



This is Philippa's first novel. She lives with her husband in Wivenhoe, Essex where the couple were GPs in partnership together for over twenty-seven years. They have two grown-up children. Philippa worked in Sri Lanka for three months in 1978, and it was her reaction to the Indian Ocean tsunami on Boxing Day in 2004 that triggered this book.

Kiri, a Sri Lankan nursing assistant, is brought to England by her new husband in 1979. Life for her in England is difficult, and she finds herself unwell and childless, in an abusive marriage. The tsunami in Sri Lanka is the stimulus Kiri needs to make a new life for herself. With the help and support of her few women friends Kiri plans to return home. She faces many obstacles along the way but eventually succeeds, only to find that life in her beautiful country is not as easy as she'd imagined.

From the lowest ebb, the tide will turn.



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