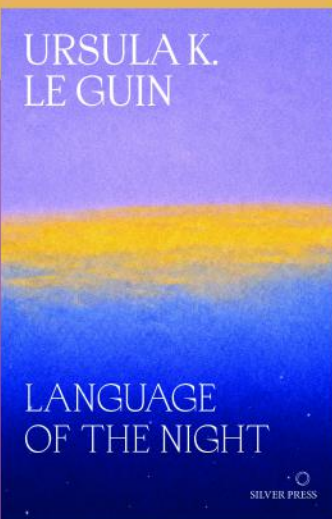
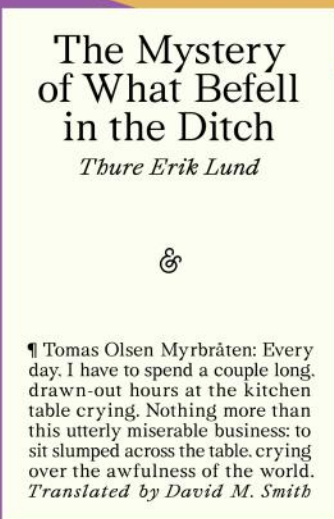
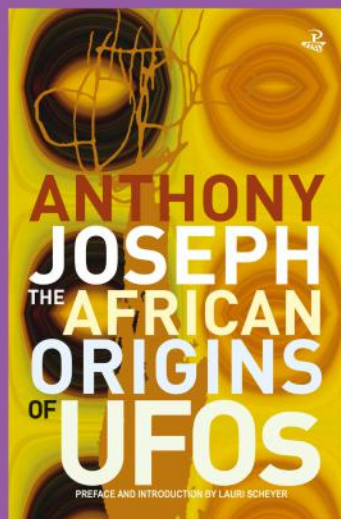
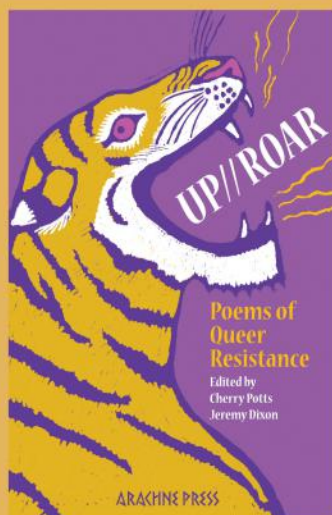
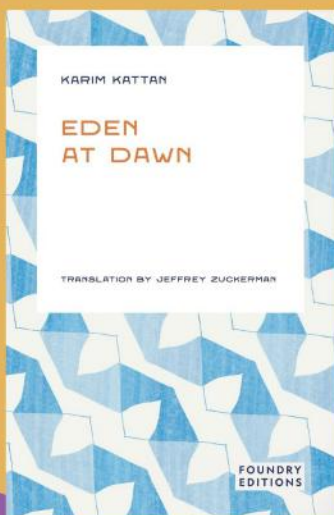
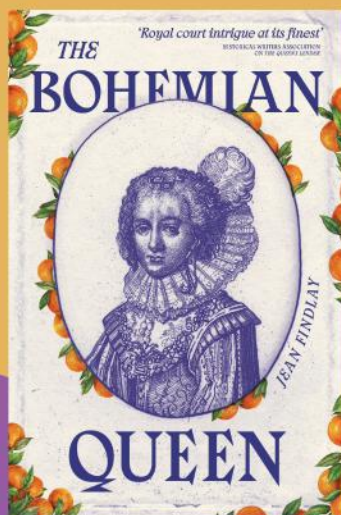


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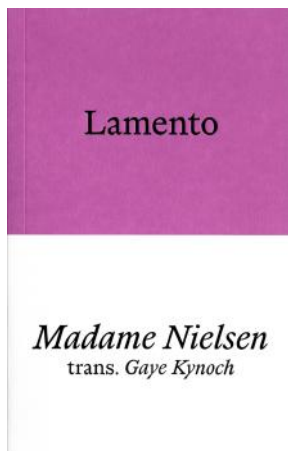
They Know Where They're Going

Jenni Daiches

From 2025 Women's Prize listed author Jenni Daiches, a new novel set in the near future.

Set in 2041, when drought and crop failure force a Cambridgeshire family to abandon their farm, sixteen-year-old Ishbel Saddler joins a wagon journey north to Scotland's Highlands. But an independent Scotland doesn't welcome those seeking its water. A tale of determination and hope, with echoes of Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Scotland Street Press | 9781917881050 | £12.99 |
06/07/2026 | PB | 320pp | FBA

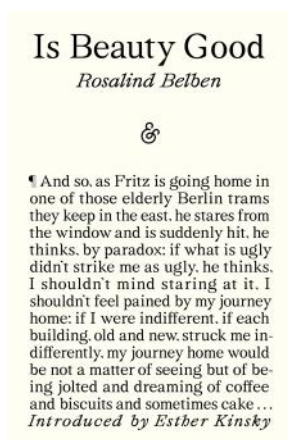


Lamento

Madame Nielsen, translated by Gaye Kynoch
A relentless trial of her former self.

Lamento tells the story of a doomed love affair in an entirely unexpected way, lamenting the impossibility of reconciling infatuation's magic with everyday life. A writer meets a playwright; they fall in love, spend every minute together. But when they have a child and everyday life stifles passion, love turns destructive. Linguistically ravishing and unsparingly honest, *Lamento* is a profound reconciliation of gender and memory.

Prototype Publishing | 9781913513894 | £12.00 |
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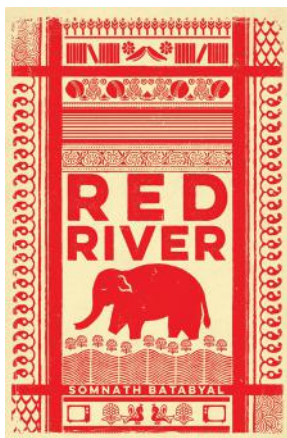
Is Beauty Good

Rosalind Belben, introduction by Esther Kinsky
Questions around beauty and longing recur in this exhilarating masterpiece.

'I drank carrot juice, beetroot juice. Disgusting. It seemed undignified, to be so desperate as to drink beetroot juice. Yet people do it without a second thought.' Witty and ironic, **Rosalind Belben's** novel in vignettes begins and ends in Berlin. More often we find ourselves in the natural world, the loss of which *Is Beauty Good* so memorably laments.

And Other Stories | 9781916751576 | £14.99 | 14/07/2026 |
PB | 144pp | FBA

FICTION



Red River

Somnath Batabyal

"Somnath Batabyal looks likely to do for India what Raymond Chandler did for LA." William Dalrymple

A sprawling novel set in the north-east of India, a lyrical exploration of male friendships and love—a man's love for a woman and a more militant love for community and nation. The action moves from Guwahati to Dhaka, Bhutan and London, surging and quietening as we encounter characters and situations so close to the bone that it's hard to step away till the last word has been read.

HopeRoad | 9781913109554 | £12.99 | 16/07/2026 | PB | 355pp | FBA

The Past Pursues Us Like Detectives, Debt Collectors, Thieves

Juan Pablo Villalobos



¶ There's an old saying that you can't get away from the past, and even though I'd persuaded myself that the days I was spending in Mexico would be a break, a pause in my real life abroad, the whole night was actually turning into a pretty bad omen, threatening to plunge me back into some dark times I'd struggled hard to escape.
Translated by Daniel Hahn

The Past Pursues Us Like Detectives, Debt Collectors, Thieves

Juan Pablo Villalobos, translated by Daniel Hahn
A fast-paced comic thriller.

JP returns to his Mexican hometown after many years abroad. He returns to help his siblings care for his elderly parents. A brief visit becomes a visit from hell and JP a murder suspect. Weaving outright hilarity with wry tenderness, Villalobos tells of the changes time has wrought on the family, friends and town the protagonist once knew.

And Other Stories | 9781916751453 | £14.99 | 21/07/2026 | PB | 240pp | FBA



The Noracle

Nora Chassler

For readers of Deborah Levy and Olivia Laing

From the incomparable literary mind of **Nora Chassler** ('the best writer you've never heard of' – Ronan Hession) comes *The Noracle*, a kaleidoscopic reimagining of the I Ching. Both a love letter to the written word and a cautionary tale of its intoxicating grip, these are stories told with the inventive energy of concrete poetry and the tender wisdom of someone who has lived – and nearly lost herself to – the power of words.

Valley Press | 9781915606563 | £12.00 | 30/07/2026 | PB | 72pp | FBA

FICTION



The Passage of Roses

Tie Ning, translated by Hongling Zhang, Jason Sommer

A deeply intimate portrayal of how power manifests through the female body.

During the Cultural Revolution, Mei comes of age in a once-grand courtyard dominated by her grandmother, a survivor of violence who inflicts the same kind of control upon her family that she once resisted. But the matriarch is unable to repel the political storm that comes to their home and leaves death and a traumatised young girl in its wake.

ACA Publishing | 9781838906146 | £16.99 | 31/07/2026 | HB
| 488pp | FS

The Body of the Thing

Karishma Jobanputra



¶ I heard it for the first time in his office as a shaky twenty-four-year-old, unsure of what I was doing in the world, playing with the poisonous snake that was freedom. He had come out into the waiting room and said, Hello, and I'll be right with you, something delicious hanging from his voice.

The Body of the Thing

Karishma Jobanputra

Debut story collection exploring how the female body is valued.

Lyrical, visceral, *The Body of the Thing* unpicks the hierarchies that thrum under our relationships. Moving from Manhattan to Italy, from London to Maine, these fearless stories challenge the wellness industry, explore eating disorders, queerness, and motherhood, and celebrate female sensuality in all its complicated wonder.

And Other Stories | 9781916751514 | £14.99 | 11/08/2026 |
PB | 240pp | FBA

The Sleep Thief

Ibtisam Azem



¶ 'Sleep thief' is what the interrogator called me. I'll never forget that. I would steal a few seconds of sleep so I could remain steadfast before them. The name stuck: I even dreamt about it, the same dream, night after night. I would wake up not knowing what to do and drenched in sweat. ¶
Translated by Sinan Antoon

The Sleep Thief

Ibtisam Azem, translated by Sinan Antoon

A lyrical portrait of Palestinian life.

The experimental first novel from Palestinian author **Ibtisam Azem**, *The Sleep Thief* follows the life of Gharib Haifawi as he comes of age, is drawn into resistance, makes friends, meets lovers, pushes back against traditional values, longs to be free of the labels and expectations that burden him, rails against the commodification of suffering, and dreams of a Palestinian identity that will transcend sorrow.

And Other Stories | 9781916751538 | £14.99 | 25/08/2026 |
PB | 120pp | FBA



Berlin Babel

Edited by Katy Derbyshire

A vibrant, multilingual portrait of contemporary Berlin.

Berlin Babel presents fourteen short stories by writers originating from Syria, Turkey, China, the UK, the US, the Netherlands, Spain, Russia, Germany, Italy and India. From Arabic to Italian to Yiddish, the stories are beautifully translated from eight different languages. The selection captures life in Berlin with all its despairs and joys. For all those who love the city, and for anyone curious to discover it.

V&Q Books | 9783863914998 | £13.99 | 03/09/2026 | PB | 176pp | FB



The Garden We Carry

Bushra Khalfan, translated by Luke Leafgren

A novel of land, labour, and power, where freedom slips quietly into servitude.

When Rashid and his sister Rayya leave their mountain village, what they leave behind does not loosen its hold. In Muscat, land gives way to labour, kinship to survival. With remarkable restraint, **Bushra Khalfan** traces how dignity is tested not through crisis, but through endurance – gradually, almost imperceptibly.

DarArab | 9781788711074 | £19.00 | 07/09/2026 | PB | 344pp | FBA



The Russian Testament

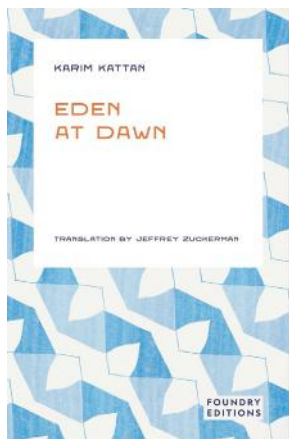
Shumona Sinha, translated by Subhashree Beeman

A young woman's obsession with a mysterious Soviet-era book unravels a hidden history.

In 1980s Calcutta, Tania – hated by her mother, shunned by her peers – finds solace in Russian books. Discovering a volume from the mysterious Soviet publisher Raduga, she traces its history to St. Petersburg, and ultimately uncovers the tumultuous fate of its founder: a Jewish journalist who narrowly escaped Stalin's executioners.

HopeRoad | 9781913109578 | £14.99 | 17/09/2026 | PB | 208pp | FBA

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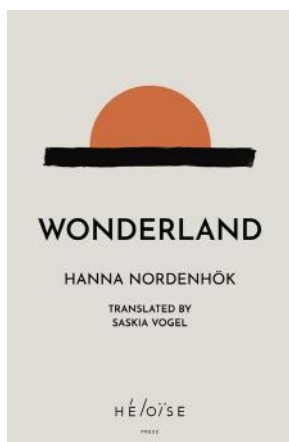


Eden at Dawn

Karim Kattan, translated by Jeffrey Zuckerman
A sweeping, queer love story in the context of war and occupation.

Two young Palestinian men find love in a mythical Jerusalem, oppressed by occupation and a biblical sandstorm. After *The Palace on the Higher Hill*, Karim Kattan returns to the Palestine of his imagination, mixing orality with classical culture, the marvellous with the tragically real. Lyrical, languorous and shattering *Eden at Dawn* is a cry for love in the midst of war that confirms the strength of the author's literary universe.

Foundry Editions | 9781917544122 | £13.99 | 22/09/2026 | PB | 330pp | FB

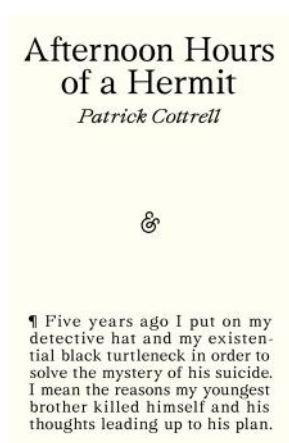


Wonderland

Hanna Nordenhök, translated by Saskia Vogel
A literary exploration of the creative force of lies to reshape reality.

From the author of *Caesaria* comes *Wonderland*, a spellbinding study of the many faces of deception. A novel that, with clear prose, depicts a chameleon-like existence where truth and lies are never easily separated. It follows three different characters, wandering an ominous contemporary world saturated with abandonment and false mirrors.

Héloïse Press | 9781738459483 | £12.95 | 22/09/2026 | PB | tbcpp | FB



Afternoon Hours of a Hermit

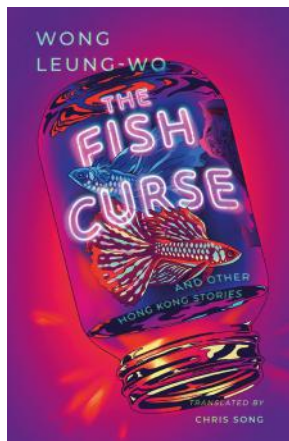
Patrick Cottrell

In this uncanny auto-noir, a trans novelist turns detective to stake out the dead identities shadowing his past.

When Korean adoptee Dan Moran receives a photo of his deceased brother in the mail, the mysterious letter – addressed to his deadname – drags him back to Milwaukee's airless suburbs. There, armed with an eye for inquiry and his favourite existential turtleneck, Dan navigates estrangement and mistaken identity,

And Other Stories | 9781916751477 | £14.99 | 22/09/2026 | PB | 224pp | FBA

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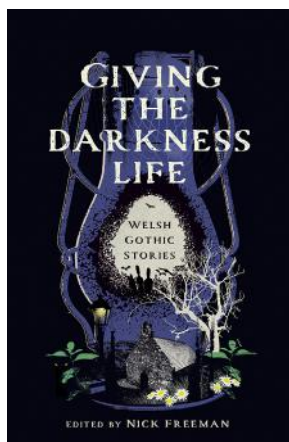
The Fish Curse

Wong Leung-wo, translated by Chris Song

A haunting collection of interconnected stories set in a Hong Kong.

In this collection of interconnected stories set in Hong Kong, each home is furnished with its own unique demons. As generations phase through concrete halls, leaving behind echoes of memory, residents find hallucinations lurking just beyond the stress-induced cracks of daily life, blurring the boundaries between paranoia and paranormal.

ACA Publishing | 9781838905781 | £15.99 | 25/09/2026 | HB
| 240pp | FYB



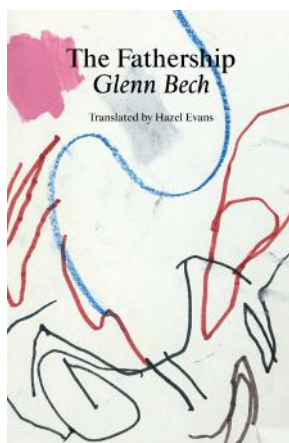
Giving the Darkness Life

Literary editor Nick Freeman

A chilling and eclectic anthology of Gothic short stories.

Giving the Darkness Life is a haunting anthology of short fiction which captures the essence of Gothic writing in Wales. Bringing together a varied and exciting mix of established names and exciting contemporary writers, these stories draw on the folk traditions, superstitions and fears - inviting readers into weird and uncanny worlds often unsettlingly close to home, this captivating anthology is the perfect read for long winter nights.

Seren | 9781911752165 | £12.99 | 30/09/2026 | PB | 220pp |
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The Fathership

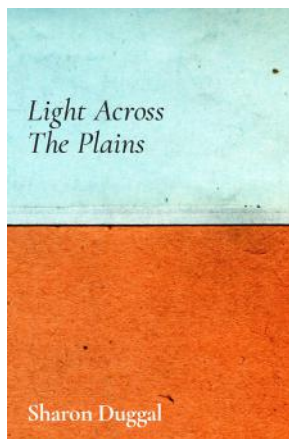
Glenn Bech, translated by Hazel Evans

A sorrowful and furious documentation of a family in crisis.

When Glenn is five years old and his younger brother, René, is three, their father commits suicide. Deconstructing the enormous, destructive power unleashed by suicide, **Glenn Bech** attempts to find a language for a past that refuses to be remembered. *The Fathership* is a brutal and dazzling work of social realism that stretches the definitions of autofiction to breaking point.

Prototype Publishing | 9781913513924 | £14.99 | 01/10/2026
| PB | 544pp | FB

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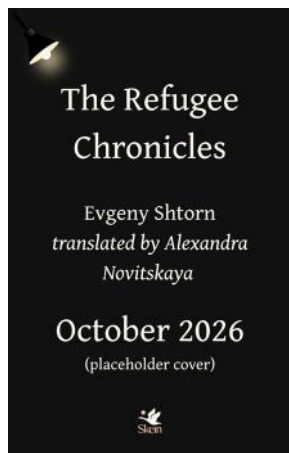
Light Across the Plains

Sharon Duggal

New from the award-winning author.

When Simran dies suddenly in Berlin in 1989, Lekha, adrift and unfulfilled, travels to settle her estranged aunt's affairs. Swept up in a city in flux, what begins as a brief, practical journey soon unfolds as an excavation of memory, longing, and forces that shape lives across time and place. *Light Across the Plains* spans decades and continents, tracing the bonds between different generations of a family.

Bluemoose Books | 9781915693570 | £18.00 | 01/10/2026 |
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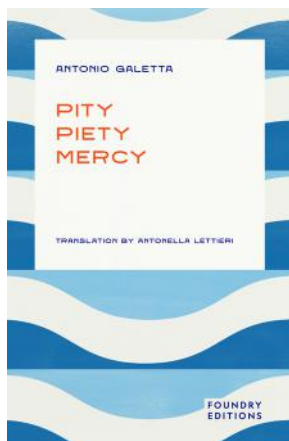
The Refugee Chronicles

Evgeny Shtorn, translated by Alex Novitskaya

An urgent and vital auto-fiction of exile, asylum and survival

The Refugee Chronicles is a novel which draws from the author's personal experience as an asylum seeker. In 2018, **Evgeny Shtorn** was forced to flee Russia due to the government's hostile policies toward both queer sexualities and political dissent. The run for life and liberty brought him to Ireland, where he is forced to question clear-cut boundaries between the West and the East.

Skein Press | 9781915017260 | £15.99 | 02/10/2026 | PB |
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Pity, Piety, Mercy

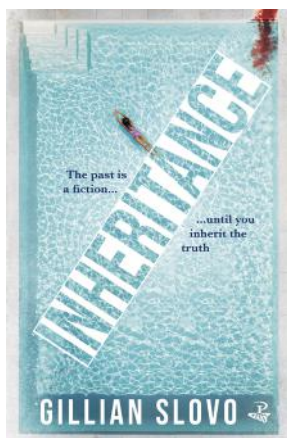
Antonio Galetta, translated by Antonella Lettieri

A biting portrait of provincial political life.

It's election time again in our small town that could be anywhere but is in fact among the dying olive groves of Puglia. Everything is about to kick off. This scorching political satire by one of Italy's most thrilling new writers is a choral novel that follows a cast of wannabe politicians and absurd party factions, as they scramble for power with the lesson of that great Italian masterpiece *The Leopard* apparently foremost in their minds: for things to remain the same – everything must change.

Foundry Editions | 9781917544108 | £13.99 | 06/10/2026 |
PB | 270pp | FB

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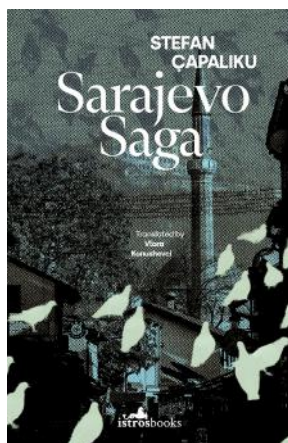
Inheritance

Gillian Slovo

The past is a fiction, until you inherit the truth...

In her powerful new novel, acclaimed author **Gillian Slovo** delivers a gripping story of family trauma and political reckoning that spans continents and generations. When Deborah is shattered by her sister Gail's suicide, she is forced to confront a violent past she has spent a lifetime trying to forget. Now, a mysterious package and a final stipulation in Gail's will draw Deborah back to the country they once fled.

Peepal Tree Press | 9781845236151 | £12.99 | 08/10/2026 | PB | 284pp | FBA



Sarajevo Saga

Stefan Capaliku

An Albanian writer's creative block turns into a haunting search for lost relatives.

An Albanian writer arrives in Sarajevo for a literary residency, but an old photograph of four cousins who fled there after WWI pulls him into obsession. His search for their descendants splits into two braided narratives: a family's haunting journey from Shkodër in 1918, and a contemporary investigation that grows darker, more fragmented, and more dangerous, with each discovery.

Istros Books | 9781912545575 | £12.99 | 12/10/2026 | PB | tbcpp | FB

The Mystery of What Befell in the Ditch

Thure Erik Lund



¶ Tomas Olsen Myrbråten: Every day, I have to spend a couple long, drawn-out hours at the kitchen table crying. Nothing more than this utterly miserable business: to sit slumped across the table, crying over the awfulness of the world.
Translated by David M. Smith

The Mystery of What Befell in the Ditch

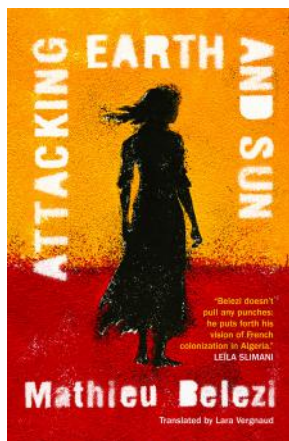
Thure Erik Lund, translated by David M. Smith

An exhilarating, hallucinatory exploration of language, isolation, and the search for an authentic life.

Deep in the Norwegian wilderness, Myrbråten is a man at war with the modern world.. After a bureaucratic job spirals into a public scandal and his desperate flight, Tomas attempts to become a 'man of the forest'. Acclaimed writer Thure Erik Lund is now available in English for the first time in this cornerstone of contemporary Norwegian literature.

And Other Stories | 9781916751712 | £14.99 | 20/10/2026 | PB | 304pp | FBA

FICTION



Attacking Earth and Sun

Mathieu Belez, translated by Lara Vergnaud
100,000 copies sold in France.

Attacking Earth and Sun follows a group of settlers and soldiers throughout the hellish madness that was the colonization of Algeria by France during the 19th century. The novel is unsparing in its portrayal of the brutality of the French army. When a captain tells his soldiers "You're no angels"; the soldiers proudly reply "That's right, captain, we're no angels". A word of mouth success in France, the book has been translated into all major European languages.

HopeRoad | 9781913109523 | £13.99 | 20/10/2026 | PB | 160pp | FBA

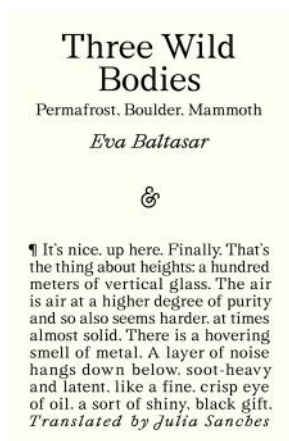


Something You'll Hate Me For

Erica Mou, translated by Clarissa Botsford
From the author of *Thirsty Sea*.

Erica is on top of her game. In her early 20s, she can touch stardom with the tips of her fingers, but when her mother Lucia breaks devastating news, Erica needs to find a way to navigate her demanding career as a singer with an aching heart. In this tender exchange of voices years later, we discover Lucia through the lenses of her own diary, and Erica's memories. Erica has finally found the courage to retrace her mother's last nine months, as she embarks in her own journey to become a mother.

Héloïse Press | 9781738459490 | £10.95 | 20/10/2026 | PB | 200pp | FC

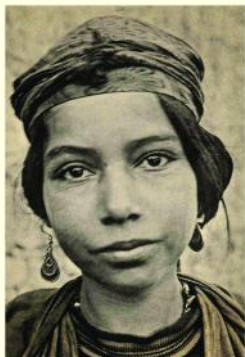


Three Wild Bodies

Eva Baltasar, translated by Julia Sanchez
Three interlocking masterpieces of Baltasar's singular vision of modern female queerness are finally united in the giftable – tactile and foiled – And Other Stories series design.

These powerhouse novels from Catalan superstar Eva Baltasar tell wild, delirious tales of queer women blazing new trails through sexuality, motherhood, and friendship.

And Other Stories | 9781916751835 | £18.99 | 27/10/2026 | PB | 432pp | FBA



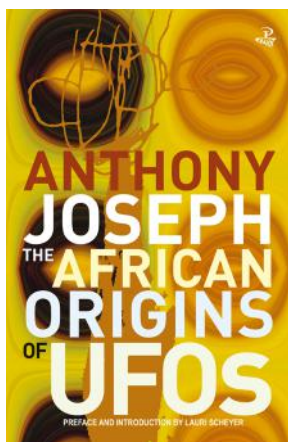
The Skull Xavier Le Clerc
'Intimate and breathtaking' Elisabeth Qyam, AICE

The Skull

Xavier Le Clerc, translated by Helen Stevenson
An extraordinary reckoning.

The Skull is a reflection on the author's French/Algerian heritage and the legacy of colonialism, focused on remains held in Paris's Musée de l'Homme – those of Algerians killed by French forces. Given access to the vaults, Le Clerc selects the skull of a small girl he imagines as 'Zohra'. His address to her weaves in his own experience as an immigrant and the violent history of French conquest, its unflinching brutality contrasting with his recollection of his country's beauty.

HopeRoad | 9781913109585 | £14.99 | 29/10/2026 | PB |
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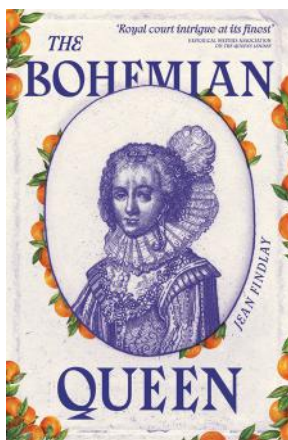


The African Origins of UFOs

Anthony Joseph, introduction by Lauri Scheyer
A time shifting narrative in poetic prose.

In the hot, hedonistic Toucan Bay, a Caribbean enclave on the planet Kunu Supia, legendary hustler Joe Sambucus Nigra returns from the desert with a price on his head. Waiting at the seafront brothel Houdini's are his enemies, including arch nemesis Bo Nuggy. An unnamed narrator relates that night's events, interrupted by hallucinatory flashbacks spanning ancient Iere, present-day Trinidad, and Kunu Supia. *The African Origins Of UFOs* fuses sci-fi and Trinidadian myth into an afropsychedelic noir.

Peepal Tree Press | 9781845236205 | £12.99 | 05/11/2026 |
 PB | 160pp | FDM



The Bohemian Queen

Jean Findlay

The story of a queen who shaped Europe.

Against a backdrop of political intrigue and religious conflict, Elizabeth, heavily pregnant with her fifth child, flees Prague after the Battle of White Mountain. Married to Frederick, Elector Palatine, she had accepted Bohemia's crown, plunging Europe into decades of war. Exile doesn't diminish her influence: through diplomacy and dynastic ambition, she shapes Europe's future, bearing eight more children whose descendants weave into its ruling houses

Scotland Street Press | 9781910895849 | £14.99 |
 15/11/2026 | HB | 250pp | FV

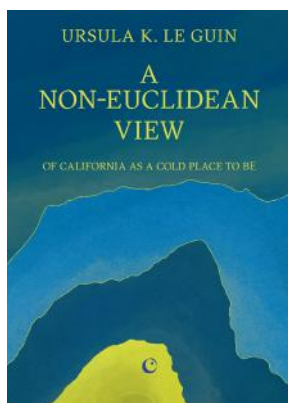


Space Crone

Ursula K. Le Guin, edited by Sarah Shin, So Mayer
An expanded edition including 'The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction'

Spanning fifty years of her life and work, *Space Crone* brings together Le Guin's writings on feminism and gender for the first time, offering new insights into her imaginative, multispecies feminist consciousness: from its roots in deep ecology and philosophies of non-violence to her self-education about racism and her writing on motherhood and ageing.

Silver Press | 9781068240973 | £14.99 | 09/07/2026 | PB | 256pp | JBSF11



A Non-Euclidean View of California as A Cold Place to Be

Ursula K. Le Guin, foreword by Marcus du Sautoy
Blends Taoist philosophy, myth and literary critique to challenge linear thinking.

Drawing on Taoist thought, Le Guin charts a counter-imaginary of place — yielding, cyclical, resistant to abstraction. Moving through mythic cosmologies, literary criticism and divination, she loosens the grip of Euclidean reason and colonial modernity's doctrine of progress. Utopia emerges not as an engineered elsewhere, but as a practice of inhabiting the present.

Silver Press | 9781919318011 | £8.99 | 10/09/2026 | PB | 48pp | DNL



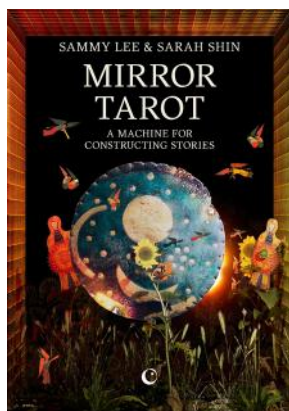
Language of the Night

Ursula K. Le Guin, foreword by David Mitchell
A genre-defining collection from one of literature's most visionary minds.

In *Language of the Night*, **Ursula K. Le Guin** reflects on genre, imagination and the ethical work of writing. Illuminating the making of major works, Le Guin argues for science fiction and fantasy as literary modes capable of philosophical, political and emotional inquiry. This wide-ranging collection traces Le Guin's emergence as one of the most influential literary voices and champions the imagination as a vital instrument of freedom.

Silver Press | 9781068240959 | £13.99 | 10/09/2026 | PB | 256pp | JBSF11

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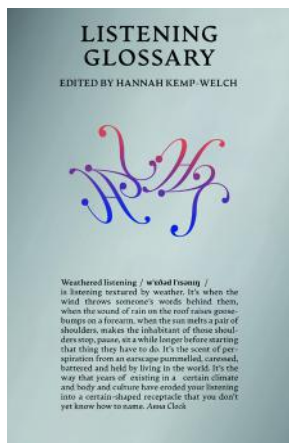


Mirror Tarot: Major Arcana Deck and Book Boxset

Sarah Shin, illustrated by Sammy Lee
A machine for constructing stories.

Mirror Tarot begins from Italo Calvino's conception of the tarot as 'a machine for constructing stories'. An opening essay traces the Major Arcana through centuries of allegory, mysticism and play, contextualising the cards' evolution within literary history. From the Fool's first step to the World's completion, *Mirror Tarot* turns the tarot into a literary companion: a structure for the discovery of new stories within familiar archetypes.

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LISTENING GLOSSARY

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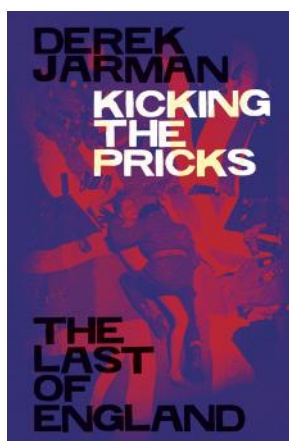
Weathered listening / what's coming / is listening textured by weather. It's when the wind throws someone's words behind them, when the sound of rain on the roof makes goosebumps on a forearm, when the sun melts a pair of shoulders, makes the inhabitant of those shoulders cry, pause, sit a while longer before saying that thing they have to do. It's the scent of perspiration from an exercise pommel, a candle, battered and held by living in the world. It's the way that years of existing in a certain climate and body and culture have ended your listening into a certain-shaped receptacle that you don't yet know how to name. Anna Clark

Listening Glossary

Edited by Hannah Kemp-Welch
A practical guide to listening.

Listening Glossary explores the many meanings and practices of listening. Entries range from non-cochlear listening and machine listening to interspecies listening, tracing six decades of sonic thought and experimentation. It gathers hundreds of terms for listening, contributed by people from diverse disciplines and constituencies. Their entries take multiple forms, including personal narratives, diagrams, performance scores, theories and poems.

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DEREK JARMAN KICKING THE PRICKS

THE LAST OF ENGLAND

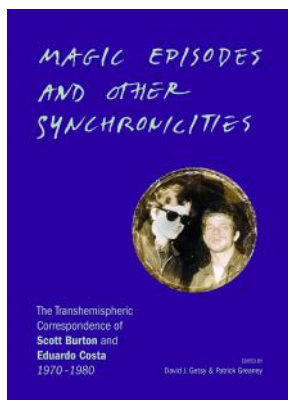
Kicking the Pricks

Derek Jarman

One of the most influential figures in 20th century British culture.

Originally published in 1987, and out of print for many years, *Kicking the Pricks* is a reissue of a key work in **Derek Jarman's** oeuvre, documenting the making of his seminal film *The Last of England*. This hybrid book contains diary entries, interviews and notes from the script of the film alongside writing about his childhood, his early work as a painter and designer, and his debut as a film director.

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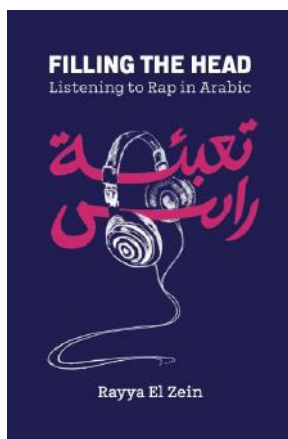
Magic Episodes and Other Synchronicities: The Transhemispheric Correspondence of Scott Burton and Eduardo Costa, 1970-1980

Scott Burton & Eduardo Costa

**An extraordinary artistic friendship revealed
through two decades of letters.**

After meeting in New York City in 1968, **Scott Burton** and **Eduardo Costa** developed a deep friendship over the shared pains and pleasures of living as artists. As Costa moved between Argentina, Brazil, and New York, the pair stayed in touch until Burton's death from AIDS-related illness in 1989.

Ugly Duckling Presse | 9781946604439 | £18.00 |
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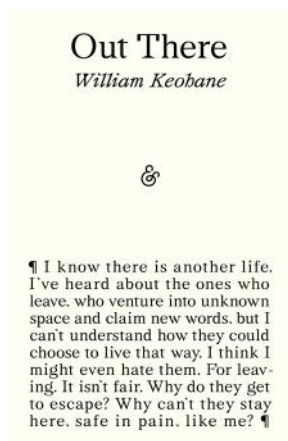
Filling the Head

Rayya El Zein

**A discipline-bending study of Arabic-
language rap.**

Based on ethnographic research in Ramallah (Palestine), Amman (Jordan), and Beirut (Lebanon), **Rayya El Zein** explores making and listening to music as an active navigation of shifting geopolitical landscapes. Threading reflections from fans, rappers, DJs, producers, and venue owners with thick descriptions of live concerts, El Zein offers new insights into what it means politically to be moved by music.

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190pp | AVL



Out There

William Keohane

**An open and vulnerable depiction of gender
transition**

Gender transition doesn't happen in a clinic, nor does it unfold in a straight line. For **William Keohane**, it is a journey mapped across words, names, and the Irish landscape. At once sparkling and meditative, with prose of undeniable eddying force, *Out There* is a universal reflection on transformation and becoming, which asks just how much has to change before we're seen as who we are.

And Other Stories | 9781916751736 | £14.99 | 10/11/2026 | PB
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DIS-ORIENT30



MUSIC, CULTURE, DIASPORA

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Dis-Orient30

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Essays and interviews on the cultural politics of South Asian music-making.

On the 30th anniversary of *Dis-Orienting Rhythms: The Politics of the New Asian Dance Music* (1996) a pivotal book in British Asian music and cultural studies, *Dis-Orient30: Music, Culture, Diaspora* brings together original contributions from academic, creative and cultural workers.

the87press | 9781068488085 | £24.99 | 12/11/2026 | PB | 500pp | JBCC

Nemesis

Giulia Damiani, Le Nemesiache

A radical reimagining of myth.

In 1970s Naples, radical feminist collective Le Nemesiache invented the psycho-fable: ritual storytelling and performance summoning myth as tools for political transformation. Named Nemesis, the group turned to Southern Italy's volcanic landscapes as sites of imaginative uprising. In *Nemesis*, **Giulia Damiani** draws on over a decade of conversations with members, revealing the psycho-fable as an eruptive, ecstatic method of collective creativity rooted in place.

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NEMESIS

CAVE ERUPTIONS AND PSYCHO-FAIBLES FOR RESISTANCE

SCORES FOR MEETING
OTHERWISE



EDITED BY IRENE REVELL, AIO FREI & FRANZISKA KOCH

Scores for Meeting Otherwise

Edited by Irene Revell, Aio Frei, Franziska Koch

A visionary collection exploring new ways of meeting, listening, and creating together.

What is a text score? *Scores for Meeting Otherwise* traces a speculative feminist history of the performance score, beginning with Pauline Oliveros's text instructions from the early 1970s and *Womens Work*, the score magazine edited by Alison Knowles and Annea Lockwood. From these foundational experiments, the book looks toward the future of the score as a diverse, relational and multidimensional form.

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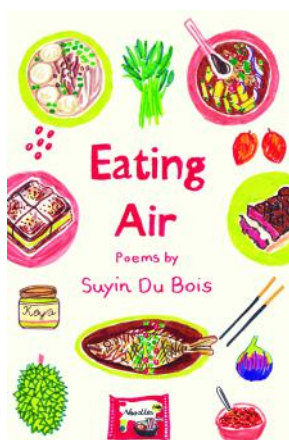
like starlings falling

Dillon Jaxx

A poetry mixtape from an 80s childhood.

The debut poetry collection by **Dillon Jaxx** is a mixtape from an eighties childhood that moves between requiems for a dead brother, anthems for the queer self, and love songs for a body sabotaging itself and its keeper through chronic illness. In Jaxx's bold and precise poems of absence and discovery, surreal and sometimes grotesque family portraits are painted through the changing weather of time, with humour, irony, and love.

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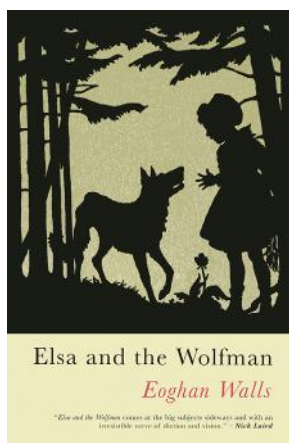
Eating Air

Suyin Du Bois

A love-song to food.

Steam rises from bowls of noodle soup, banana leaves are licked clean, sand-roasted chestnuts are shared from a paper bag. *Eating Air* – the debut pamphlet from **Suyin Du Bois** – is a mouth-watering collection of poems about food, belonging and connection. Charting a journey across cuisines and continents, these poems carve into the author's dual Chinese-Malaysian and Belgian heritage and food's enduring role in our cultural, familial and personal histories.

The Emma Press | 9781915628534 | £7.99 | 09/07/2026 | PB | 36pp | DCF



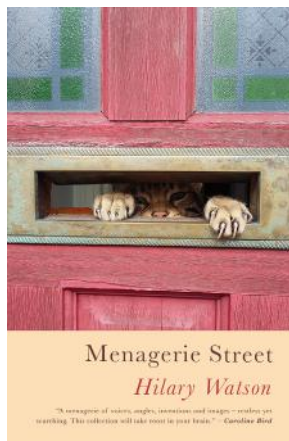
Elsa and the Wolfman

Eoghan Walls

Powerful and moving poems about the relationship between father and daughter

Elsa and the Wolfman is a powerful, lyrical duet between father and newborn daughter, written in two contrasting voices. The father, poet and caregiver, uses classical forms to wrestle with anxieties of raising a child and growing older, while Elsa's lines – willful, instinctive, curious – dart across the page countering and shaping him.

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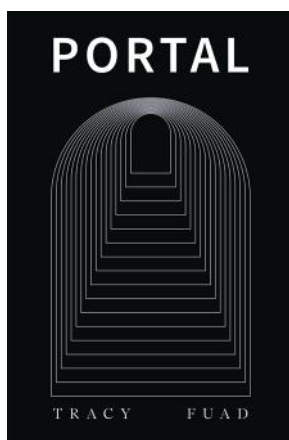
Menagerie Street

Hilary Watson

A striking collection exploring human and more-than-human stories, queer desire and ethical action with vivid, surprising energy.

Menagerie Street is a striking debut poetry collection inspired by Thrutopia, a movement where we move through future difficulty, in hope without being naïve. Formally playful and emotionally generous, **Hilary Watson's** poems move between humour and gravity, attentive to animals, landscapes, queer desire, bodies, and forms of kinship that resist easy definition.

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PORTAL

Tracy Fuad

An award-winning poetic examination of pregnancy, climate change, and post-colonialism.

Tracy Fuad's second collection of poems, *PORTAL*, probes the fraught experience of bringing a new life into a world that is both lush and filled with gloom. A baby is born in a brutalist building; the planet shrinks under the new logic of contagion; roses washed up from a shipwreck centuries ago are blooming up and down the cape.

the87press | 9781068488078 | £16.99 | 23/07/2026 | PB | 96pp | DCF



Blue, Babe

Shagufta K Iqbal

Poems that carry ancestor stories of war, injustice and colonial legacies.

Blue, Babe examines the dynamics of family life, and how humans hold on to love and survival in illuminating poems, full of reflection and hope. This second collection by **Shagufta K Iqbal** delves into the personal stories and experiences of women, amidst war and conflict, the global tourism industry and colonial legacies, climate injustice, and the domestic everyday.

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Fetch

Colin Bramwell



¶ I was planned but my twin wasn't.
¶ My father got home from work ¶
and said 'Honey: ¶ let's try for a poet.'

Fetch

Colin Bramwell

An exceptional Scottish debut poetry collection.

In Celtic folklore a fetch is a shadowy doppelganger that appears from the other world, portending the beholder's fate. *Fetch* is an astonishingly musical tour-de-force from one of Britain's most exciting new poets, in which reverence and irreverence, religion and faithlessness, the living and the dead, nearly rhyme.

And Other Stories | 9781916751699 | £14.99 | 08/09/2026 |
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The Way of the Poet

Roy McFarlane

A memoir and guide on the art of writing poetry in the modern age.

Part memoir, part meditation on the art of poetry and what it is to be a poet in the modern age, *The Way of the Poet* is a journal following the daily life in creative practice. Full of guidance, encouragement and reflections on the personal, political and radical nature of the craft of writing in troubled times, this will be a ground-breaking book from one of the new millennium's most inspiring and socially-engaged writers.

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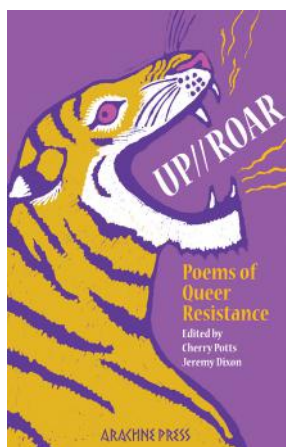
Up//Roar

Edited by Cherry Potts, Jeremy Dixon

A bold collection of contemporary queer poetry and political power

Arachne Press has long been a champion of LGBTQ+ writers, and our first anthology of LGBTQ+ poetry *Joy//Us*, was something of a hit! It was a strange moment, publishing joyful poems, that celebrated all that is best about our communities and lives. Times have moved on fast and here we are now with *Up//Roar: Poems of Queer Resistance*. Now is the time for Queer Resistance!

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POETRY



The Dodo Stories

Mary Mulholland

Secrets and echoes of a buried past: a stunning debut on family and legacies of colonial violence.

Mary Mulholland's poetry debut, *The Dodo Stories*, delves into the complex and haunting dynamics of a mother-daughter relationship, framed by the shadow of a secretive maternal lineage in Guyana. *The Dodo Stories* is a testament to the search for lost parts of the self, echoing with a history that refuses to stay buried.

Nine Arches Press | 9781916760509 | £11.99 | 15/10/2026 | PB | 72pp | DCF

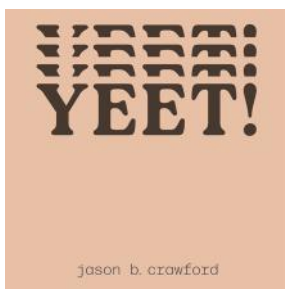
YEET!

jason b. crawford

Lambda Literary Award winning collection of Afrofuturist poetry.

jason b. crawford's *YEET!* envisions the Black community lifted off the earth and set free towards the stars. These poems ask what a free Black people would look like and how we might achieve such a thing. Speaking to racism, gun violence, colonisation, global warming, flight, joy, friendship, and noise, *YEET!* is about creating new worlds free from the systems of supremacy that have plagued us.

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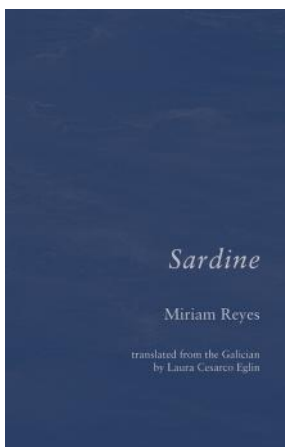
Sardine

Miriam Reyes, translated by Laura Cesarco Eglin

A prize-winning poet maps the fault lines between language, migration, and memory.

Writing for the first time in Galician, **Miriam Reyes** crosses the oblique, multi-dimensional passages between her home country Galicia and Venezuela, to which she migrated at the age of eight. *Sardine* lives in the ruptures in space and time forced open by migration and offers memory as a yoke for our discordant selves.

Ugly Duckling Presse | 9781946604446 | £15.00 | 01/11/2026 | PB | 144pp | DCC





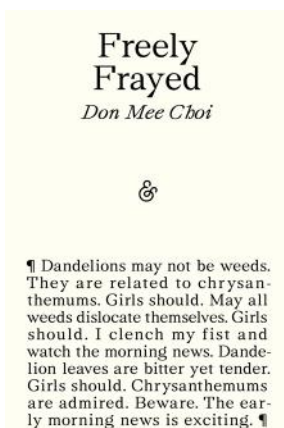
The Universe is an Animal

Jessica Mookherjee

Poems that explore challenges of climate change and human uncertainties.

In this time of seismic geopolitical and climatic change, to be human is to be faced with choices born of urges, desires and expectations – and personal decisions on whether or not to make more humans. These poems explore the fragility of a body facing the enormity of a future world and the human need for creation, resilience, and each other.

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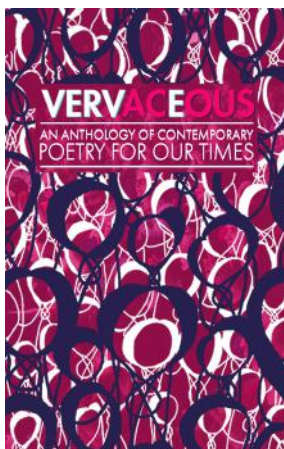
Freely Frayed

Don Mee Choi

The National Book Award-winning poet's radical new poems and essays.

Freely Frayed gathers early poems, recent essays and translation notes by National Book Award-winning poet **Don Mee Choi**. Simultaneously restless and playful, these poems and essays move us to inspect our own sense of place and language, and in turn to ask what history is built from this record.

And Other Stories | 9781916751613 | £14.99 | 17/11/2026 | PB | 136pp | DCF



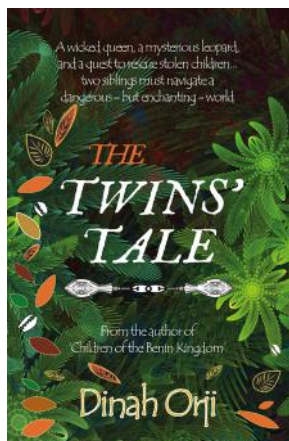
VERVACEOUS

Various Authors

A comprehensive who's who of contemporary poetry.

Celebrating 10 years of roof-shaking spoken word sets, readings and workshops by award-winning poets at VERVE Poetry Festival – this anthology contains brand new poems and old favourites from poets who've held us and enthralled us at the festival in the last decade. And what a fine list of poets they make – a veritable who's who of contemporary UK poetry with the odd international poet thrown in for good measure.

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The Twins' Tale

Dinah Orji

New from the bestselling author of *Children of Benin Kingdom*.

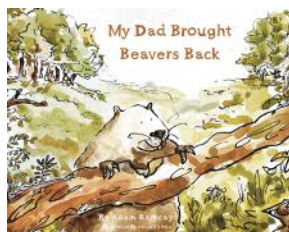
Following on from the *Children of Benin Kingdom*, twins Ada and Nosa are now about to embark on another thrilling adventure, journeying once again through the West African landscape and into the rainforest to escape their enemies: those who wish to rule the kingdom unlawfully. Ada and Nosa must rely on each other – and appeal to the ancient power of the leopard – to find safety.

Dinosaur Books | 9781999336301 | £12.99 | 01/07/2026 | PB
| 124pp | YFHH

My Dad Brought Beavers Back

Adam Ramsay, illustrated by Abigail Little

A true story of how one family helped bring nature back to life.



My Dad Brought Beaver's Back gives a rhyming account of the true story about how Adam's parents, Paul and Louise Ramsay, reintroduced beavers to the Bamff estate in Perthshire – and played a wider role in their return across the UK; and explains for young audiences how beavers help restore wetland ecosystems.

Scotland Street Press | 9781917881067 | £9.99 | 25/08/2026
| PB | 32pp | YBC

Mama's Wedding

Circle Yuen

A tender, emotionally rich story about blended families.



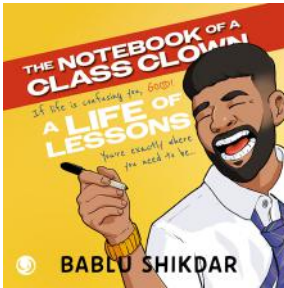
Mama's Wedding is beautifully layered picture book about the quiet courage it takes to embrace something new. When When Ruby and her little sister Cindy are asked to be Mama's flower girls, Cindy is thrilled – but Ruby isn't so sure. As the day unfolds, Ruby wrestles with questions about love, family, and where she belongs. A heartfelt read for families navigating transitions, filled with empathy, hope, and the magic of new beginnings.

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The Notebook of a Class Clown

Bablu Shikdar

A guide to life from the BBC Asian Network presenter.



Figuring out life as a young person can be lonely. Growing up, I didn't have the role models I wished I had. I had to deal with failure, future aspirations, family pressure, my identity, and heartbreak. I masked my hurt with jokes, all while having a smile on my face. I might have been a class clown, but I learnt valuable life lessons along the way. Here's how I became an award-winning presenter, and turned my jokes into meaning.

Lucent Dreaming | 9781916632257 | £10.00 | 10/09/2026 | PB | 64pp | YX

Flyaway Boy

Jane De Suza

A missing boy sparks a quiet revolution in his hometown.



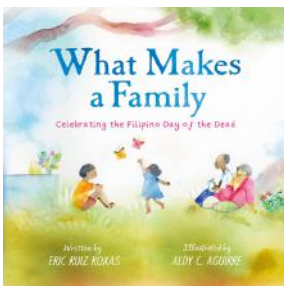
In a quiet hill town full of order and straight lines, Kabir struggles to fit in. At school, he's too different. At home, he's misunderstood. One day, he disappears, leaving his community in panic and confusion. As the search unfolds, so does a deeper story: one of a boy trying to be himself in a world that won't listen. Told with a lot of humour, heart, and empathy, *Flyaway Boy* is a powerful celebration of individuality and imagination.

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What Makes a Family

Eric Ruiz Roxas, illustrated by Aldy Aguirre

A brother and sister find that there's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to families.



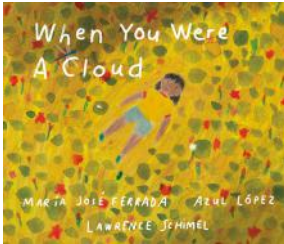
It is Undas, the Filipino Day of the Dead where all gather at the cemetery, not to mourn but to celebrate. Today, Pedrito and Pipay will encounter families of all shapes and sizes, all united in their desire to honor their loved ones. In this exquisitely illustrated story of family love within a diverse and inclusive community, life and hope continue despite the sadness of loss.

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When You Were A Cloud

by María José Ferrada; illustrated by Azul López;
translated by Lawrence Schimel

A whimsical, award-winning poetry collection.



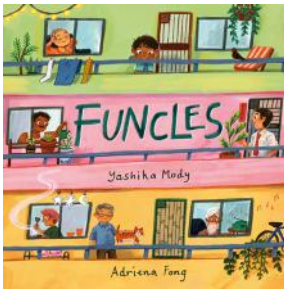
Everyday life mixes with the magical in this enchanting collection of poems. A tiny horse gallops across the table. The moon draws astronauts out into the park. Mountains move, fish fly, and the monster under the bed is surprisingly helpful. *When You Were A Cloud* is an invitation to look more closely at the world around us and to see nature and language in a new light.

The Emma Press | 9781915628619 | £8.99 | 17/09/2026 | PB
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Funcles

Yashika Mody, illustrated by Adriena Fong

A heartwarming and humorous celebration of community culture.



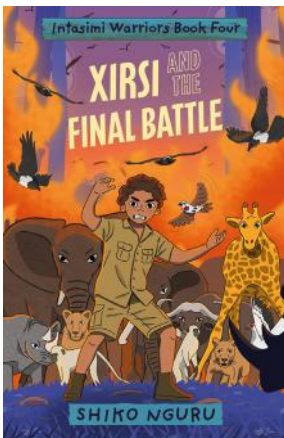
When a school assignment asks for a family tree, one child knows he'll need more than one sheet. He has a gazillion uncles! From Bus Uncle to Supermarket Uncle, everywhere he goes, someone's looking out for him. This warm and funny picture book celebrates the communities who help raise us. *Funcles* is a joyful story about love, belonging, and the beautiful ways community becomes family.

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Xirsi and the Final Battle

Shiko Nguru

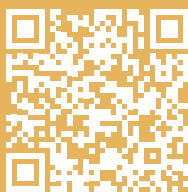
The latest book in The Intasimi Warriors series.



Xirsi, the sharpest mind among the Intasimi Warriors, faces his greatest challenge yet when an ancient prophecy surfaces. To protect the world, he must solve ancestral riddles and unlock a hidden heirloom tied to his destiny. As he journeys from his forested home town of Boni to the capital city of Nairobi, the path to the Final Battle grows darker, and a secret weapon waits in the shadows.

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