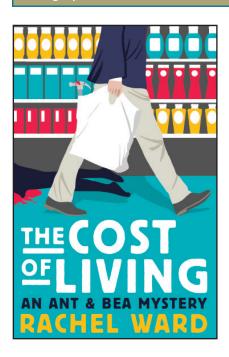


The Cost of Living

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'Unlikely friendships and quirky wit make this the most warm-hearted of crime debuts.'

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

When a young woman is attacked walking home from her local supermarket, Bea Jordan, a smart but unfulfilled checkout girl, is determined to investigate. Colleagues and customers become suspects, secrets are uncovered. While fear stalks the town, Bea finds an unlikely ally in Ant, the seemingly gormless new trainee, but risks losing the people she loves most as death comes close to home. The Cost of Living is a warm, contemporary story with likeable leads, an engaging cast of supporting characters and a dark thread running throughout.

SALES & MARKETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Rachel Ward has written four bestselling YA titles
- She has been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, longlisted for the Carnegie Medal and won regional prizes in the UK and Germany including the Angus Book Award, the Oxfordshire Book Award and the Salisbury Schools Book Award

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