Combative and stubborn, Audrey Kendricks is dying of cancer. Her son, Nico, must engineer a final reconciliation between his mother and her estranged daughter Maddie, who left home abruptly twenty years earlier after their father’s sudden death. To complicate matters, local detective Jimmy Fitz re-enters the family’s lives as he investigates a new case, forcing everyone to face up to both the present and the past.

**ITHAKA** is an 80,000 word mystery novel set in a gritty Pennsylvania town, told from the perspective of a brother and a sister across two decades, it asks the question: “How far would you be prepared to go to protect the ones you love?”

The novel will appeal to readers who enjoyed *The Dry* by Jane Harper or *A Simple Plan* by Scott Smith: dark stories about complex relationships, involving strong but flawed characters.