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'Grabbed me by the throat in the same way that the podcast series "Serial" did. Ms. Garner brilliantly and compassionately recounts the harrowing, real-life trial of Robert Farquharson.'—Gillian Anderson, *Wall Street Journal*

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"Two books in one: an expertly reported, brilliantly written story and, woven into that, Garner's meditation on the meaning of that story."—*Head Butler*

"Helen Garner is an invaluable guide into harrowing territory and offers powerful and unforgettable insights. This House of Grief, in its restraint and control, bears comparison with In Cold Blood."—Kate Atkinson

This account of the competing narratives unfolding in the courtroom during a murder trial has attracted international acclaim. First published in April 2015 it is now released in a handsome B format edition.

Helen Garner is the author of numerous books of fiction and non-fiction. Her most recent novel *The Spare Room* was published to critical acclaim in 2010.

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