



Esther Freud was born in London in 1963, the daughter of the artist Lucian Freud. She trained as an actress at the Drama Centre and has appeared in, and written for, various productions for both stage and television. She is also co-founder, with fellow actress and novelist Kitty Aldridge, of the women's theatre company 'Norfolk Broads'. Esther Freud was named as one of the 20 'Best of Young British Novelists 2' by Granta magazine in 1993. Her debut novel, *Hideous Kinky* (1992), evokes the bohemian childhood of two young children accompanying their mother in her search for freedom and adventure in 1960s Morocco. The novel, which was shortlisted for the Mail on Sunday/John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, was made into a film starring Kate Winslet. Freud's second novel, *Peerless Flats* (1993), set in London in the 1970s, is centred around Lisa, a teenage drama student who lives in a block of flats with her mother and five-year-old brother. *Gaglow* (1997), which was shortlisted for the Jewish Quarterly Literary Prize for Fiction, is told by an out-of-work actress as she is painted by her artist father, and interwoven with the story of her German ancestors and their estate at Gaglow. Themes of family, step-family and childhood are again at the heart of *The Wild*, published in 2000. *The Sea House* (2003), is a love story set in a seaside village in Suffolk. Esther Freud lives in London and Southwold, Suffolk. Her most recent novel is *Love Falls* (2007).

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