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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Elizabeth George** has written seventeen critically acclaimed mysteries, placing her on national and international bestseller lists for over two decades. Hailed as the “**master of the English mystery**,” (*The New York Times*) George paints highly-descriptive narratives and alluring settings from her home just outside of Seattle—though you would suspect she writes from a flat in London or a farmhouse in Devon.

When George joined the Dutton list in 2012 with *Believing the Lie*, she hit the *New York Times* bestseller list at the coveted #1 position for the first time. But even at the height of her prolific career, Elizabeth George is not finished with firsts.

Her new Lynley novel **JUST ONE EVIL ACT** (Dutton; October 15) follows Sergeant Barbara Havers and British Inspector Thomas Lynley as they travel outside of the U.K. for the first

time in eighteen novels to find a missing girl in Tuscany. Even more exciting for devoted readers, George brings Barbara, a fan favorite, to center stage in this new novel—something she hasn't done in sixteen years. Consistently praised for characters that are believable, tangible, and complex, fans will surely delight to see another side of Barbara as she plays foil to Lynley.

In **JUST ONE EVIL ACT**, Barbara Havers faces the challenge of her career: when the daughter of her friend Taymullah Azhar is taken by the girl's mother, Barbara is at a loss. She can't really help—Azhar never married Angelina, and his name isn't on their daughter's birth certificate, so he has no legal claim. As he begins to accept his soul-crushing loss, Angelina reappears with shocking news: their daughter Hadiyyah is missing, kidnapped from an Italian marketplace. In a desperate attempt to help her friend, Barbara risks her own career — and Lynley's — in more ways than one. The pair soon discovers that the case is far more complex than a typical kidnapping, revealing secrets that could have far-reaching effects outside of the investigation. With both her job and the life of a little girl on the line, Barbara must decide what matters most and how far she's willing to go to protect it.

Filled with psychological suspense, wry wit, and emotional nuance, George continues to impress with this absorbing page-turner and proves once again why she is truly one of the best.

About the Author:

ELIZABETH GEORGE is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seventeen suspense novels, one young adult novel, one book of nonfiction, and two short-story collections. She lives in Washington State.



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