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I'm Amra Pajalić, the owner and publisher of Pishukin Press, an independent press dedicated to the publication of under-represented writers of fiction and nonfiction, as well as genre fiction.

There is a quote that states 'If you don't like to read, then you haven't found the right book.' I would like to extend that further and state that 'If you struggle to read then you haven't found the right book format.' As a high school teacher I have taught students with various individual needs and recognise the need to make books accessible for all kinds of readers. To this end I am committed to publishing all Pishukin Press titles in as many formats as possible. This includes:

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## Author Amra Pajalić re-releases her own voices, award-winning, young adult novel

#### Funny, sharp and insightful writing

Sabiha and her mother Bahra are more than mother and daughter, they're best friends. It's been them against the world, with Sabiha being her mother's carer and confidante during her periodic bipolar breakdowns.

When their extended family comes to Australia, Bahra becomes a Born-Again-Muslim to impress them, and expects Sabiha to step in line as the perfect daughter. Can Sabiha play the part of the good daughter so that her mentally ill mother is accepted back into the Bosnian community?

With the heartbreaking twists of John Green's novels, and exquisite characters like those of Melina Marchetta's, you'll love this hilarious, poignant, gutsy and real book.

'Sabiha's Dilemma is a 'raw and honest story about duty and the desire to run free. A strong voice in Australian fiction.' MELINA MARCHETTA

#### About the author

She won the 2009 Melbourne Prize for Literature's Civic Choice Award for her debut novel The Good Daughter, now re-released as Sabiha's Dilemma. The anthology she co-edited, Growing up Muslim in Australia (Allen and Unwin, 2014, 2019), was shortlisted for the 2015 Children's Book Council of the year awards and her memoir Things Nobody Knows But Me (Transit Lounge, 2019) was shortlisted for the 2020 National Biography Award.



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#### **Praise**

'Funny, sharp and insightful.' Simmone Howell 'A raw and honest story about duty and the desire to run free.' Melina Marchetta 'I love *Sabiha's Dilemma*. It had me in stitches. Hilarious, poignant, gutsy and real.' Randa Abdel-Fattah

#### **Teaching notes**

Pre-reading exercises, reading, writing and research activities, drama activities

#### Purchase links

https://www.amrapajalic.com/sabihas-dilemma.html

Reading age

15+

Categories
Young Adult, Teen Fiction,
Own Voices Fiction

ISBN	Format	Metric	AUD	Pages	Date
9780645331028	Ebook		4.99		03/05/22
9780645331035	Paperback	12.7 cm x 20.33	19.99	260	28/10/22
9781922871008	Hardcover	13.97 cm x 21.59	29.99	224	28/10/22
9781922871138	Dyslexic edition	22.9 x 15.24	29.99	436	28/10/22
9781922871121	Large Print	22.86 x 15.24	39.99	688	
9781922871145	Audio		9.99		15/10/22

## Author Amra Pajalić releases second book in her own voices young adult series

Navigating the spaces between culture, religion, tradition, family and friends.

Alma's perfect family is fractured when her father finds out he has a long-lost daughter from his first marriage. When his overtures are rebuffed, it's up to Alma to bring her new-found sister, Sabiha, into the family fold.

Now Alma is caught between family loyalties: her feuding parents, the brother she grew up with and the sister she just met, the new friends she made who are conflicted in their loyalties between her and Sabiha. Can Alma maintain the role of the perfect daughter and navigate the competing loyalties in her life?

'Amra Pajalić writes with such honesty every young adult will empathise with her... While dealing with some ordinary "stuff" Pajalic's observations are sincere and often hilarious.' BENDIGO ADVERTISER

#### About the author

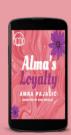
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#### **Praise**

'Pajalić bravely deals with some serious adolescent issues.' Kirkus Review 'Precious, Intriguing, and Mood-Boosting.' Secret on Goodreads

'I enjoyed the slow but sweet relationship that formed between the two sisters.' Evelyn V. on Goodreads

#### **Teaching notes**

Pre-reading exercises, reading, writing and research activities, drama activities

#### Purchase links

https://www.amrapajalic.com/almas\_loyalty.html

Reading age

15+

Categories

Young Adult, Teen Fiction, Own Voices Fiction

ISBN	Format	Metric	AUD	Pages	Date
9780645331042	Ebook		4.99		31/10/22
9780645331059	Paperback	12.7 cm x 20.33	19.99	274	31/10/22
9781922871176	Hardcover	13.97 cm x 21.59	29.99	234	19/11/22
9781922871183	Dyslexic edition	22.9 x 15.24	29.99	374	19/11/22
9781922871190	Large Print	22.86 x 15.24	39.99	678	19/11/22
9781922871169	Audio		9.99		30/03/23

### Award-winning author showcases previously published and prize-winning stories

#### Gritty, bruising and poignant writing

Award-winning author Amra Pajalić is publishing her eclectic short story collection *The Cuckoo's Song* featuring previously published and prize-winning stories. This collection features stories Pajalić has written over the past two decades and are the map that reveal her growth and evolution as an author. Delving into familiar themes of family dissolution, deprivation of war, tenderness of family and the heart-rending experiences of mental illness, Pajalić also moves into new territory with previously unpublished thriller stories.

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#### **Praise**

'So devastatingly real' Maxine Beneba Clarke Siege 'a powerful and moving story of family dissolution and the suffering, deprivation and terror of war.' Australian Book Review In Nervous Breakdown 'rebellion is fuelled by the cultural disconnect between themselves and their migrant parents.' Sydney Morning Herald

**Teaching notes** 

With reading activities, thematic analysis, short story structure analysis and writing prompts.

#### **Purchase Links**

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9780645331004	Ebook		4.99		30/1/22
9780645331011	Paperback	12.7 cm x 20.33	19.99	210	30/1/22
9781922871039	Hardcover	13.97 cm x 21.59	29.99	132	5/8/22
9781922871053	Dyslexic edition	22.9 x 15.24	29.99	284	6/8/22
9781922871077	Large Print	22.86 x 15.24	39.99	444	07/08/22
9781922871060	Audio Al		4.99		30/07/22

### A young adult romance novella with the tropes of friends to lovers and slow burn romance

#### Friends to lovers and slow burn romance

Noah and Zephyra have been best friends since they started high school. Zephyra thinks of Noah as a brother. Noah thinks Zephyra is the one.

Zephyra's only interest in romance is between the covers of her favourite romance novels. Noah believes now that they're sixteen it's just a matter of time until their friendship becomes a relationship.

When they are completing a one week bike marathon their friendship hits some unexpected speed bumps. Will their friendship turn into something more or will they crash?

The Climb, a young adult contemporary romance.

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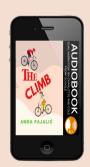


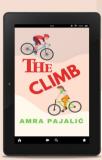
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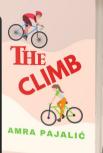


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Reading age

15+

**Categories** 

Young Adult, Teen Fiction, Young Adult Romancee

ISBN	Format	Metric	AUD	Pages	Date
9781922871046	Ebook		\$3.99		08/07/22
9781922871114	Paperback	12.7 cm x 20.33	\$15.99	274	08/07/22
9781922871220	Hardcover	13.97 cm x 21.59	\$24.99	234	25/11/22
9781922871237	Dyslexic edition	22.9 x 15.24	\$19.99	374	25/11/22
9781922871244	Large Print	22.86 x 15.24	\$29.99	678	25/11/22
9781922871091	Audio		\$4.99		08/07/22

# Author Amra Pajalić re-releases her contemporary romance novel

### A fatal accident A parallel world Second chances don't come often

Death has never been far from Lana. In a previous life, her husband Frank died from a heart condition at thirty. In this new world where she's known as Alannah Walker, it's Tristan by her side as husband, and he had a heart operation as a child. But that's where the similarities end between them.

Born Frank Walters, Tristan hides his past under a new name. His relationship with his wife, Alannah, fraught with anger. Alannah has seemed like a different person since the car accident, and lessons of the past have taught him not to trust too easily.

Will Tristan and Lana learn enough from past mistakes to give them a second chance at love?

Be transported to another world on a breathtaking ride into the unknown, where two lovers will come to find the true meaning of forever.

#### About the author

Mae Archer is the pen name for author Amra Pajalic. Amra writes young adult contemporary fiction under her own name and dark fiction as A.P. Pajalic.

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#### **Praise**

"... a compelling fast read with an interesting likeable heroine. ...the "what if" storyline had a fascinating Twilight Zone type feel to it that will appeal to a wide variety of readers."

Four star review by Pennydreadfulbooks

#### Purchase links

https://www.maearcherromance.com/return-to-me.html

#### Categories

Adult & contemporary romance, Romance: time travel

ISBN	Format	Metric	AUD	Pages	Date
9781922871015	Ebook		4.99		31/07/22
9781922871022	Paperback	12.7 cm x 20.33	22.99	240	31/07/22
9781922871251	Hardcover	13.97 cm x 21.59	34.99	220	20/12/22
9781922871268	Dyslexic edition	22.9 x 15.24	29.99	412	20/12/22
9781922871275	Large Print	22.86 x 15.24	49.99	656	20/12/22
9781922871107	Audio Al		4.99		31/07/22

### Romantic suspense novel with secret identities, hidden agendas and thwarted ambition

### She's fallen for his greatest role. But can she fall for him?

Former soap star Tom Calvert dreams of making movies that matter. To get the part of a lifetime he becomes a method actor, living as Beau Tennant, a war hero with a disabling injury. While in character he meets Maree Reynard, a costume designer, and takes her on a date. But when this practice date becomes all too real he realizes that he's made the mistake of a lifetime. Will he be able to get Maree to fall in love with Tom Calvert?

Maree Reynard's father is an actor and she has grown up on a studio lot. She has no illusions about the artifice of the movie-making business and has vowed she would never date an actor. When she meets and falls in love with Beau Tennant she knows that she's found her dream man who is genuine and real. But when Beau disappears from her life she is heartbroken. She meets Tom Calvert on the rebound and sees their flirtation as a way of recovering her shattered confidence. Will Tom Calvert be able to convince her he is the real deal?

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#### **Praise**

'Not only was the love story interesting, but the other storylines meshed in perfectly. There was a crazy stalker, the secondary characters were great, family drama, etc. Wonderfully written and endearing! 5 stars, Abby

#### Purchase links

https://www.maearcherromance.com/hollywood-dreams.html

#### Categories

Adult & contemporary romance, Romantic suspense

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9781922871282	Audio Al		4.99		10/01/23