke the atmosphere? How did it make you feel?

How did you find the turn of phrase and language in the book?

Did it feel like a first book?

Did you find it scary?

Did the book feel like an old book or was it modern in style?

Was the split dialogue effective? Was it needed?

Did you find the end too cosy?

Did the ghost story element feel appropriate?

Did it maintain its pace throughout the book?

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