

APPENDIX I

Synopsis of *The Trader of Saigon*

The Trader Of Saigon by Lucy Cruickshanks is a marvelously crafted fiction story that is not far from the reality of the world. Alexander is a trader - flesh trader - human flesh trader - live human flesh. His trades women and girls, rather girls, amateur, teenagers, economically poor girls living in insecurity but starving for support, faith and trust as most of the time it is harassment that they have to face. Alexander used to ditch such kind of targets, softly starting by grabbing their attention, stealing their trust and then selling them off in the market at lucrative prices.

The Trader Of Saigon by Lucy Cruickshanks is written in the background of Saigon town of Vietnam, the most happening place of the country. Alexander bunks from his army life and got hooked to young girls trafficking as a part of trading chain of Herder. Cheung Hu is the most powerful Chinese living in Saigon and running his own mafia in many of the illegal and illicit trades. He has many inside powerful political connections.

Hanh is an innocent girl living with her widowed severely ill mother. She is a small time worker to earn ration for the two. The story is about the journey of Hanh's getting targeted by Alexander for trafficking.

Phuc is another time struck character who was a rich businessman but has been zeroed down to poverty due to all his money and property grabbed by the government.

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Biography of Lucy Cruickshanks

Lucy Cruickshanks was born in 1984 and raised in Cornwall, UK. She holds a BA in Politics and Philosophy from the University of Warwick and an MA in Creative Writing from Bath Spa University. She lives on the south coast of England and cares for her two young sons.

Lucy Cruickshanks loves travel that inspires her for writing. She is interested in countries with troubled recent histories, writing about periods of time when societies are at their most precarious and fraught with risk.

The Trader of Saigon (2013) is her debut novel. She begins her life after she sits beside a man on a flight who made his fortune selling women. It is shortlisted for the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award and the *Guardian* Not The Booker Prize, longlisted for the Waverton Goodread Award and named a Top Ten Book of 2013 by *The Bookbag*. *The Road to Rangoon* (2015) is described as a 'gutsy atmospheric thriller' by *Women and Home* magazine, 'enjoyable and well-written' by the *South China Morning Post* and 'haunting and heart-wrenching' by *Novelicious*. It is chosen as Book of the Month by *Candis*.