

Divorce is at the core of the new book. How do you feel about modern attitudes to it?

What I was trying to do with *The Sealed Letter* was to recapture the drama that a divorce was in the 19th century. It could be liberating but also a trauma.

You've never married [Emma has two children with her long-term partner]. Is fear of divorce the reason?

I have this fear that if we ever sign on the line, the next day I'd wake up and the romance would be gone.

The Sealed Letter (£16.99, Picador) is out on 13 October. Read *Stylist's* review on page 67. For Emma's full interview go to stylist.co.uk

PAPER London, set up by ex-Temperley designer Kelly Townsend and former Tommy Hilfiger designer Lea Carreno,

designed to make every woman ooze success.

Look out for the pop-art inspired flashes of colour such

as the bright yellow jacket apart though is the attention to detail: curve-flattering seams, double-seamed hemlines and streamlined side

layer over a tailored suit.

Prices from £105; paperlondon.com; 020-3551 3225

TRAVEL

Boutique hotels on a budget



Proving that the mini toiletries you smuggle into your bag don't have to cost a week's salary, the first outpost from new UK hotel group, Z Hotels, launches this week. Situated in London's Soho, this hotel concept aims to revolutionise the city

break, making one of the world's most expensive cities affordable without scrimping on the luxury comforts.

A second opening, the Aloft London Excel (the first in the W Hotel's diffusion line), throws its doors open this month too. Next to the

new Westfield Stratford City, all 252 rooms have a walk-in shower plus there's an on-site gym and swimming pool. Aloft opens 31 October.

Z Hotel rooms from £85 a night (thezhoteles.com); Aloft rooms from £120 (aloftlondonexcel.com)