

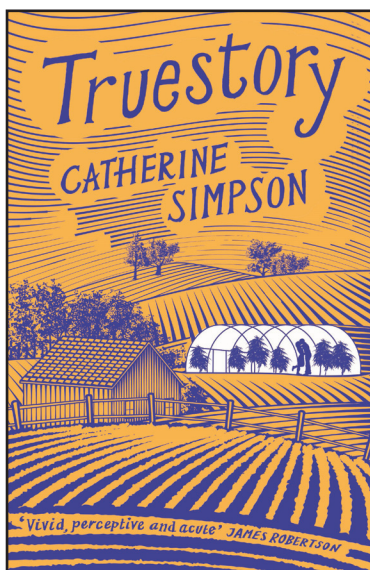
# Truestory

## Catherine Simpson

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'Vivid, perceptive and acute.'  
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A real page turner, the realism of the relationships in 'Truestory' will cause you to both laugh and gasp.

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### ABOUT THIS BOOK

Alice's life is dictated by her autistic son, Sam, who refuses to leave their remote Lancashire farm. Her only time 'off' is two hours in Lancaster on a Tuesday afternoon - and even that doesn't always pan out to be the break she needs. Husband Duncan brings Larry, a rootless wanderer, to the farm to embark on a money making scheme they've dreamed up. Alice is hostile but Larry beguiles Sam with tales of travel in the outside world and, soon, Alice begins to fall for him, too. By turns blackly comic, heart-breaking and heart-warming, Truestory looks at what happens when sacrifice slithers towards martyrdom. By turns happy and sad, ultimately it is a tale of hope.

### SALES & MARKETING HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2013, Catherine won a Creative Scotland New Writers Award for the opening chapters of Truestory
- She participated in the Edinburgh International Book Festival's 'Storyshop' in 2012 and 2013

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Catherine Simpson has been shortlisted in the Mslexia Novel Award, the Asham Award, Bristol Short Story Prize and Bath Short Story Award. Her work has featured in anthologies and she has performed it at various festivals and on BBC radio. She was named as one of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature's emerging writers in both 2012 and 2013. Her journalism has appeared in The Scotsman, The Herald, The Daily Mail, The Sun and magazines. She lives near Edinburgh with her husband and two teenage daughters.



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