



## CROSSING OVER

ANN MORGAN

- A captivating, moving tale by the internationally bestselling author of *Beside Myself* and *Reading the World*.
- Publication scheduled for April 2023, just six months after the new edition of *Reading the World* is released.
- An empathetic portrayal of illegal immigration across the Channel, an all too timely topic.
- Will be supported by an extensive series of events.

Edie finds the world around her increasingly difficult to comprehend. Words are no longer at her beck and call, old friends won't mind their own business and workmen have appeared in the neighbouring fields, preparing to obliterate the landscape she has known all her life. Rattling around in an old farmhouse on the cliffs, she's beginning to run out of excuses to stop do-gooders interfering when one day she finds an uninvited guest in the barn and is thrown back into the past.

Jonah has finally made it to England – where everything, he's been told, will be better. But the journey was fraught with danger, and many of his fellow travellers didn't make it. Sights firmly set on London, but unsure which way to turn, he is unprepared for what happens when he breaks into Edie's barn.

Haunted by the prospect of being locked away and unable to trust anyone else, the elderly woman stubbornly battling dementia and the traumatised illegal immigrant find solace in an unlikely companionship that helps them make sense of their worlds even as they struggle to understand each other. *Crossing Over* is a delicately spun tale that celebrates compassion and considers the transcendent language of humanity.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ann Morgan is an author, speaker and editor based in Folkestone. Ann's writing has been published widely, including in the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *Financial Times*, and by the BBC. In 2012, she set herself the challenge of reading a book from every country in a year – a project that led to a TED talk and to the non-fiction book *Reading the World: How I Read a Book from Every Country*. Her debut novel, *Beside Myself*, has been translated into eight languages. *Crossing Over*, her latest novel, draws on her experience living just a few minutes from where a number of the small boats crossing the Channel land. She is Literary Explorer in Residence of the Cheltenham Literature Festival for 2022 and 2023.

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*INDEPENDENT*

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