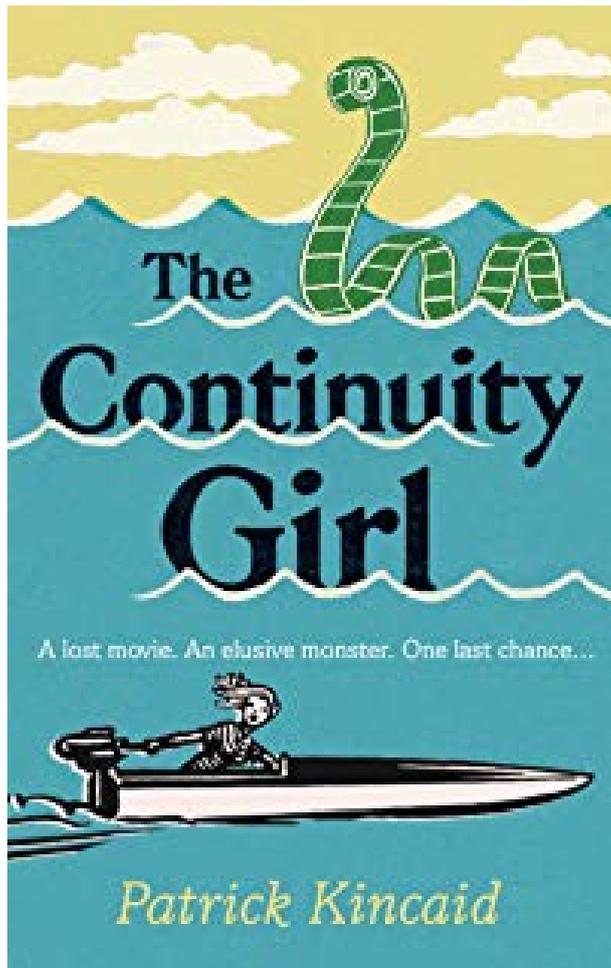


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‘A wistfully entertaining romantic comedy spanning forty years of social and cinematic history, which offers a homage to one of Billy Wilder’s greatest films and does it proud.’ Jonathan Coe 1969. Hollywood descends on a tiny Scottish village for the making of Billy Wilder’s most ambitious picture yet: a sprawling epic detailing *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes*. But the formidable director and his crew soon come into conflict with Jim Outhwaite, a young scientist seeking evidence for monsters... 2014. Stuck just a short walk from the East London street where she grew up, ambitious Film Studies lecturer Gemma MacDonald is rest and hungry for change.

A job offer in the Highlands seems to offer escape – but only at a cost to her relationships with family and an equally ambitious American boyfriend. Then a lost print of Gemma’s favourite film turns up, and with it, an idea... Two stories, separated by 45 years, are set on collision course – on the surface of Loch Ness, under the shadow of a castle – by the reappearance of the continuity girl herself: *April Bloom*.

‘Mr. Kincaid has given us a remarkable, sweet and romantic first novel, his feet planted firmly on both sides of the Atlantic.

(Don't attempt this without stretching for several minutes.) He's recreated, almost without flaw, the milieu of the pre-Brexit UK and late Sixties Scotland, specifically the Loch Ness set of Billy Wilder's lost classic *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes*. I can vouch for this accuracy – I was there behind the scenes of that picture. Well behind the scenes. With orders not to touch the scenes. Where was I? Right.

A nuanced story of four people from seemingly-similar but heartbreakingly different worlds reaching out to each other across the years. Also it's funny as hell.' Paul Diamond