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Caroline's historical novels for young readers have sold over a million copies in the UK alone, and have been translated into fourteen languages. Her Roman Mysteries series (Orion) was televised by the BBC in 2007 and 2008, with ten half-hour episodes per season. Filmed in Tunisia, Bulgaria and Malta, and with Simon Callow playing Pliny, it was the biggest budget children's drama series ever produced for BBC TV.

In 2009, Caroline won the Classical Association Prize for 'a significant contribution to the public understanding of Classics', an honour shared by classicists such as Tom Holland and Mary Beard. The first in her acclaimed sequence of historical detective novels set in the American West (Orion / Putnam) was a Sunday New York Times Editors' Choice in February 2012, and its sequel was shortlisted for a prestigious Edgar Award in 2014.

In April 2019 the first in a new series, *The Time Travel Diaries* (Piccadilly Press) was The Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week.

Caroline lives by the river in London with her husband Richard. She is a sought-after speaker at schools and literary festivals, devoting two full months to events every year. She took part in the British Museum's Pompeii Live, giving talks that were streamed to schools all over the UK, and is currently an Archaeology Ambassador for the Museum of London.

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