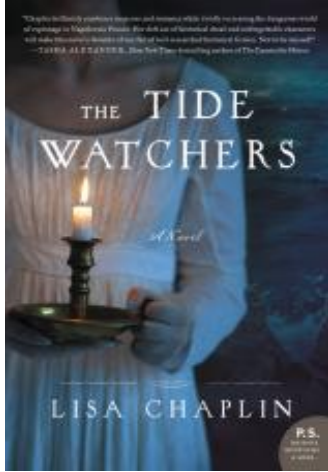


# The Tide Watchers

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## About the Book

Though the daughter of an English baronet, Lisbeth has defied convention by eloping to France with her new husband. But when he breaks her heart by abandoning her, she has nowhere to turn and must work in a local tavern. Her only hope for the future is to be reunited with her young son who is being raised by her mother-in-law.

A seasoned spy known by his operatives as Tidewatcher, Duncan apprenticed under Lisbeth's father and pledged to watch over his mentor's only daughter while he searches the Channel region for evidence that Bonaparte has built a fleet to invade Britain. But unpredictable Lisbeth challenges his lifelong habit of distance.

Eccentric, brilliant American inventor Robert Fulton is working on David Bushnell's "turtle" --- the first fully submersible ship --- when he creates brand-new torpedo technology, which he plans to sell to the French Navy. But when his relationship with Bonaparte sours, he accepts Tidewatcher's help to relocate to the French side of the Channel, but he refuses to share his invention. With an entire army encamped in the region, blocking off all access, Tidewatcher must get that submersible, along with someone who knows how to use it, to uncover Bonaparte's great secret.

When Lisbeth is asked to pose as a housekeeper and charm Fulton so she can learn to use the submersible before the invasion fleet sails, she will be forced to sacrifice herself for her country --- but is she willing to sacrifice her heart when she's already lost it to another??

A fast-paced, deeply-researched and richly imagined novel, *THE TIDE WATCHERS* explores a long-hidden chapter of Bonaparte's history.

## Discussion Guide

1. Lisbeth finds herself in an impossible situation. Having disobeyed her father she cannot ask him for help and has no

one to turn to when her husband, Alain, kicks her out and takes their son. If you were in a similar situation, what would you do?

2. Life was very brutal and violent in France in 1803. Prior to reading *THE TIDE WATCHERS*, what came to mind someone mentioned Napoleonic France?

3. Both Fulton and Duncan fall in love with Lisbeth. Do you think that their feelings are true or are they clouded by the situation and each man's personal motivations? Is either man capable of fully loving another person? What do you think is holding them back?

4. Lisbeth grew and changed in many ways over the course of the book. What do you think the most significant change for her was? Why?

5. Why do you think some stories make it into the history books while others do not?

## Author Bio

Lisa Chaplin has published 20 contemporary romances under a pseudonym, but the publication of *THE TIDE WATCHERS* marks her mainstream debut. Lisa, her husband, and their three children currently reside in her home country of Australia.

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