

What We Did in the Dark

Ajay Close



ABOUT THIS BOOK

I made what may be called a rash and foolish marriage to a man I scarcely knew.

1904: Cathie longs for adventure. A whirlwind romance with soldier and artist Herbert Jackson offers this and more, but Herbert is violently jealous and she is soon fighting for her freedom – and her life. A fictionalised account of Catherine Carswell's first marriage, *What We Did in the Dark* is a compelling portrait of a trail-blazing writer.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in Sheffield, Ajay Close worked as a newspaper journalist, winning several awards, before becoming a full-time author and playwright. Her first novel, *Official and Doubtful*, was longlisted for the Orange Prize. Her fourth, *A Petrol Scented Spring*, was longlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction.

PRAISE FOR WHAT WE DID IN THE DARK

'Close displays real skill and insight.' Carol Birch

'Profound and moving... Beautifully told. I couldn't stop reading it.' James Robertson

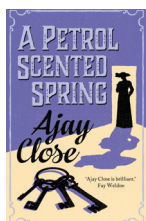
'A passionate, brutal tale – full of tender moments and barbaric acts.' Sue Peebles

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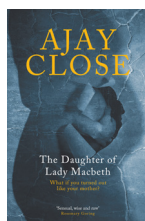
KEY SELLING POINTS

- A fictionalised telling of Catherine Carswell's turbulent first marriage to soldier Herbert Jackson, who suffered from paranoid delusions
- 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of Catherine Carswell's debut novel, *Open the Door*
- Great for book clubs and reading groups

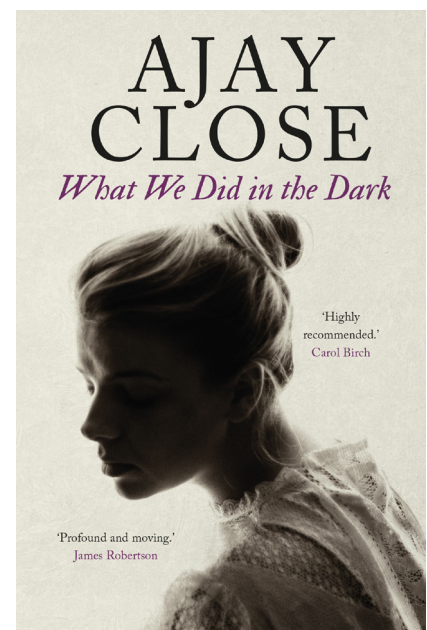
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