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## Editorial Review

### Review

“A wry, semi-sweet tale.” (*Washington Post*)

“The period details evoking London during the Blitz are masterfully done.” (*Library Journal*)

‘A beautifully written, minutely observed and researched, evocative and very funny tale.’ (*Guardian*, London)

“This is a comic novel, but far warmer in tone and broader in scope than that label would suggest....Gloriously observed...Hilliard is a wonderful creation—and Evans’s recreated propaganda scripts are a total joy. Delicious.” (*Times* (London))

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“Glorious. I loved every line of this book.” (Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train*, on *Crooked Heart*)

“In ‘Crooked Heart,’ Lissa Evans’s absorbing and atmospheric comic novel, another quietly heroic orphan joins the canon....This is a wonderfully old-fashioned Dickensian novel, with satisfying plot twists....Both darkly funny and deeply touching....It’s a crooked journey, straight to the heart.” (*New York Times Book Review* on *Crooked Heart*)

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## About the Author

Lissa Evans, a former radio and television producer, is the author of three previous novels, including *Their Finest Hour and a Half*, which was longlisted for the Orange Prize. *Crooked Heart* was also longlisted for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction (formerly known as the Orange Prize); it is her first novel to be published in the US. Evans lives in London with her family.

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