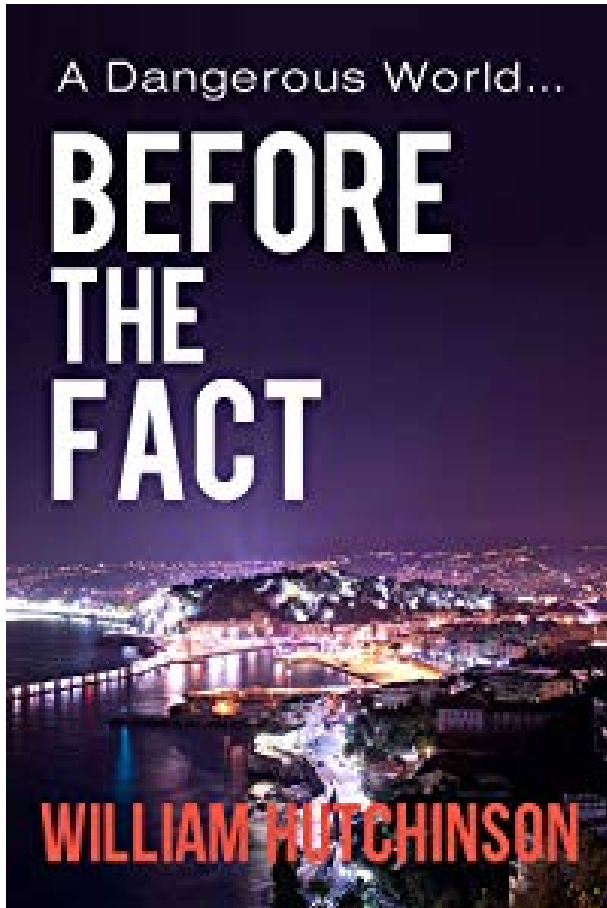


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Johnny Denner stands on trial in a French court accused of murder. A few months earlier, Johnny came to the Cote d'Azur to start a new life. A former English army officer and public school-boy, he spent two years in prison for possession of cannabis after being framed by his one-time aristocratic lover. Released from prison with a cynical disposition towards the upper classes, Johnny finds work as a barman and attendant for the businessman Horst Stacker's yacht. Stacker sets Johnny up for a job as butler to his associate John Marenkian, an American lawyer who specialises in helping people evade tax. As Johnny settles in to life in the Marenkian household, it quickly becomes clear he is in dangerous company. Marenkian's daughter Natalie is beautiful and exotic, and is desired by every man in the Cote d'Azur – not least Johnny. But her brother Bruno is prone to violent mood swings – and when Marenkian asks Johnny to spy on Bruno he starts to delve deeper into the family history.

Johnny believes that Bruno's mental health may be getting worse from his trips to the psychiatrist Max Schenck – who isn't trusted by Marenkian inside the house. And when Horst offers Johnny an astronomical fee to discover the whereabouts of Marenkian's millions, he finds himself unable to escape the world of sex, drugs and high-end crime.

'Before the Fact' is a gripping contemporary crime thriller certain to keep you turning page after page. William Hutchinson was born in Liverpool and educated in the north of England and London. After an eventful stint theatre directing and a successful career in advertising he quit to concentrate further on writing. He and his wife live in Bath. Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>.

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