



**WRITER:** Kim Harford who is quiz master at The Roadhouse, Dinnington (Pic: Kerrie Beddows)

# Quizzical author asks 'who-DIDN'T-do-it'

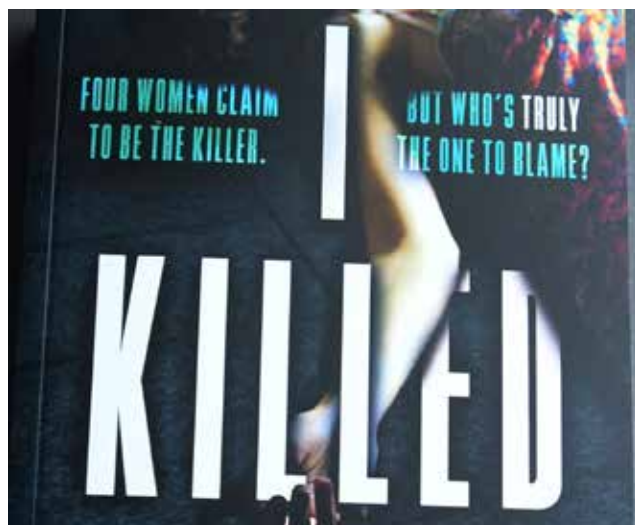
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A ROTHERHAM author who is also the quiz mistress at her local pub has set readers the ultimate question with her debut novel.

Rather than a 'whodunnit', Kim Harford, who hosts weekly themed music quizzes at The Roadhouse in Dinnington, has seen her crime thriller novel *I Killed Lucy* dubbed a 'who-didn't-dunnit' after she came up with an "intriguing concept" for the book's premise.

Kim (62), whose career has spanned research, teaching, and academia, said: "The idea for *I Killed Lucy* came about when I attended a crime writers' convention.

"Several ladies mentioned they will read half a book, flick to the end to see who the killer is and then continue reading, although they now know the identity of the killer. "I asked them what they



**QUESTIONS:** Part of the cover of *I Killed Lucy*.

would think if they knew the identity of the killer from page one because the killer admitted committing the crime, or if several people all claimed to be the killer and they had to determine who was innocent rather than who was guilty, and they said this was an intriguing concept they had not come across."

The psychological thriller details the impact the titular character has on those around her in her pursuit of happiness and self-fulfilment.

Lucy wreaks havoc in the lives of four women, and, after her death, the quartet – each with a motive and means for her murder – all claim re-

sponsibility.

Kim, who had a book launch and signing session at The Roadhouse, said: "I really wanted to explore interaction with women and how that interaction can produce a domino effect that, in this instance, can be extreme but always interesting.

"When I did my PhD in the mother/daughter relationship to education, it was fascinating to see the disparity between the generational lines of thinking and what they'd been taught versus what they learn through nurture.

"So it was intriguing to continue my exploration of this in a different format with the novel."

A spokesperson for publisher The Book Guild said: "Told from multiple perspectives, it's not your typical whodunnit – it's a gripping who-didn't-dunnit."

Kim's book costs £9.99. For information, visit [www.bookguild.co.uk/bookshop/crime-and-thrillers/i-killed-lucy](http://www.bookguild.co.uk/bookshop/crime-and-thrillers/i-killed-lucy).

## Manslaughter arrest after death at business

A MAN has died following an incident at industrial premises in Rotherham, with an other arrested as part of an investigation.

South Yorkshire Police were called to premises on Fullerton Road in Canklow at 5.20pm on April 7, in response to a reported industrial accident.

Officers attended, with other emergency services, and a 27-year-old man was found to have died at the scene.

It is understood the York-

shire Air Ambulance service was called to assist.

A spokesman for the South Yorkshire force said: "A 28-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of gross negligence manslaughter.

"He has been bailed pending further enquiries."

The case has also been referred to the Health and Safety Executive.

Fullerton Road is in an industrial area of Rotherham. It has not been revealed which company employed the dead man.

## Farm building plan

A MODERN, metal agricultural building on a Rotherham farm could be converted for accommodation.

Agricultural buildings can be converted for domestic accommodation under planning rules, and last year classifications were changed meaning any build-

ings present before July 2023 qualified for change of use, within size restrictions.

Documents submitted to planners say the proposed conversion, at Lido View, Bawtry Road, Bramley, fits that criteria.

The building is currently used for agricultural storage.

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