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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of May 2016:** We've been wondering lately: What is the secret sauce that makes novels like Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See* and Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* so popular, stories set against the backdrop of WWII? Whatever it is, it made me approach Chris Cleave's *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* with a particularly wary eye. Sure, it's got all of the ingredients—heroes and heroines who are flawed yet admirable. Check! A love story that manages to be poignant without being precious. Check! It even has cover art that is, as an astute colleague put it, a little cartoonish but appealingly "Disney-London." If you're a terrible cook like me, however, you know that you can have all of the right ingredients and still concoct something utterly inedible. But this couldn't be farther from the case with 'Brave,' which was inspired by love letters that Cleave unearthed from his grandparents. The non-love story aspects of this novel are just as compelling, and add a layer of gravitas to a story that could easily slip into "suds" territory. These parts provide a chilling reminder that it wasn't just the Jews who were marginalized and punished during WWII, but black children, poor children, and the otherwise "different" or disenfranchised. Moreover, through the character of Mary North, 'Brave' emphasizes the importance of challenging injustices. This timeless message is another key ingredient in what is sure to be another beloved (WWII) novel. --*Erin Kodicek*

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"[An] intimate war epic...Cleave unflinchingly exposes the personal hang-ups of his characters as they grapple with hard life choices. He harnesses his immense talent for crafting gorgeously insightful turns of phrase to show us how courage and cowardice sometimes exist side-by-side in the same person — even in the same decision...both searing and timeless."

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“Wonderful...*Everyone Brave is Forgiven* asks hard questions with no easy answers, reminding us of the price we pay every day just for being human.”

—***Miami Herald***

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### Praise for *Gold*

“Cleave has the extremely rare power of making you smile with lively language and clever observations while he is thoroughly, irreparably breaking your heart.”

—***New York Newsday***

“Cleave is an acutely intelligent wordsmith. Some of the sentences cut so deep you want to scream out in pain and recognition...This is an inspirational and moving novel in so many ways, and everyone should read it.”

—***The Times (UK)***

### Praise for *Little Bee*

“*Little Bee* will blow you away....In restrained, diamond-hard prose, Cleave alternates between these two characters' points of view as he pulls the threads of their dark -- but often funny -- story tight. What unfolds between them...is both surprising and inevitable, thoroughly satisfying if also heart-rending.”

—***Washington Post***

“Immensely readable and moving...an affecting story of human triumph.”

—***The New York Times Book Review***

### Praise for *Incendiary*

“A mesmerizing tour de force: ragged, breathless, full of raw emotion, the blackest of humor and relentless action.”

—***The Washington Post Book World***

“Brilliant...This is a haunting work of art.”

—***Newsweek***

## About the Author

Chris Cleave is the author of *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*, *Gold*, *Incendiary*, and the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Little Bee*. He lives with his wife and three children in London, England. Visit him at [ChrisCleave.com](http://ChrisCleave.com) or on Twitter @ChrisCleave.

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