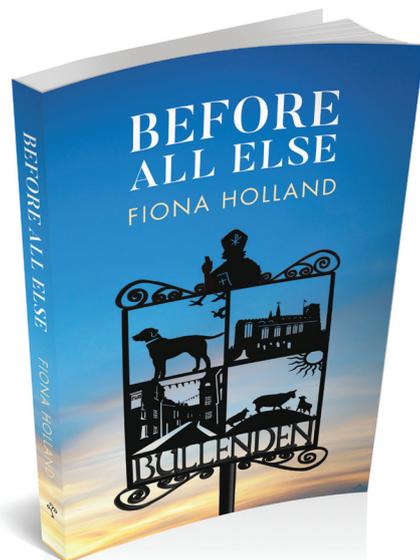


# BEFORE ALL ELSE

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How deep do we bury our secrets?

The Suffolk village of Bullenden is the setting for this comic and bitter-sweet tale of peccadilloes, consequences and lemon drizzle cake. In this highly characterful village, we meet, amongst many others, Madge the irrepressible Post Mistress, Gwyddno the reluctant Pagan traveller and Major Welding, anxious to reinvent himself following a rather close shave with the authorities.

During preparations for the annual summer fair, the village reveals its own hidden treasure – an ancient and holy space is unearthed. Marcus, amateur history sleuth, is given a chance to rebuild his tattered life as he investigates the magic, mystery and purpose of this rediscovered place.

Sometimes the silent voices of our past sing our way to a brighter future.

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