



About Harriet Truscott

Harriet Truscott was brought up in Manchester, where her nose was always in a book, and studied English and Russian literature at Cambridge. Studying Russian at University meant near-compulsory trips to the former Soviet Union, including time spent in Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia itself.

Despite hating school biology lessons with a passion, Harriet became a science communicator, helping scientists share their work with the public.

Harriet now works at the Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge, one of the UK's leading genetics research labs. A day's work could include anything from planning a project to send lettuce seeds into space, to 'science busking' in the streets.

Harriet wrote the opening chapters of *Changed Souls* while on a writing retreat in Chicago, a city she loves. As a result, the city of the novel is based very much on both Chicago and her home-town of Manchester. The novel was a great excuse for Harriet to poke her nose around the different areas and alleyways of downtown Chicago.

Changed Souls is her first novel, and was inspired by the intriguing science she hears about on a daily basis in the Labs and nearby Botanic Garden. Harriet has woven the science together with her love of history to create a dystopian world in which her mystery unfolds.