Jacqueline Winspear is a mystery writer who has spent more than a decade writing her Maisie Dobbs novels, well-written mysteries set in 1930s London with an underlying theme of the horrors of World War I and the continuing ramifications for British society. She has won several mystery writing awards for this popular series.

Maisie Dobbs is a "psychologist and investigator" in post-World War I London. She is a private investigator who untangles painful and shameful secrets stemming from war experiences. A gifted working class girl, she received an unusual education thanks to the patronage of her employer, experienced detective Dr. Maurice Blanche. She interrupts her education to work as a nurse in the war, falls in love and suffers her own loss. After the war, again with help from her patron, she sets up as an investigator. When Dr. Blanche retires, Maisie opens her own detective agency.

Maisie Dobbs and other characters in the novels provide disturbing perspectives of the harsh war years and the sadness that followed. Her volumes graphically inform the reader about the ways in which the war re-wrote life for every segment of British society, from London to small towns and farms, from the working class to owners of estates.

In addition, with subtlety and sympathy, the novel relives the heroic struggles and devastating losses of those who suffered in the so-called War to End All Wars. The horrific violence of the First World War is largely left to our imaginations. And the images are even more powerful as a result.

The Maisie Dobbs series books are shelved under the author's last name in the Fiction Section on the second floor.

The complete Maisie Dobbs series includes:

**Maisie Dobbs** (2003)
**Birds of a Feather** (2004)
**Pardonable Lies** (2005)
**Messenger of Truth** (2006)
**An Incomplete Revenge** (2008)
**Among the Mad** (2009)
**The Mapping of Love and Death** (2010)
**A Lesson in Secrets** (2011)
**Elegy for Eddie** (2012)
**Leaving Everything Most Loved** (2013)
**A Dangerous Place** (2015)
**Journey to Munich** (March 29, 2016)