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Elizabeth Laird's books have been translated into 15 languages. Her most recent works are *Oranges in No Man's Land* (2006), and *Crusade* (2007).

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