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Horror redefined by dark fiction's chilling new mistress

A chilling tale for hot summer days... but don't read it at night.

Alison Buck redefines the nature of the horror genre in **Abiding Evil**, the latest title from the most exciting discovery of 2006. Appealing to lovers of traditional supernatural tales as much as to fans of contemporary psychological drama, this insightful tale will set spines tingling this summer. **Abiding Evil** is published in the UK by **Alnpete Press**.

Alnpete Press is proud to publish the second novel by this exciting new author. This subtle chiller is no gore-fest, but a deep and incisive look at the way apparently normal people cope in a situation where they, or their loved ones, are threatened by a force beyond their understanding. A group of people who have been friends for years discover the truth about themselves and each other during three days at a snow-bound hotel in a beautiful and deceptively idyllic forest. **Abiding Evil** addresses the strengths and weaknesses of self-imposed social exclusion, whether caused by disfigurement, teenage angst or grieving despair; of self-importance resulting from hard-earned success or undeserved failure; of self-loathing from a realisation of mediocrity; of self-respect and the quiet determination born out of a profound love and concern for others.

Abiding Evil is the second title from **Alison Buck**, following the success of her first novel **Devoted Sisters** published by **Alnpete Press** in 2006. An apparently genteel psychological drama, **Devoted Sisters** surprised readers with a dark twist in the tale. **Abiding Evil** too has a twist in the tale. This characteristic of Alison's stories keeps you struggling to resist the urge to flick to the last page – but when you do get there, the involuntary sharp intake of breath makes the wait well worth-while.

Alison Buck is a quiet, shy, mother of two who lives in a modest house in an unprepossessing village in Kent. But her dark chilling tales are anything but commonplace.

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Notes for Editors

About the book: **Abiding Evil by Alison Buck**

A sleeping menace is roused deep in the darkness of the forest. For decades it grows, biding its time, reaching out to tug at the ordinary lives of those living beyond the shadow of the trees.

Their children begin to disappear.

Unaware and unsuspecting of the danger, a group of families, friends for many years, journey to a newly opened hotel. It stands alone in a clearing a mile or more within the forest boundary.

For some this will be their last reunion.

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A media campaign targeting horror fans is accompanying the launch, in selected publications and online.

About the author: **Alison Buck**

Throughout a science-biased education and subsequent years employed in graphic design and web site development, Alison Buck has all the while been scribbling away, committing her stories to disc. Although, as a rule, she concerns herself with apparently quite normal, everyday characters, populating what appear to be quite normal and everyday surroundings, the events and dangers they encounter are rarely commonplace; Alison's can be very dark, unsettling tales.

However, while the origin of these often menacing undercurrents in her stories is unclear, Alison assures us that it is completely at odds with the happy and relatively menace-free family life she enjoys with her husband, son and daughter in Kent.

About the publisher: **Alnpete Press**

Alnpete Press is an independent publisher. Established towards the end of 2005 with the express purpose of providing a channel for independent voices and an opportunity for independent thinkers to have access to those new voices. Alnpete Press have published two new authors including Alison Buck. *Abiding Evil* is their latest title.

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