

Year	Month	Day	Event	Source	Book timelines; other approximations.
1973	Feb.	Late	Leda Strike has sex with Jonny Rokeby in a NYC party, with witnesses	<i>Troubled Blood.</i>	
1974	Nov.	23	Cormoran Blue Strike born		
1975	Nov.	23	1 <sup>st</sup> birthday		
1976	Spring-summer?		Lucy Fantoni born.	Lucy and Strike are usually listed as being 2 years apart, though, when Leda died, Lucy was said to be 19, and Strike “a student of 20;” meaning they were not two full years apart in age. <b>This is contradicted by the TB reference to Lucy as “newborn” when Strike is 4, and they are left in St. Mawes for the first time.</b>	See Lucy’s thirtieth birthday picture, 2006, for evidence Lucy’s birthday is most likely in the earlier range of these dates, making her and CBS closer to 18 months apart than 2 years. Strike’s statement that Leda died “mid-way through his second year” makes it likely Lucy had a spring birthday, since Lucy was already 19 at the time of Leda’s death. <b>However, if Lucy was born before May, she and Strike would be closer to 1 year apart in age rather than 2. The later in the spring Lucy’s birth is, the closer Leda comes to dying not “mid-way” but “near the end of “ Strike’s second year at Oxford.</b>
1976	Nov.	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday		
1977	Nov.	23	3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday		
1978	Nov.	23	4th birthday		

1979	Jan		Strike and Lucy abandoned with Ted and Joan for first time; Strike enrolled in primary school in St. Mawes.	<i>Troubled Blood</i>	Rokeby accepted paternity and begun paying child support before Strike turned 5, as a result of a blood typing or HLA test, which was very new technology. DNA tests were not available at this time. The paternity test also broke up Rokeby's second marriage, which ended in 1979. Could Leda consulting lawyers, accessing new technology be part of the reason she left her children at St. Mawes? Or had she just started getting the big bucks from Rokeby, and decided to take off to spend it on herself rather than her children?
1979	Feb-March		Leda removes Strike from school after 6 weeks; takes him and Lucy back to London.	<i>Troubled Blood</i>	
1979	Nov.	23	5 <sup>th</sup> birthday:		
1980	Nov.	23	6 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1981	Nov.	23	7 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1982	Jan to November?		Strike meets Rokeby for the first time.		Nothing was said about meeting happening near Christmas, meaning it likely did not happen in December after CBS turned 7.
1982	Nov.	23	8 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Lucy and Strike went to commune when they were 6 and 8 respectively (CC).	Probable time for the stay at the Norfolk commune, the "worst experience" of Strike's childhood.
1982	Dec.		Norfolk commune?		
1983	Jan.				
1983	Feb.	early	Strike starts new private school in London; becomes friends with Charlie Bristow.	CC: Cormoran was friends with Charlie for about 2 months before Charlie's death on Easter Sunday.	

1983	Apr.	3	Charlie Bristow dies in quarry.	Cuckoo's Calling	
1983	Spring to Winter?		Likely range of 2-month "Homeschooling" with Leda and her boyfriend Shumba, ended when Ted and Joan forcibly removed them from squat in Brixton,  This Is the year Al Rokeby was born.	Lucy was said to be 7 when they left Brixton, making Cormoran 8 ½ to 9 years old.  Al is said to be 9 years younger than Strike.	It is also possible the Norfolk commune stay happened early in this interval, but it must have begun before Lucy's 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday in spring 1983, leaving not much time after Charlie Bristow's death in early April. The "dank" dormitory also makes it less likely they were there in warm weather.
1983	Nov.	23	9 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1983-1984	Summer 83-Spring 84		Possible range for 2-month period of "homeschooling" in Brixton squat with Leda and Shumba.		If the Norfolk Commune stay was after Charlie Bristow's death, rather than before, this is the range of the Brixton stay with Shumba, and Ted and Joan's rescue. Move to Brixton was at least 2 months before Lucy's 8 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 1984, as Lucy was 7 when they returned to St. Mawes.
1984	Nov.	23	10 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1985	Nov.	23	11 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1986	Nov.	23	12 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1987	Nov.	23	13 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Restricted funds meant "extravagant treats" stopped for "teenage" Strike; money had been accumulating for "6-7 years" when Strike got into Oxford.	Approximate time Rokeby's lawyers restricted child support payments.
1988	Nov.	23	14 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1989	Nov.	23	15 <sup>th</sup> birthday		

1990	Nov.	23	16 <sup>th</sup> birthday	.	When Strike is 16: Leda begins relationship with Whittaker; Lucy leaves permanently to live with Ted and Joan after Whittaker's sexual taunting, and Shanker joins the family. Strike is also briefly "dumped" back in St. Mawes when he is 16, probably in summer, as there is no mention of his A-level schooling being interrupted. He is in comprehensive school with Nick Herbert by age 17.
1991	Sep.	1	Strike begins lower 6 <sup>th</sup> form.		
1991	Nov.	23	17 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1992	May		Leda becomes pregnant by Whittaker, marries him soon after.		
1992	August		Visits Australia with Dave Polworth for Dave's 18th birthday. Dave attacked by shark on August 17th, his actual birthday.		
1992	Sep.	1	Strike begins upper 6 <sup>th</sup> form		
1992	Nov.	23	18 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Joint party with Nick Herbert at pub; Whittaker sings; family and Ilsa from Cornwall attend; Leda is 6 months pregnant.		Nick and Ilsa begin dating
1992	Dec.		Switch Levay Bloom Whittaker born,		If SLBW went home with his parents, Strike would have lived

			presumably about 2 months prematurely.		with him for about 9 months, until leaving for Oxford. He presumably would have been as protective of his younger brother as he was of his mother, which makes it odd he would lose contact with the child after Leda's death.
1993	Spring		After Ted and Joan notify Rokeby that Strike has been admitted to Oxford, Strike meets Rokeby for 2nd time. Rejects the money that had been accumulating for "6-7 years."		Alternatively, authorities could have deemed the squat unsuitable for a child, especially a premature infant, and placed SLBW with either Ted and Joan or the Whittaker great-grandparents, probably the latter, since it was they who adopted him after Leda's death.
1993	Sep.		Strike begins Oxford		Nick and Ilsa break up to attend separate universities.
1993	Nov.	23	19 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Strike meets and begins dating Charlotte at age 19, during first year at Oxford.	
1994	Sep		Starts 2nd year at Oxford.		
1994	Nov.	23	20 <sup>th</sup> birthday		

1994-1995	Late winter to spring.		Leda Strike dies.	Time estimated, but “mid-way through Strike’s 2nd year.” Strike was supposed to be 20, and Lucy 19, at the time of her death. <b>If Leda died in 1994, per her TV headstone, it would mean Strike was barely 20, which does not fit with Lucy being 19.</b>	Did Lucy take a gap year? She supposedly “went off to university” the fall after her mother died, but this suggests she took a year between finishing secondary school and starting uni.
1995	Probably spring to summer		Whittaker charged with murder; Strike testifies at trial. Leaves Oxford and joins army.	This assumes at least a few months to charge and try Whittaker	
1995	Nov.	23	21 <sup>st</sup> birthday		
1996	Nov.	23	22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday		
1997	???		<del>Donald Laing’s arrest?</del> —It is more likely that the boxing match happened this year. Strike would have had 2 years to become an MP in army.	If Strike “got him life” but he was “out in 10” and “on the loose since 2007”, then this would be the time frame of his arrest and imprisonment. Note, however, that this has Strike	The best way to clean up the mess that is Donald Laing’s timeline is to flip the “years ago” times for the boxing match and the arrest. This puts the boxing match in 1997 or 1998, and Laing’s arrest 3 years

			This time frame is also 14 years before <i>CoE</i> , consistent with Laing's given age at the match (20) and in <i>CoE</i> (34).	underestimating Laing's son's age by 3-4 years. It is also said elsewhere that Laing was sentenced to 16 years, not life, and served 10. Even so, 1997 is too early for him to be jailed, assuming he got out in 2007 (which fits with him returning to Melrose "4-5 years ago" in 2011). This would push the boxing match, which was supposed to happen 3 years before the arrest, to 1994, before Strike was in the Army.	later in summer 2000 or 2001. He was sent to prison, released in 2007 and killed his first victim in 2009.  If we are looking for a date 14 years before <i>CoE</i> , 1997 works best.
1997	Nov.	23	23 <sup>rd</sup> birthday		Nick and Ilsa marry in "mid-20's" with Strike as best man. They likely got back together at some major life event of their mutual friend Strike. Perhaps at the medal presentation ceremony?
1998	???			If Laing was arrested in summer 2001, the boxing match would likely have happened in 1998.	
1998	Nov.	23	24 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
1999	Nov.	23	25 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2000	May-July?		Al Rokeby possible graduation from Swiss boarding school. Strike sees picture with Rokeby in paper while stationed in Afghanistan.	<i>The Silkworm</i> . This date assumes he graduated at age 17.	
2000	June - September?		<del>Strike's first encounter with Laing, in boxing ring??</del> More likely, Laing was arrested this summer, or next, in the "sweltering heat" of Cyprus and 3 years	If boxing match with Laing happened "11 years ago" in 2011, it would be this year. However, if Laing's prison sentence/release dates are correct, the boxing match must have been several	

			after the boxing match in 1997 or 98. Strike leaves Cyprus in the middle of the trial, before Laing testifies and after wrapping up his undercover drugs case.	years earlier. It is more likely that Laing's arrest, not their first meeting in the ring, would have happened 11 years before the time of CoE, June-September are the hottest months in Cyprus.	
2000	Nov.	23	26 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2001	May-July?		Al Rokeby possible graduation from Swiss boarding school. Strike sees picture with Rokeby in paper while stationed in Afghanistan.	<i>The Silkworm</i> . This date assumes he graduated at age 18.	
2001	June-September			Possible time frame for Laing's arrest, given Strike's statement that Laing's baby would be 10 in 2011. Also fits with Strike's statement that he had not seen Laing for nine years in 2011, assuming the trial was several months later, in 2002. If released in 2007, Laing appears to have served 5-6 years in jail, not 10.	
2001	Nov.	23	27 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Charlotte throws gift out of window.		
2002	???		Sometime in 2002, Strike met Emma Daniels at the Catterick Army Base in North Yorkshire, and called	In <i>CoE</i> (2011), Strike calculates Brittany Brockbank would be 21 years old. She disclosed sexual	Interestingly, this has Strike present in Yorkshire, the same year Robin and Matthew began dating.

			<p>her sergeant a “negligent twat.” This likely occurred before the arrest of Noel Brockbank.</p> <p>At some point, Strike was in the Balkans, when he learned, via Lucy, of Whittaker’s arrest for keeping the dead body.</p> <p>Strike’s arrest of Noel Brockbank, in Germany.</p>	<p>abuse at 12, so about 9 years previously.</p>	<p>Perhaps Strike got a UK posting after the Laing case, or at least a leave, which would explain why he was with Charlotte on his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <p>However, he appears to have been stationed in Germany sometime in 2002.</p>
2002	Nov.	23	28 <sup>th</sup> birthday.		
2002	Dec.	25	Possible Christmas in Cornwall with Charlotte? Strike was home on eave from Germany at the time.	Strike appears to be stationed in Germany at this time, since that’s where he arrested Brockbank.	Would Strike have been granted leave to go home for Christmas if he was facing assault charges?
2003	???, probably early in the year.		Noel Brockbank invalidated out of army, after being deemed unfit to stand trial. (Hardacre confirmed year).	This fits with Strike’s statement that he “had not seen Brockbank for 8 years.” Several months probably elapsed between Brockbank’s arrest, the investigation, Strike being cleared of assault, and Brockbank being invalidated out of Army	
2003	Apr.	10	Strike’s nephew Jack born in Cornwall, 1 month early.		
2003	Nov.	23	29 <sup>th</sup> birthday.		

2004	Nov.	21	Charlotte's 30th birthday. Something terrible happened.	Strike's conversation with Charlotte at the restaurant in LW.	
2004	Nov.	23	30 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2005	Late Spring to Winter?		Charlotte breaks up with Strike for 3rd time?	We are told Charlotte called the relationship off three times over the 16-year period. This was presumably the last break-up before the "Kairos moment," since Strike has a girlfriend serious enough to take to Lucy's 30th birthday, a year or so later.	Strike says he had not seen Charlotte for 2 years before she came to him in Selly Oak. Depending on when she visited him, and whether the hospitalization was 6 or 18 months, this break-up could have happened almost any time this year. However, by spring 2006, Strike has dated Tracey long enough to bring her to his sister's party and have Lucy thinking wedding bells. It is also possible that this break-up happened in late 2006 (after Strike's relationship with Tracy), possibly during the infamous Cornwall Christmas.
2005	Nov.	23	31 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2006	Spring?		Strike attends Lucy's 30th with Tracey, his then-girlfriend from SIB.	Picture taken at party displayed at Lucy's house; CC.	Unless Tracey and Strike were celibate, we must assume Strike broke up with her shortly after this event. We are told that, on Strike's 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, he "hadn't had sex for almost two years." This also points to Lucy being younger (e.g. earlier spring birthday rather than fall), which would put Leda's death

					in spring to summer when Lucy was 19 and Cormoran 20. If Strike was released from Selly Oak near his 34 <sup>th</sup> birthday, rather than 33rd, he and Tracey get a little longer together.
2006	Nov.	23	32 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2006	Dec.	25	Possible Christmas in Cornwall with Charlotte?	Strike could well have been in Germany at this time, since he was there to investigate Barclay.	This date only works for the Cornwall Christmas IF Strike was hospitalized until his 34 <sup>th</sup> birthday (Nov 2008) and Charlotte's visit/Kairos moment came in 2008. He says it had been two years since he had seen her, and two years since he had sex. This would also make Charlotte's scene in Cornwall the likely time of her 3 <sup>rd</sup> break-up with him, as well as Strike's last visit to Cornwall before <i>The Silkworm</i> . He says he has not been back in "4-5 years"-- which is understandable if the scene with Charlotte embarrassed him in front of the family.
2007	Sometime before explosion		Strike encounters Sam Barclay while investigating drugs case in Germany.	When Strike hires Barclay in June 2012, he "had not seen him in 5 years."  Donald Laing was probably released from jail this same year, and visited his mother in Melrose.	Drugs/corruption case in Germany may well have been one of the last Strike investigated before the IED explosion. Alternatively, the case itself could have happened months or even years earlier, with Strike seeing

				Barclay for the last time at the court martial of the corrupt officers, at this time.	
2007	April to September?		<p>Approximate date of IED explosion/ subsequent hospitalization. Timothy Cormoran Strike was born two days before.</p>	<p>Explosion is said to have happened 2.5 years before the start of CC, which would be Sep. 2007.</p> <p>However, this makes the hospital/Selly Oak stay (“months and months”) too short, so it was likely a few months earlier. Alternatively, Strike could have been released from Selly Oak close to his 34<sup>th</sup>, not 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday.</p> <p>Timothy Anstis, is said to be 3 ½ when Strike visits him in November 2010, making him born roughly in May of 2007. This makes spring 2007 a likelier date for the IED explosion than September.</p>	<p>Ted, Joan, Lucy, Al and Polworth are said to have visited Strike in Selly Oak, while his half-sisters Gabi and Dani sent flowers. Charlotte also comes to the ward, reuniting with Strike after 2 years apart: the Kairos moment. Rokeby sent a note, which arrived when Charlotte was there and was thrown away. Charlotte’s arrival was likely towards the end of the stay, since he says he was in the hospital “a long time” before she arrived, while the family was presumably there early.</p>
2007	Nov.	23	<p>33<sup>th</sup> birthday: Just out of Selly Oak; begins using prosthesis; proposes to Charlotte after she appears, naked, with coffee.</p>	<p>Strike moves in with Charlotte, she says she doesn’t need a ring but urges him to start his business. This is the first sex Strike has had for “almost two years.” This discharge seems quick, though, since the Silkworm implies the hospitalization was more like 18 months.</p>	<p>It is possible this event was meant to be on Strike’s 34<sup>th</sup>, rather than 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, which would allow time for a longer hospital stay. &lt;6 months rehab is a short time for an amputee to re-learn to walk and use a prosthesis, and the timing of Timothy Anstis’s christening seems to suggest a longer hospital stay for Strike as well as Anstis.</p>

2008	???		<del>Strike participates in “joint ops with vice squad, leading to the arrest and conviction on Digger Mallory. He testifies anonymously, then leaves for Iraq.</del>	Strike tells Wardle this in CoE.	This date is almost certainly wrong, as it is after Strike has been blown up and presumably, even if he had not formally separated from the army, was not on active duty. He may even have still been hospitalized! Also, a 2008 operation would not have put Digger in jail long, if he was out and dealing with Russian casino owners by 2010, and terrorizing prostitutes by 2011.
2008	Sep.		Approximate start day of Strike Detective Agency?	Business was in “18-month spiral into financial ruin” at start of CC.	If Strike was released from the hospital near his 34 <sup>th</sup> , not 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, the Kairos moment probably came sometime in mid-2008. Strike said he was in the hospital “f’long time” before she visited him.
2008	Nov.	23	34 <sup>th</sup> birthday		Discharge from Selly Oak and move to Charlotte’s flat may have occurred on this birthday, rather than 33 <sup>rd</sup> . This would allow for a longer hospital stay, and put the start of the agency closer to 18 months before the start of CC.
2008-2009	Winter 2008-2009.		Strike is godfather at Timothy Cormoran Anstis’s christening.	Christening happened when TCA was 18 months old, because his father and Strike had to both be discharged from hospital. Charlotte attended christening	We must assume Anstis was in the hospital more than a year longer than Strike, if Strike was discharged and moved in with Charlotte shortly before his 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, a

				with Strike. (The Silkworm). We are also told Strike was “still on crutches, his half leg not fit for a prothesis.” This contradicts TB, which said that Strike was newly using his prothesis on his 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, a full year earlier. This could be interpreted as more evidence for Strike’s discharge in 2008, rather than 2007. But, in either case, TB says he was using prothesis when discharged, while <i>Silkworm</i> says he was not.	year earlier, Alternatively, the discharge date could be in error, and instead have occurred right before CBS’s 34 <sup>th</sup> , rather than 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday.
2009	June	6	Attends Epsom Derby with Charlotte and her two brothers. Broke because of challenges setting up agency. Charlotte behaves, and turns heads.	LW; Historic race. The horse Strike bet on really came in second.	
2009	Nov.	23	35 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Gets Italian suit from Charlotte. One of the last happy days before relationship deteriorates.	CC.	
2010	Mar.	28	Breaks up with Charlotte.		<i>Cuckoo’s Calling</i>
2010	Mar.	29	Meets Robin.		
2010	May	6	Buys green dress for Robin; hires her permanently		
2010	Fall to winter		Testimony in trial of John Bristow. Strike does detective work for wealthy Russian casino	Strike tells Wardle, in <i>CoE</i> , that he did some work for the casino owner “at the end of last year” which would be 2010. This work	

			owner who has ties to Digger Mallory. Strike also does work for “tosser” William Baker, and begins collecting damaging information on Lord Parker.	did not happen in <i>The Silkworm</i> , so it must have been before. The other two cases are ones that wrap up at the start of CC.		
2010	Nov.	15	Meets Leonora Quine		<i>The Silkworm</i>	
2010	Nov.	23	36 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Robin gets him basket of Cornish food.			
2010	Dec.	23	Gives Robin surveillance course as Christmas present.			
2011	Feb		Begins dating Elin			
2011	Before April		Testifies in Liz Tassell trial			
2011	Apr.	4	Leg delivered to practice		<i>Career of Evil</i>	
2011	June	25	Strike fires Robin.			
2011	June	30	Tries to call Robin to apologize; Matthew intercepts and deletes message.			
2011	July	2	Rushes to Robin’s wedding to rehire her.		<i>Career of Evil</i>	<i>Lethal White</i>
2011	July	4	Goes to Travelodge, gets drunk		<i>Lethal White</i>	
2011	July	4-16	One-night stand with Coco while Robin on honeymoon.			
2011	July		Ends relationship with Elin	Andy Hutchins hired in this interval, along with other short-	Skipped year in <i>Lethal White</i> .	
2011	Nov.	23	37 <sup>th</sup> birthday			

2012	April		Meets and begins dating Lorelei	lived and incompetent contractors. Donald Laing presumably tried and convicted.	
2012	June	11	Gives Robin week off to move house.	Sam Barclay hired.	<i>Lethal White</i> resumes.
2012	Sep.	Mid-month	Final meeting with Izzy and Billy.		
2012	Oct	9	Forgets Robin's 28 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Pat Chauncey and Saul Morris hired in this interval.	
2012	Oct	16	Buys belated birthday flowers.	Rafael Chiswell presumably tried and convicted.	
2012	Nov.	23	38 <sup>th</sup> birthday		
2013	Aug	17	Strike celebrates Polworth's 39 <sup>th</sup> birthday in St. Mawes.		<i>Troubled Blood</i>
2013	Nov.	23	39 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Robin gives him headphones, St. Mawes card and takes him to pub. Charlotte texts him nude picture of herself. First-ever card from Rokeby.	Charlotte refers to the nude coffee/proposal night as "6 years ago." <b>However, it may have been only 5 years ago.</b>	
2014	Oct	9	Strike gets Robin balloon, perfume and champagne for her 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday.		

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1984	Jan.	Mid-month	Michael and Linda Ellacott vacation in Venice.	Robin's middle name derived from place of conception.		
1984	Late Aug-Early Sept.			Sign given as Virgo in TB.		Matthew Cunliffe born.
	Oct.	9	Robin Venetia Ellacott born.			
1985	Oct.	9	1 <sup>st</sup> birthday			
1986	Oct.	9	2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday			
1987	Oct.	9	3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday		Family Labrador "Bruno" put down; one of Robin's earliest memories.	
1988	Oct.	9	4 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1989	Oct.	9	5 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1990	Oct.	9	6 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1991	Oct.	9	7 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1992	Oct.	9	8 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1993	Oct.	9	9 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1994	Oct.	9	10 <sup>th</sup> birthday: By this age, she can drive her uncle's tractor.		Robin owns pony, "Angus" which she keeps at uncle's farm. (time approximate; picture of her riding it at age 12).	
1995	Oct.	9	11 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1996	Oct.	9	12 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1997	Oct.	9	13 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1998	Oct.	9	14 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
1999	Oct.	9	15 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
2000	Oct.	9	16 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Robin paints room bright pink and soon regrets it and covers walls with posters.			

2001	Sept	1	Begins lower 6 <sup>th</sup> form		Robin and Matthew begin dating during their lower 6 <sup>th</sup> form year, prior to Feb. 2002. Consistent with "9 year" relationship in April 2011, when they break up for first time, and the "10 year" relationship when they break up in August 2012.	Begins lower 6 <sup>th</sup> form
2001	Oct.	9	17 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
2002	Feb.	14	Receives stuffed elephant on first Valentines Day with Matthew.	CC, when Robin sees stuffed elephant that Matthew had given her "8 years before"		Gets stuffed elephant for Robin on first Valentines Day together.
2002	Sep.	1	Begins upper 6 <sup>th</sup> form.			Begins upper 6 <sup>th</sup> form.
2002	Oct.	9	18 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
2003	July		Robin finishes secondary school; gets higher A-levels than Matthew; gets into first choice university.			Matthew finishes secondary school, scores lower than Robin on A-levels; does not get into first choice university.
2003	Sep.		Robin begins university psychology degree program.			Matthew starts university in Bath.
2003	Oct.	9	19 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
2004	Spring (?)		Robin raped at university. Trauma leaves her unable to leave her room; University sends her home.	Year is derived from Robin's statement to Strike that Matthew slept with Sarah "7 years ago" in April 2011, and her musings of being "in the wrong place at the wrong	Robin's period of agoraphobia, which "took more than a year to resolve."	Earliest start date for Matthew's 18-month affair with Sarah Shadlock.

				time 7 years ago. Time of year estimated because Matthew skipped an exam to be with her, and had to re-sit in summer, suggesting missed exam was in spring. Robin's grandfather died during this period; she comes home for funeral and never returns to university.	No grandparents are mentioned at Robin and Matthew's wedding, suggesting the grandfather who died was her last remaining grandparent. It is also possible the others live too far away or were not healthy enough to attend, which would explain why this was Robin's first-ever funeral.	
2004	Sep.					Matthew starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> year at university. He and Sarah are almost certainly sleeping together this academic year.
2004	Oct.	9	20 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Robin is home and agoraphobic.			
2005	Summer to Fall(?)		Robin begins advanced driver's training	Robin tells Strike that her father suggested advanced driving to her, and it was one of the first things she did once she felt safe leaving her room	Robin begins to recover from agoraphobia. She takes advanced driving courses, then self-defense.	
2005	Sep.					Matthew starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> year in university, near time of his 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday. He presumably ends the

						affair sometime this year, since he tells Robin "I was 21 and didn't know..."
2005	Oct.	9	21 <sup>st</sup> birthday; Parents throw Robin big party, in compensation for not having graduation party. Jewelry box from Matthew.	Robin must be mostly recovered if she is able to enjoy an elaborate birthday party. Probably has completed drivers and self-defense courses and ready to start work.	Robin's "lost years" Presumably living at home and working, probably in office work, given how skilled she is by start of CC.	Matthew gives Robin jewelry box for her 21 <sup>st</sup> . May also be ending affair with Sarah.
2006	May-June		Robin photographed at Matthew's graduation.	Robin tells her lawyer she paid for everything when she was working and Matthew was a student. This could refer to Matthew's third year at university.		Matthew graduates university; celebrates with major party. Almost certainly ends affair with Sarah before graduation.
2006	Oct.	9	22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday	If Matthew was considered "a student" after he completed his undergraduate degree but before he qualified as an accountant, Robin may also mean this period as a time she "paid for everything."		Matthew may have been pursuing a masters in accounting during this time. If not, he was probably working in the field outside of London (perhaps back in Yorkshire, or near enough to see Robin regularly?) and trying to pass accountant certification exams. This
2007	Oct.	9	23 <sup>rd</sup> birthday			
2008	Oct.	9	24 <sup>th</sup> birthday			

						three year period seems a long time for a long-distance relationship, especially given Matthew's infidelity in university.
2009	Fall?			Strike refers to Matthew as name-dropping restaurants "after a single year in London" in the King's Arms meeting in Nov. 2010. ( <i>The Silkworm</i> ).		Matthew moves to London, as a "newly qualified accountant."
2009	Oct.	9	25 <sup>th</sup> birthday			
2010	Jan					
2010	Late Feb.		Moves to London to live with Matthew, begins temping.	Moved in with Matthew a month prior to start of CC.		
2010	March	28	Gets engaged to Matthew.	<i>Cuckoo's Calling</i>		Proposes to Robin
2010	March	29	Starts work with Strike.	<i>Cuckoo's Calling</i>	<i>Cuckoo's Calling</i>	
	May	6	Gets green dress, hired permanently by Strike.			
2010	Oct.	9	26 <sup>th</sup> birthday: on Saturday, Strike unaware.	<i>The Silkworm</i> ; On Strike's birthday, she says birthday fell on Saturday and that she wasn't expecting flowers.		

2010	Nov.	15	Meets Leonora Quine		<i>The Silkworm</i>		
2010	Dec.	23	Receives surveillance course as Christmas present from Strike.				
2011	Jan-March		Robin gives evidence against Liz Tassel in Owen Quine's murder; photo appears in newspaper.  Takes surveillance course.	Could the newspaper coverage of her in this trial have given Laing the idea of targeting her to avenge himself on Strike?			
2011	April	3	Robin stalked by Shacklewell Ripper.		<i>Career of Evil</i>		
2011	April	11	Robin calls off engagement after learning of Matthew's affair with Sarah.				Matthew admits sleeping with Sarah in university, when Robin was home after rape.
2011	April	29	Robin resumes engagement				
2011	July	2	Robin marries Matthew; re-hired by Strike.		<i>Career of Evil</i>	<i>Lethal White</i>	
2011	July	3-16	Robin and Matthew honeymoon in	LW error: Robin muses about "approaching her 28 <sup>th</sup> birthday" while			

			Maldives. Robin decides to leave Matthew, then changes mind after he becomes critically ill with seaborne bacteria.	pacing the beach on her honeymoon. She is actually approaching her 27 <sup>th</sup> .		
2011	Oct.	9	27 <sup>th</sup> birthday.		Skipped year of <i>Lethal White</i> .	
2012	June	11	Robin and Matthew move to new rented house.		<i>Lethal White</i> resumes.	
2012	July	2	First anniversary with Matthew; realizes she doesn't love him.			
2012	July	12	Wears green dress to Paralympic Ball. Rejects Matthew's advances			Matthew tries to force himself on Robin and rips her dress.
2012	Aug.	12	Robin leaves Matthew.			
2012	Aug.	21	Robin held at gunpoint, goes to stay with Nick and Ilsa.			
2012	Sept.	Mid-month	Robin has final meeting with Izzy and Billy; curry with Strike at Nick and Ilsa's.			

2012	Sept.	Late	Moves in with Max.			
2012	Oct	9	28 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Strike forgets.	Pat Chauncey and Saul Morris hired in this interval.		
2012	Oct	16	Strike realizes he missed her birthday; gets flowers a week late.			
2013	Aug.	17	Robin stakes out "Tufty" discovers bigamy.		Troubled Blood	
2013	Oct.	9	29 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Strike forgets and buys last-minute flowers after reminder from Ilsa.			
2013	Dec.	late	Christmas vacation in Masham			Matthew brings Sarah to Masham for Christmas.
2014	Feb.		Matthew cancels divorce mediation			Sarah tells Matthew she is pregnant (?)
2014	April	20	Divorce agreement from Matthew finalized.			Agrees to settle with Robin; acknowledges that Sarah is pregnant.
2014	Aug	12	Earliest date no-fault divorce could have been finalized after 2-year separation.			Earliest date Matthew and Sarah could have married. If Sarah was really pregnant back in February, she's too big for that designer gown.

2014	Oct.	9	30 <sup>th</sup> birthday: Gets donkey balloon, perfume and champagne at the Ritz from Strike.			
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