

**THE MESSENGER**

a novel by

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Living alone in an isolated part of the English countryside, George returns from a shopping trip to find that her house has been taken over by strangers who are engaged in a violent feud. Meanwhile, on a remote island in the Atlantic, scientists are using a biocomputer to simulate the brain of Karl Marx. But why have they turned up at George's cottage, fighting over a pigeon? The mystery is unravelled via a battle of wits and a rapprochement in a tale that includes countrified eccentrics, scientists with obsessions, street protesters, Goths, pigeon fanciers, a naked rambler and a VIP (Very Important Pigeon).

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