

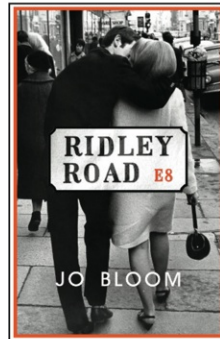
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Ridley Road

Discover a forgotten chapter in London's history in this love story set against the anti-fascist unrest in 1960s Soho and Hackney.

When her father dies, Vivien Epstein, a 22-year-old hairdresser from Manchester, leaves for London in the hope of finding Jack Fox, a man she once had a brief intense love affair with.

All Vivien has to go on is one letter Jack sent to her father, the address of a boarding house scribbled hastily on the back. Very soon her hopes of finding him are dashed. Resigned, she settles into London life, working in Oscar's – a salon in Soho – and spending her nights at home with her motherly landlady.

When Vivien becomes involved in the resurgence of anti-fascism, she finds herself at a rally in Trafalgar Square. There, she spots Jack amidst the crowds. At long last they lock eyes. And here their story begins again.

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