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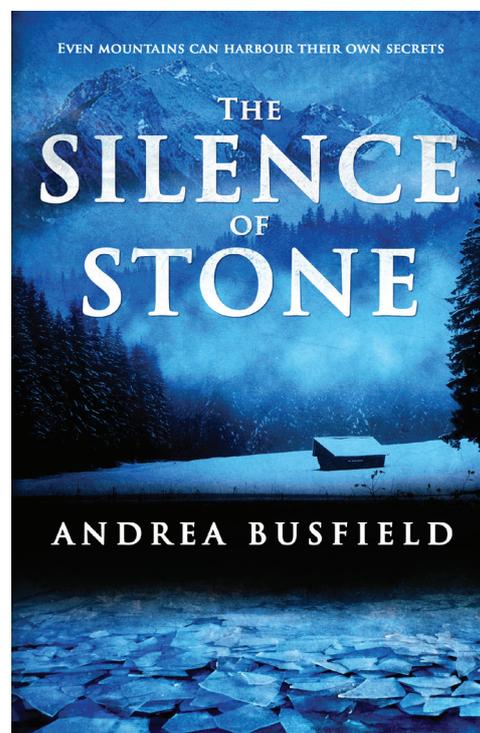
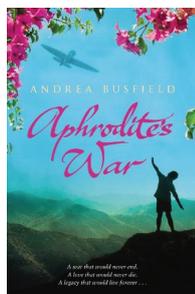
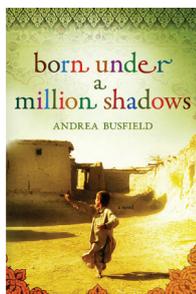
Fierce snowstorms have battered Upper Austria, paralysing the region in the grip of an early and unforgiving winter.

Nine year old Traudi wakes up to find herself alone in the house. Cut off from the nearby hamlet of Hallstatt by the winter snow, she senses something is wrong. But when daylight fades and she sees the blood stains on the snow she realises she may not be as alone as she had first thought.

As Traudi prays for her family's return, the local mountain rescue team receive an emergency call. Leo Hirsch, the group's leader, is battling a loss of his own and finds it a welcome distraction, little knowing that this rescue will turn out to be like nothing he has encountered before.

- A ghost story, a mystery, a thriller and a love story all combined with a great page turning story line.
- A chilling exploration of loss – of a romance, of a family member, of one's dreams or of a way of life.
- Set in Hallstatt, a small hamlet nestled at the foot of the Austrian Alps where the effects of climate change are causing major changes.
- Inspired by the dedication of the Hallstatt dog mountain rescue team.
- Shows how small towns are changing as the modern outside world starts to encroach and how even the most isolated places don't stand still.

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