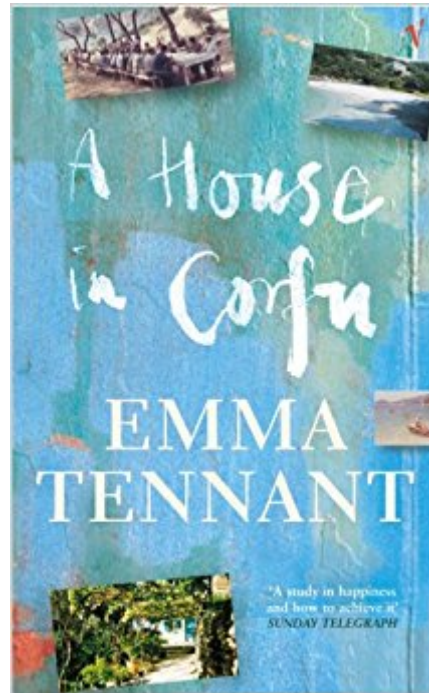




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Emma Tennant was born in London and spent her childhood in Scotland. Her most recent books

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