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We launched our fiction series almost five years ago. I am an optimistic publisher, but even so, the way our books have been received by readers (and the number of readers they have found) caught my bullish heart off-guard.

The list is no easier to define now than it was half a decade back. You'd need a large and strangely shaped sheet, if you had the notion to throw one over the books and authors we've published. There are constants, though. Every author we publish looks at the world in an intelligent and startling way, and offers perspectives that surprise me, give me pause, and remind me of how little I really know sometimes. You can expect the titles coming over the next few seasons to do likewise

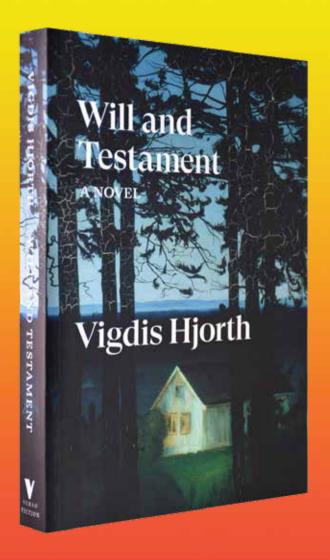
Cian Mc Court, Fiction Editor

Superb writers from across the world.

Striking original cover design from the award-winning design studio *Rumors*.

Beautifully designed inside french flaps.

Major publicity campaigns with reviews across the national press.



Four siblings Two summer houses One terrible secret

- Has sold over 8,000 copies to date.
- Author featured as one of four possible 'New Elena Ferrrantes' in a *Guardian* editorial.
- Well reviewed in the Guardian, Financial Times, Observer, Frieze, TLS, and more.
- Guardian best fiction of 2019 and New Statesman book of the Year 2019.
- For readers of Rachel Cusk and Karl Ove Knausgaard.

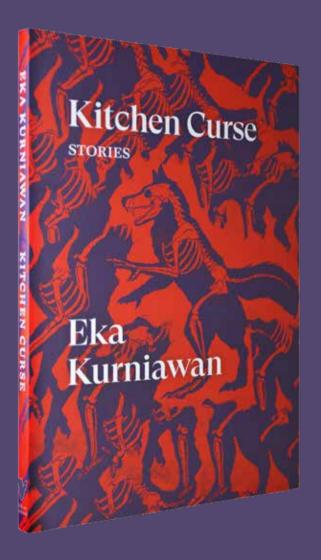
"A meticulously paced account of a property dispute that bleeds poisonously back into the history of the narrator and the family members whose squabbling over a cabin comes to seem darkly absurd compared with the trauma she has suffered."

Megan Nolan, *New Statesman*, Books of the Year 2019

"A story of abuse, inheritance and the battle for the truth among a privileged Norwegian family, it grips like a vice while interrogating national as well as individual self-conception." *Guardian*, Best Fiction of 2019

Vigdis Hjorth grew up in Norway. She is the author of over a dozen novels. She has won numerous literary awards, including the Dobloug Prize in 2018.

2019 • Paperback • £10.99 978 1 78873 3 106 • 336pp • 129 x 198



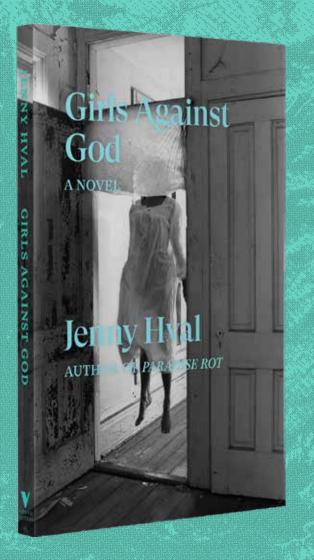
The acclaimed, Man Booker International nominated novelist's first book of short stories

- Well reviewed in The Economist, Financial Times, Guardian. New Yorker and others.
- Author was longlisted for the Booker Prize, recipient of the Prince Claus Award, named a Foreign Policy Global Thinker.

A man captures a caronang, a strange, intelligent dog that walks upright, and brings it home. A girl plots against a witch doctor whose crimes against her are, infuriatingly, like any other man's. These stories explore the turbulent dreams of an ex-prostitute, a perpetual student, victims of anti-communist genocide, an elephant, a stone. Dark, sexual, scatalogical, violent and mordantly funny, these fractured fables span city and country, animal and human, myth and politics.

Eka Kurniawan was born in Indonesia. He has published several novels, including *Man Tiger*, as well as short stories.

2019 • Paperback with flaps • £8.99 978 1 78663 7 154 • 144pp • 129 x 198



A genre-warping, time-travelling horror novel-slash-feminist manifesto

- Has sold over 7,500 copies.
- Author is a critically acclaimed artist and musician.
- Well reviewed in the Financial Times, Guardian, Telegraph, TLS, New Yorker, and others.

Welcome to 1990s Norway. White picket fences run in neat rows and Christian conservatism runs deep. But as the Artist considers her past, her practice and her hatred, things start stirring themselves up around her. A coven of witches begin cooking up some curses. A time-travelling Edvard Munch arrives in town to join a death metal band. Meanwhile, out deep in the forest, a group of schoolgirls get very lost and things get very strange.

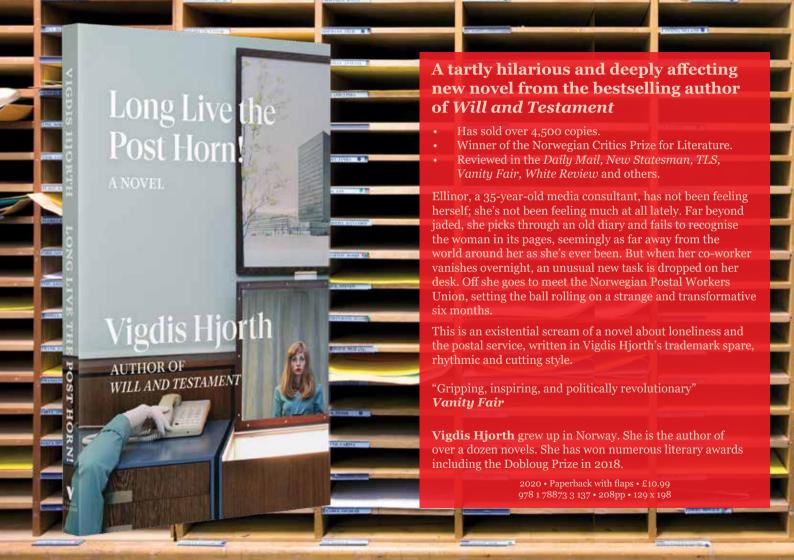
Jenny Hval's latest novel is a radical fusion of feminist theory and experimental horror, and a unique treatise on magic, writing and art.

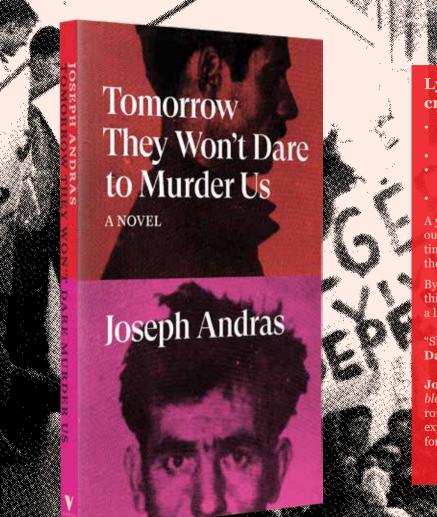
"If Girls Against God were an artwork, it would be a Munch – raw, dark and seething."

Times Literary Supplement

Jenny Hval is a Norwegian musician and writer. She is the author of *Paradise Rot* and her records include *Blood Bitch*; *Apocalypse, Girl*; and *Innocence Is Kinky*.

2020 • Paperback with flaps • £10.99 978 1 78873 8 958 • 240pp • 129 x 198





Lyrical and radical, a debut novel that created a sensation in France

- Reviewed well in the Sunday Times, TLS, Irish Times, ArtReview, and others.
- Has sold over 3,000 copies to date.
- Winner of the prestigious literary prize, the Prix Goncourt du premier roman.
- Adapted for the cinema (as Faithful) by Hélier Cisterne.

A young revolutionary plants a bomb in a factory on the outskirts of Algiers during the Algerian War. The bomb is timed to explode after work hours, so no one will be hurt. But the authorities have been watching.

By turns lyrical, meditative and heart-stoppingly suspenseful, this debut novel by Joseph Andras, based on a true story, was a literary and political sensation in France.

"Short, intense, the best book I've read this month" **David Mills, Sunday Times**

Joseph Andras is the author of the novels *De nos frères blessés* and *Kanaky*. Awarded the Prix Goncourt du premier roman for *De nos frères blessés*, he refused the prize, explaining his belief that "competition and rivalry were foreign to writing and creation".

2021 • Paperback with flaps • £8.99 978 1 78873 8 712 • 144pp • 129 x 198

Short stories from a legend of Japanese science fiction and a countercultural icon

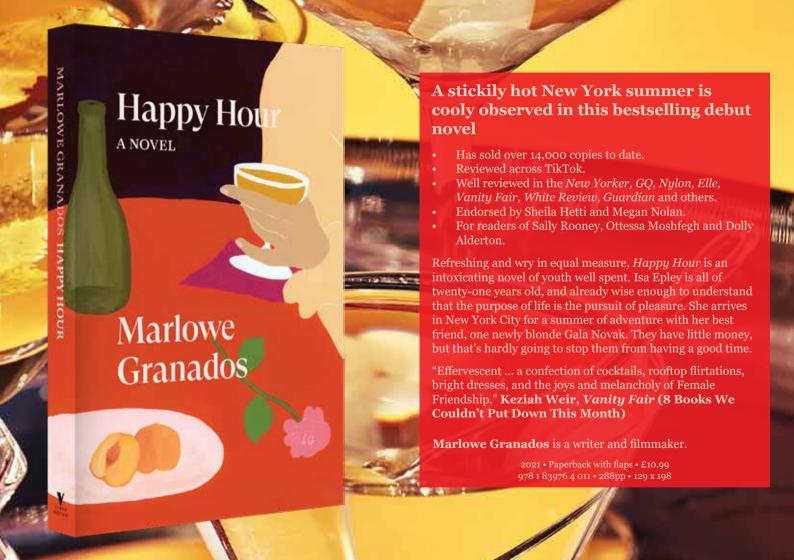
- Sold over 9,000 copies.
- Reviewed in the Guardian, TLS, New York Times and others.
- An antecedent to queer, feminist science fiction.

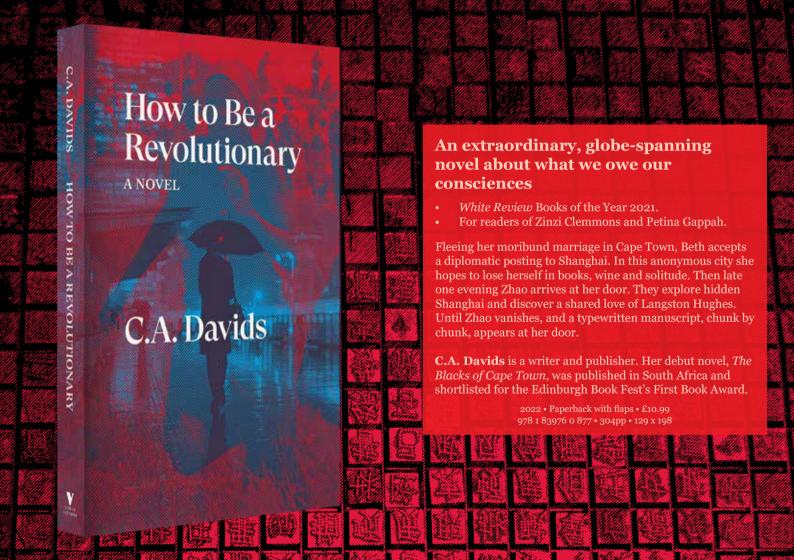
On a planet where men are contained in ghettoised isolation, women enjoy the fruits of a queer matriarchy. Two old friends enjoy cocktails on a holiday resort planet where all is not as it seems. A bickering couple emigrate to a world that has worked out an innovative way to side-step the need for war. And in the title story, Suzuki offers readers a tragic and warped mirroring of her own final days as the tyranny of enforced screen-time and the mechanistion of labour bring about a shattering psychic collapse. In these darkly playful and punky stories, the fantastical elements are always earthed by the universal pettiness of strife between the sexes, and the gritty reality of life on the lower rungs, whatever planet that ladder might be on.

"Brilliant and often bleak ... all shot through with a camp ethos, dark humour and kitchen-sink realism" *Times Literary Supplement*

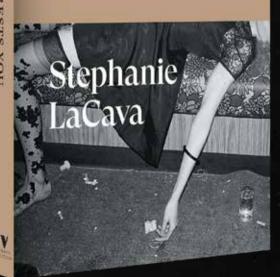
Izumi Suzuki was a countercultural icon and a pioneer of Japanese science fiction. She worked as a keypunch operator before finding fame as a model and actress.

2021 • Paperback with flaps • £12.99 978 1 78873 9 887 • 224pp • 129 x 198









A stylish and raw exploration of bodies, trauma and 1960s cinema

- For readers of Kathy Acker, Mary Gaitskill and Eve Babitz.
- Well reviewed in *Frieze*, *Vogue*, *Guardian*, *NYT*, *Vanity Fair*, *Buzzfeed*, *Times*, *Telegraph*, *GQ*, *Stylist* and others.
- Has sold over 4,500 copies.
- Books are my Bag Fiction Book of the Month.

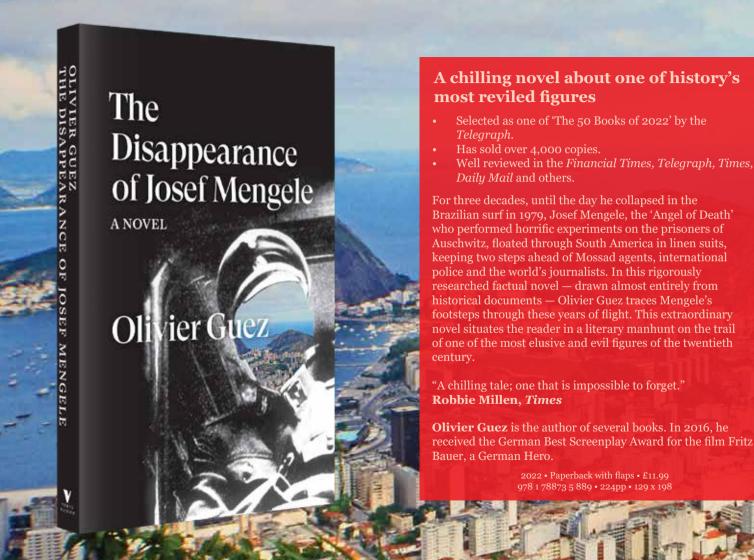
Margot is burnt-out from the burden of expectation and the bad end of the worst relationship, so leaves New York and heads to Montana, seeking to escape both the eyes of the world and the echoing voice of that last bad man. But a chance encounter with a dubious doctor in a graveyard, and the discovery of a dozen old film reels, opens the door to a study of both the peculiarities of her body and the absurdities of her famous family.

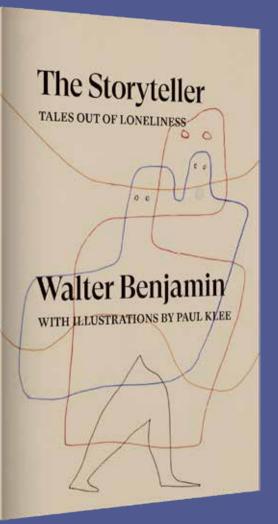
A literary take on *cinema du corps*, Stephanie LaCava's new novel is an audaciously sexy and moving exploration of culture and connections, bodies and breakdowns.

"A slippery, stylish book." Vogue

Stephanie LaCava is a writer based in New York City. Her work has appeared in *Harper's*, *New York Times*, *Vogue* and others. Her debut novel was *The Superrationals*.

2022 • Paperback with flaps • £9.99 978 1 83976 6 022 • 192pp • 129 x 198





A beautiful collection of the legendary thinker's short stories

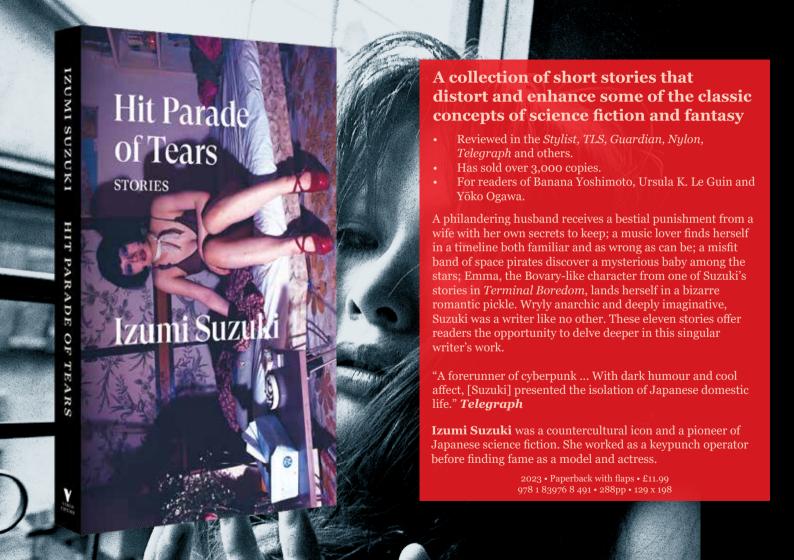
- First major collection of Benjamin's fiction.
- Has sold over 10,000 copies.
- Reviewed in the Guardian, Sunday Times, Financial Times and others

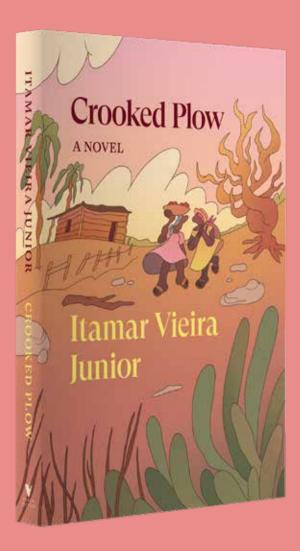
The Storuteller gathers for the first time the fiction of the legendary critic and philosopher Walter Benjamin. His stories revel in the erotic tensions of city life, cross the threshold between rational and hallucinatory realms, celebrate the importance of games, and delve into the peculiar relationship between gambling and fortune-telling, exploring the themes that defined Benjamin.

"Walter Benjamin was the interlocutor of all the demons and angels of storytelling. And this is why he knew its endless secrets. Listen to him." John Berger

Walter Benjamin was a German-Jewish Marxist literary critic, essayist, translator and philosopher.

2023 • Paperback • £10.99





Themes of adolescence, sisterhood and the legacy of slavery are explored in this award winning Brazilian novel

- HBO miniseries in development.
- Books are my Bag Fiction Book of the Month.
- For readers of Fernanda Melchor, Elena Ferrante and Yaa Gyasi.

Deep in Brazil's neglected Bahia hinterland, two sisters find an ancient knife beneath their grandmother's bed and, momentarily mystified by its power, decide to taste its metal. The shuddering violence that follows marks their lives and binds them together forever. Heralded as a new masterpiece and the most important Brazilian novel of this century, this fascinating and gripping story about the lives of subsistence farmers in the Brazil's poorest region, three generations after the abolition of slavery in that country, is at once fantastic and realist.

"Rooted ... in the voices and languages of the sertão, in the names of the animals and plants, in the oral storytelling traditions of ancient communities, in the richness of the spirit world ... An impressive first novel." *Financial Times*

Itamar Vieira Junior was born in Salvador, Bahia, in 1979. He holds a doctorate in Ethnic and African Studies and is the author of *The Executioner's Prayer*.

2023 • Paperback with flaps • £10.99 978 1 83976 6 404 • 288pp • 129 x 198

A cat and mouse game of surveillance and psychological torment develops between a middle-aged artist and her aging mother

- Longlisted for The International Booker Prize 2023.
- White Review best books of 2022.
- Author has been profiled in the Observer, New York Times, New York Review of Books and other publications.
- Hardback reviewed in the *Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *I* newspaper, *Guardian*, *TLS* and more.

Johanna is recently widowed and back in Oslo after a long absence as she prepares for a retrospective of her art. The subject of her work is motherhood and some of her more controversial paintings have brought about a dramatic rift between her and her mother. This new proximity, after decades of acrimonious absence, set both women on edge, and before too long Johanna finds her mother stalking her thoughts. So Johanna starts stalking her mother.

"A profound, uncomfortable and ultimately beautiful exploration of the first human relationship."

Times Literary Supplement

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September 2023 • Paperback • £11.99 978 1 80429 1 849 • 352pp • 129 x 198

A modern and baaroquely subversive take on the classic gothic novel from a visionary filmmaker

- From the acclaimed filmmaker of *The Love Witch*.
- Author has a significant following on Twitter and Instagram.
- Feminist Gothic retelling of the classic French fairy tale.

When the successful British mystery writer Judith Moore meets Gavin, a handsome and charming baron, at a birthday party on the Cornish coast, his love transforms her from a bitter, lonely young woman into a romance heroine overnight. After a whirlwind honeymoon in Paris, he whisks her away to a secluded Gothic castle. But soon she finds herself trapped in a nightmare, as her husband's mysterious nature and his alternation between charm and violence become increasingly frightening.

Anna Biller is a filmmaker and a writer. She is currently in development for a ghost movie set in medieval England. *Bluebeard's Castle* is her debut novel.

October 2023 • Paperback with flaps • £12.99 978 1 80429 1 856 • 384pp • 129 x 198

A lyrical debut novel from a musician and artist renowned for her sharp, sexual and political imagery

- Author is a critically acclaimed musician and artist
- For readers of Maggie Nelson, Angela Carter and Jeannette Winterson.
- Previous edition has sold over 13,000 copies.
- Reviewed in the Guardian, Nylon, Financial Times and more

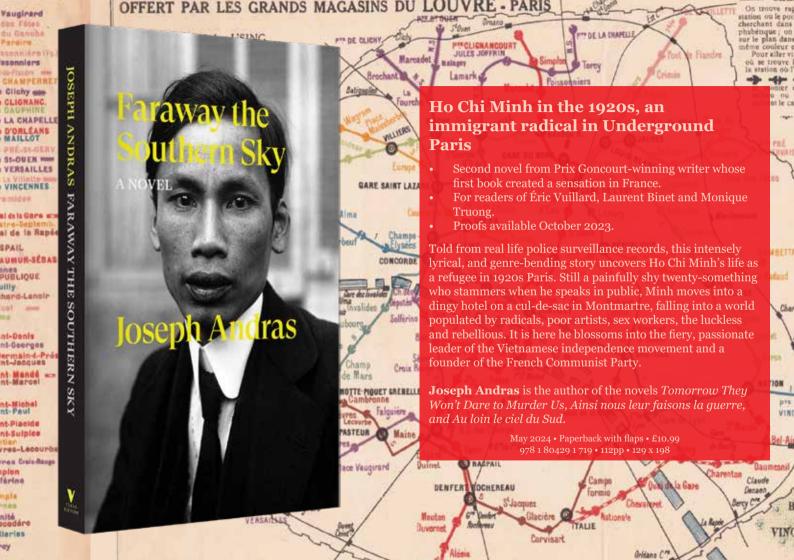
Jo is in a strange new country for university and having a more peculiar time than most. In a house with no walls, shared with a woman who has no boundaries, she finds her strange home coming to life in unimaginable ways. Jo's sensitivity and all her senses become increasingly heightened, as the lines between bodies and plants, dreaming and wakefulness, blur and mesh.

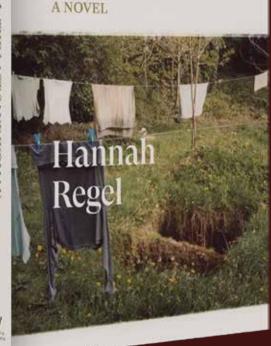
This debut novel from critically acclaimed artist and musician Jenny Hval presents a heady and hyper-sensual portrayal of sexual awakening and queer desire.

"A lurid hothouse of a thriller about a female student's sexual awakening." *Guardian*

Jenny Hval is a Norwegian musician and writer. She is the author of *Girls Against God* and her records include *Blood Bitch; Apocalypse, Girl* and *Innocence Is Kinky*.

March 2024 • Paperback with flaps • £9.99 978 1 80429 4 529 • 160pp • 129 x 198





The Last

Sane Woman

A beguiling debut novel about failure, art and womanhood

- Debut novel from an acclaimed poet.
- For readers of Megan Nolan, Raven Leilani and Tess Hadley.
- Proofs Available November 2023.
- Author available for UK events.

Nicola is a few years out of a fine arts degree, listless and unenthusiastically employed in London. While searching for inspiration in a women's archive, she discovers a stash of letters from the 70's, written by a young female potter named Donna. Nicola finds herself on an obsessive journey to discover more. But as she reads on, she encounters a series of coincidences that chime uncomfortably with her own life, and an accompanying sense of dread: what if she doesn't like where the letters lead?

A hauntingly charismatic novel, The Last Sane Woman is a compulsive and uncanny debut that explores what it means to fail—and asks if success is ever truly possible.

Hannah Regel was the co-editor of the feminist art journal *SALT*. Hannah has two published collections of poetry, *When I Was Alive* and *Oliver Reed*.

July 2024 • Paperback with flaps • £10.99 978 1 80429 5 373 • 240pp • 129 x 198

If Only A Novel By Vigdis Hjorth



A groundbreaking and timeless early work from one of the world's most heralded novelists

- Proofs available February 2024.
- For readers of Annie Ernaux, Sheila Heti and Elizabeth Strout.
- From the bestselling author of *Will and Testament*.

A relatively young woman, aged thirty. She married in her early twenties, had two children. It is winter. January and minus 14°C, white, frosty mist around the parked car, around the spruces, the mailbox on its post, but higher up the sky is blue, clear, the sun has come back. She has written in her diary that she is waiting for the heartbreak that will turn her into her true self. She has an impending sense of doom or possibly her own death.

So opens Vigdis Hjorth's ground-breaking novel from 2001, which melds the yearning, doomed potency of Annie Ernaux's *A Simple Passion* with the scale and force of Anna Karenina. It asks, can passion be mistaken for love? And proceeds to document the destruction a decade defined by such a misconstruction can yield on a life.

Vigdis Hjorth grew up in Norway. She is the author of over a dozen novels and has won numerous literary awards.

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Set My Heart on Fire A Novel By Izumi Suzuki



A youth spent in the underground club scene of 1970s Tokyo

- Proofs available May 2024.
- From the bestselling author of *Terminal Boredom*.
- Based on the authors fascinating life story of sex work, music and drugs in 1970s Tokyo.

Seamlessly delivering ennui alongside snark, and tragedy nose-to-nose with apathy, *Set My Heart on Fire* is a singular representation of young womanhood, missteps and miscommunication, and music, men and meds. With chapters titled for tracks by The Zombies, The Supremes and the Rolling Stones, as well as songs by underground Japanese bands of the time, the music of the 1960s and 1970s permeates the story.

Izumi Suzuki was a countercultural icon and a pioneer of Japanese science fiction. She worked as a keypunch operator before finding fame as a model and actress.

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