

# THE CRIMINAL WORLD OF EAST LONDON IN THE NOVEL BY MARTINA COLE “FACES”

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She was born in Essex in 1959 to Irish Catholic parents. Her mother was a psychiatric nurse and her father was a merchant seaman from Cork City. Most of her novels take place within the Irish community in and around London.



Martina Cole, a British Crime writer



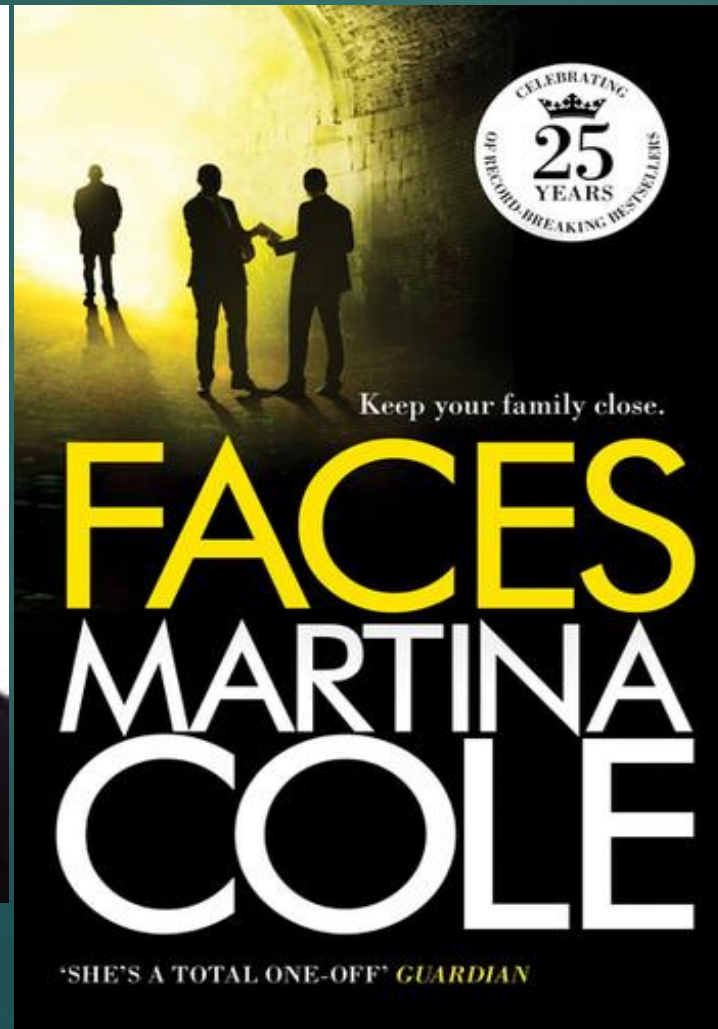
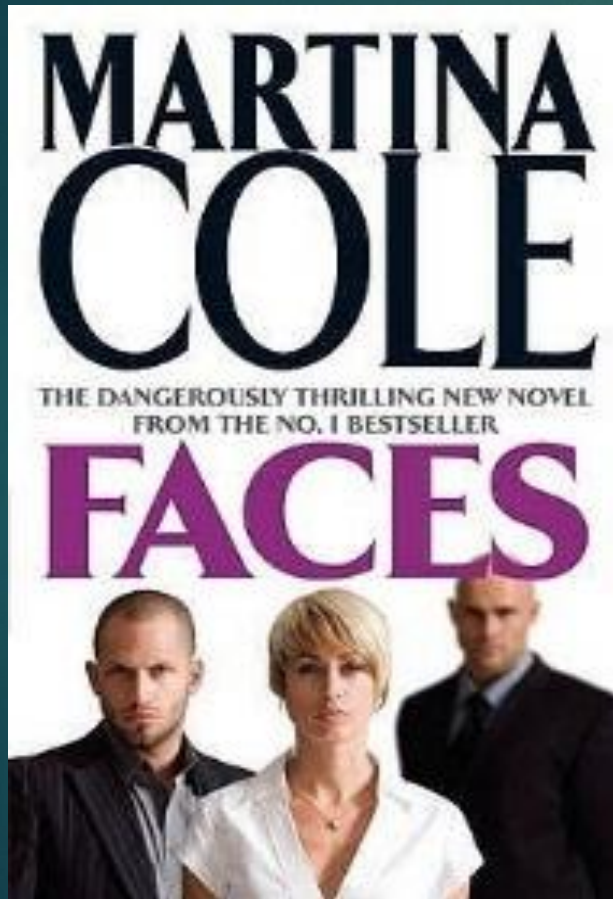
Cole's breakthrough into literature came in 1991 with "Dangerous Lady".

Her author's list includes about 30 novels. They are *Dangerous Lady* (1992), *The Ladykiller* (1993), *Good night Lady* (1994), *The Jump* (1995), *The Runaway* (1997).... The last novel "Damaged" was published in 2017.



A queen of crime

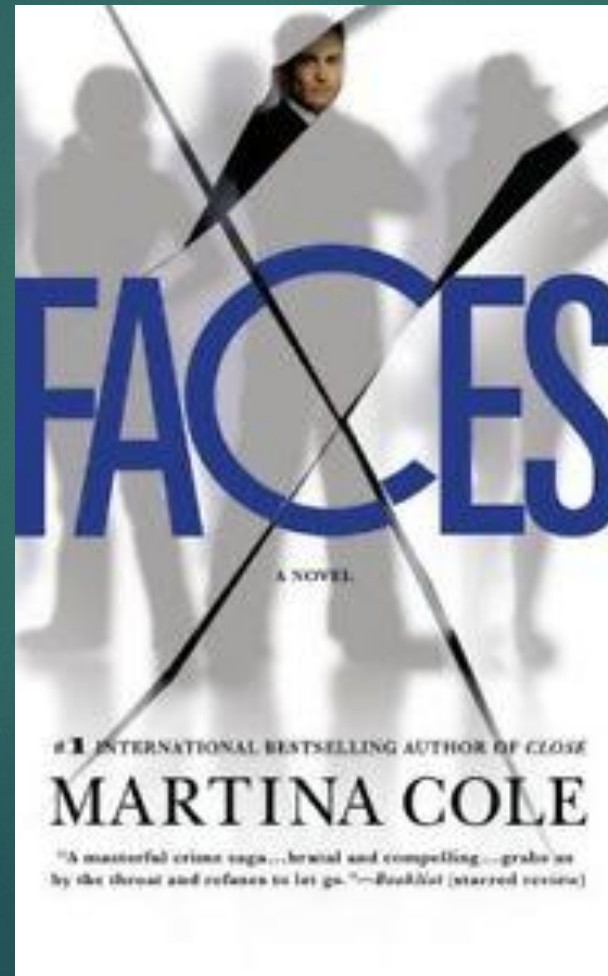
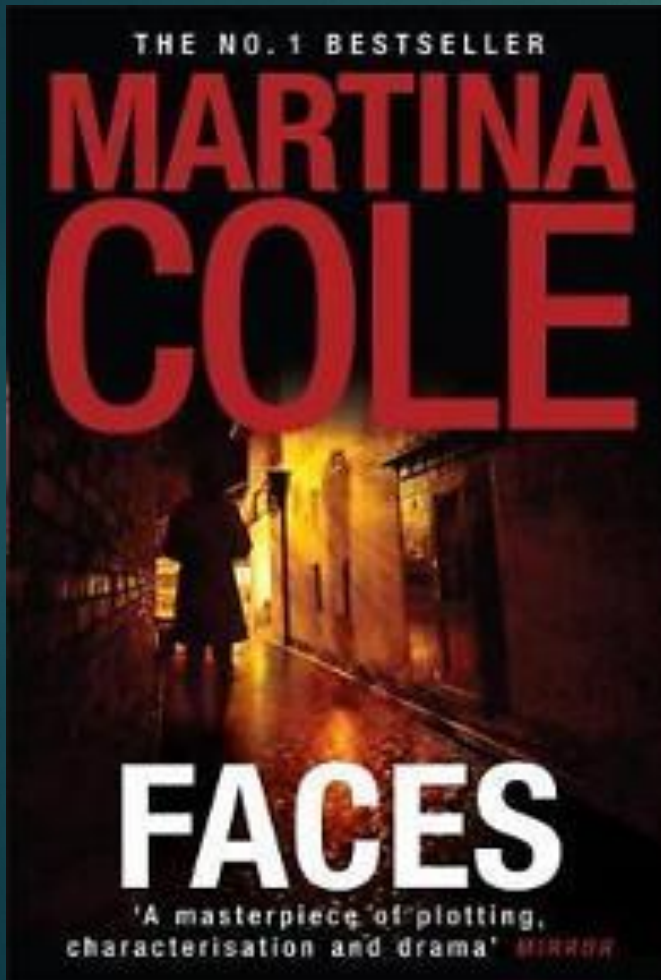
# Faces (2007)



The story takes place in East London and covers the time between late 60-s and late 90-s of the last century.



# The Characters



Danny Boy Cardogen, a Face

Big Dan Cardogen, his father

Angelica, his mother

Louie – a local Face

Mary Cardogen, his wife

Michael, his companion and criminal partner, a Face

# *The language of the book*

- ▶ A lot of slang. But there also many useful phrases for learners of English:
- ▶ to stay by smb. through thick and thin
- ▶ to get one's head together
- ▶ to sort oneself out
- ▶ to be a regular churchgoer
- ▶ to be in awe of the power of God
- ▶ to mean every word of what is being said,
- ▶ to hate to be outshone
- ▶ to be a rising star
- ▶ to be a grass
- ▶ , to talk smb. round
- ▶ to stand one's ground
- ▶ to break the donkey's back
- ▶ to be as dead as doornail
- ▶ to turn on smb.
- ▶ to be at odds
- ▶ to run out of stream, etc.