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2023 Manchester People's Choice Award, Manchester Culture Award finalist.

'The Wager and the Bear' by John Ironmonger nominated for the Dublin Literary Award 2026

FLY ON THE WALL PRESS 2026:

A YEAR OF TRAVEL THROUGH BOOKS

January 12th: *These are the things we have lost*
by Janice Warman
(Poetry Collection, *Apartheid-era South Africa*)

March 24th: *Erased* by Miha Mazzini
(Political Thriller, *Translation - Slovenia*)

June 1st: *Da* by Arathi Menon
(Literary Fiction, *LGBTQ - India*)

July 7th: *Woman, Mapped* Edited by Jennifer Wong
(Poetry and essay anthology,
Rebecca Swift Foundation)

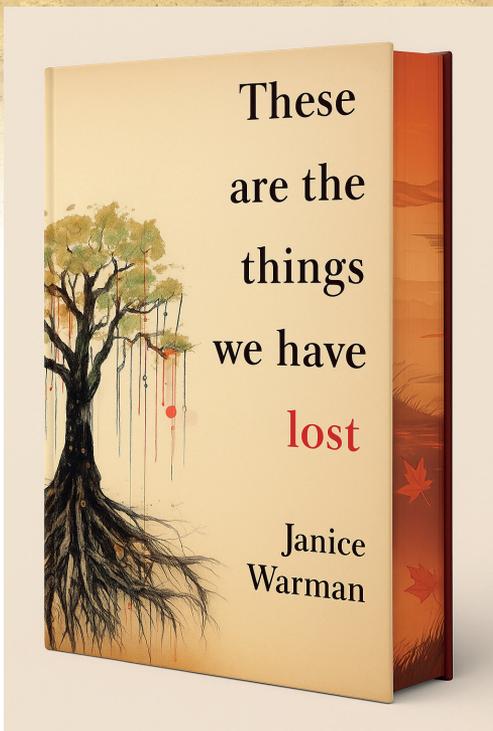
August 28th: *The Whispering Jacarandas*
by Zahirra Dayal
(Contemporary Fiction, *Zimbabwe*)

September 1st: *The Angel of St Piran* by John Ironmonger
(Contemporary Fiction, *Tanzania*) - Hardback

October 1st: *Ice, Flower, Herborium* by Dzena Andersone
(Psychological Thriller, *Translation - Latvia*)

December 2nd: *Nice Things* by Rue Baldry
(Short Story Collection, *United Kingdom*)





THESE ARE THE THINGS WE HAVE LOST BY JANICE WARMAN

In her debut poetry collection, *These Are The Things We Have Lost*, journalist Janice Warman chronicles a journey from her South African childhood to the landscapes of motherhood with unflinching honesty. From pregnancy 'high on hormones and Pellegrino', to second weddings, these poems capture intimate moments of love and loss. Warman's voice moves between continents and decades.



'An absorbing series of poems about loss and family. Warman has the rare gift of expressing pain and suffering, with rage at death and disease and the irretrievability of the past, and yet remaining life-enhancing. This is an outstanding and compelling book.'

- Bernard O'Donoghue, Author of 'Farmers Cross' (Faber)

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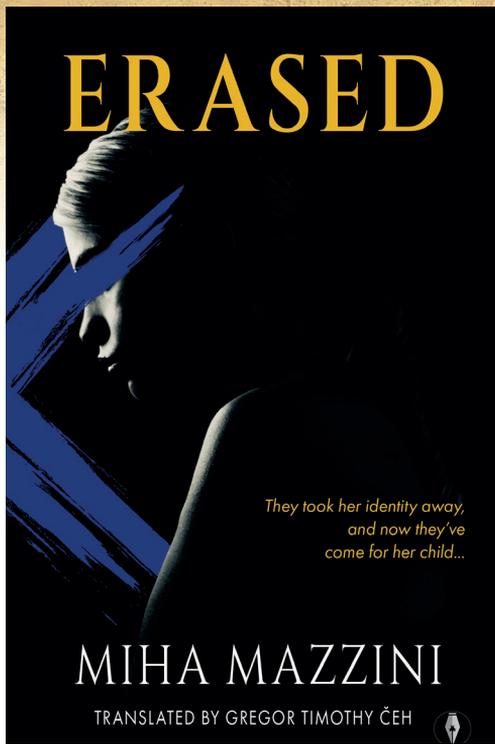
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'An impressive debut'

- Suzi Feay, *The Financial Times*

Janice Warman is an award-winning writer of YA fiction, non-fiction and poetry, based in Crowborough, East Sussex. She is a financial journalist.



ERASED

BY MIHA MAZZINI

Political Thriller

TRANSLATED FROM SLOVENIAN BY
GREGOR TIMOTHY ČEH

- 226 ratings on Goodreads, average review 4.03 stars!
- Based on the real stories of the 25,671 erased citizens during Slovenian independence, 1992.
- Also an award-winning feature film
- Published and translated in 10 countries, including Italy and Germany

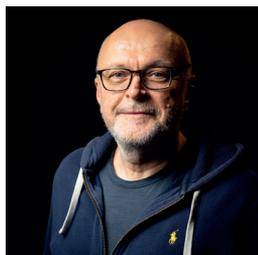
When a “software error” erases Zala from the system, she discovers that officially, she and her newborn don’t exist. As Zala fights desperately to prove her existence, and to save her child from adoption, she uncovers the Kafkaesque reality of Slovenia’s system — one that erased 25,671 citizens on February 26, 1992.

A chilling thriller about bureaucracy as violence, and one mother’s battle against the state.

“I picked up a book set in Slovenia. But I read much more than this - this is a story about humanity, resilience and the yearning to call somewhere home.” - The Book Trail

“Vehemently written” - Gabriela Babnik, Pogledi

Miha Mazzini is the author of more than 30 books, published in 15 languages, and has stories featured in prestigious anthologies including Best European Fiction 2018. He is also a screenwriter and director of multiple prize-winning films.



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DA

BY ARATHI MENON

Literary Fiction

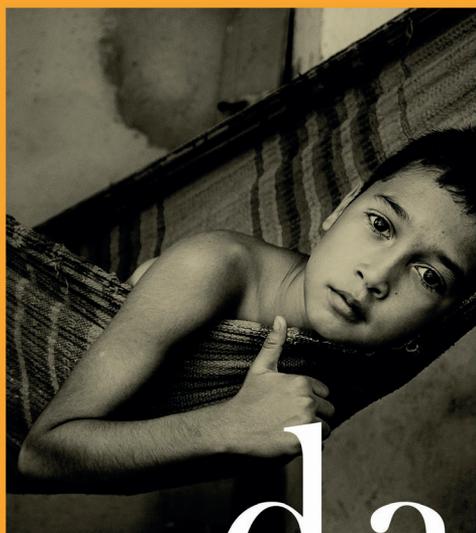
FOR READERS OF AVNI DOSHI AND
KAMILA SHAMSIE.

**This is a story of love between a father
and a son.**

13-year-old Ved is a sweet, inquisitive boy living in a world where love must hide in plain sight. His adoptive father, Da, is his entire universe — fiercely loving, fiercely protective, harbouring a secret that could destroy them both: Da is gay at a time when Section 377 makes homosexuality a crime.

Set in an Indian metropolis in 2013, Da is a tender story of a boy caught between devotion and fear, chronicling the everyday courage it takes to love someone the world refuses to accept.

Arathi Menon is an author and columnist based in London. She completed her MA in Creative Writing (Prose Fiction) at the University of East Anglia. Her debut book, a memoir titled *Leaving Home with Half a Fridge*, was published by Pan Macmillan India. Her middle-grade mystery novel, *A Thud in the Middle of the Night*, was brought out by DC Books, Kerala, and later published by Yali Books, New York, under the title *A Mystery at Lili Villa*. Her awards include the SI Leeds Literary Prize and Novel London.



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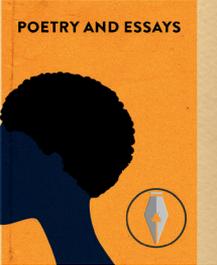
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WOMAN, MAPPED



A REBECCA SWIFT
FOUNDATION
ANTHOLOGY



POETRY AND ESSAYS



Rebecca
Swift
Foundation

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WOMAN, MAPPED

EDITED BY JENNIFER WONG

Essays and Poetry

With a foreword by Hollie McNish

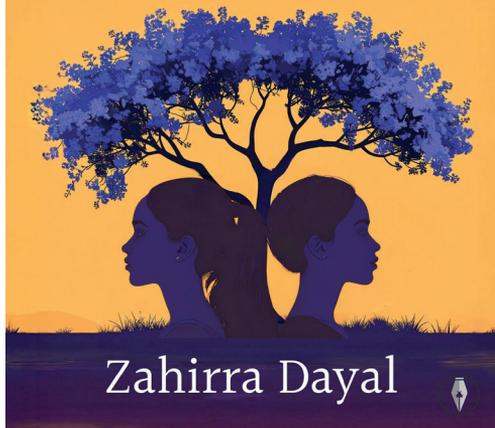
What does it mean to be a woman? To live as a woman is so often a political act.

This powerful anthology maps the journeys of women: their joys and challenges, and the defining moments that shape them. From girlhood to ageing, from love to loss, from ambition to identity, these distinctive writers speak honestly to what it means to be heard in our own voices, on our own terms.

Curated by acclaimed poet and critic Jennifer Wong, 'Woman, Mapped' reflects the breadth of lived experience across identities, cultures, and generations.

Jennifer Wong is a poet, editor and creative writing tutor. Born and raised in Hong Kong, she now lives in the UK. Her publications include *Letters Home* (Nine Arches), *time difference* (Verve), and *Diary of a Miu Miu Salesgirl* (bitter melon). She has coedited *Where Else: An International Hong Kong Poetry Anthology* (Verve) and *State of Play: Poets of East and Southeast Asian Heritage in Conversation* (Outspoken). *Light Year*, her next collection, is forthcoming from Nine Arches Press.

The Whispering Jacarandas



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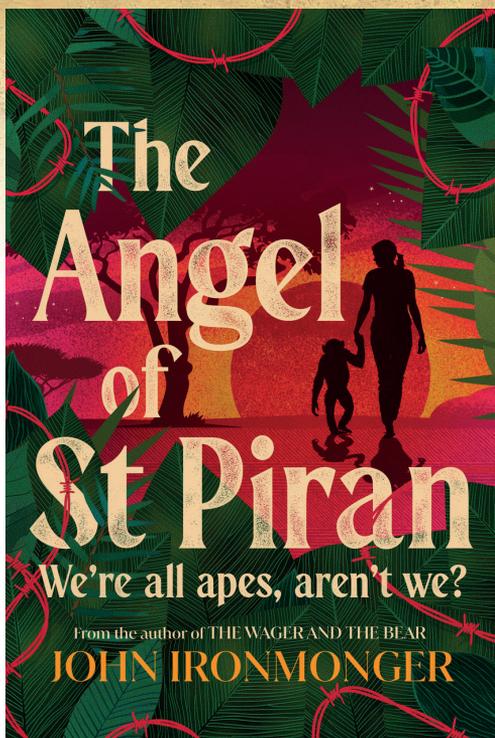
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THE WHISPERING JACARANDAS BY ZAHIRRA DAYAL

FOR READERS OF BRIT BENNETT'S
THE VANISHING HALF

The *Whispering Jacarandas* is a haunting debut that unfolds in the charged aftermath of Zimbabwe's independence. In the leafy suburb of Belvedere, sisters Zaynah and Amira grow up within the shelter of a close-knit Indian community, until one night of violence shatters their childhood and leaves an unspoken rift between them. As the sisters navigate adolescence under the shadow of silence, their paths diverge: one drawn inward into secrecy, the other seeking escape in rebellion. Against a backdrop of political upheaval and simmering racial tensions, they must confront the weight of trauma and the fragility of identity, as they struggle to repair the fractured threads of sisterhood.

Zahirra Dayal was born in Zimbabwe and now lives in London, where she works as a university lecturer. The Whispering Jacarandas grew from a short story inspired by her grandmother, who migrated from Gujarat to Southern Africa, and was developed into a novel through a Jericho Writers Self-Edit bursary. Zahirra's work has appeared in The Mechanics' Institute Review and Teeserae, with a poem forthcoming in Third Space. She has been longlisted for the Deborah Rogers Prize and the SI Leeds Literary Prize and shortlisted for the Owned Voices Award, receiving mentorship from acclaimed writers including Yvonne Singh.



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THE ANGEL OF ST PIRAN

BY JOHN IRONMONGER

From novelist and zoologist John Ironmonger, author of FOTW bestseller *'The Wager and the Bear,'* comes this unsettling story of one young woman's fight to protect her family of wild chimpanzees against trophy hunters and the worst of humanity.

For fans of WEST WITH GIRAFFES by Lynda Rutledge. Set in the fictional Cornish town of 'St Piran', a setting familiar to Ironmonger's fans.

When five wealthy trophy hunters descend upon a remote African forest, they underestimate the passionate young researcher, Angel Restorick, who has learned to communicate with the chimpanzees she studies. As the hunters close in, Angel must use her unique bond with the chimps to outwit the human predators. From the Cornish village of St Piran to the jungles of Tanzania and back, this gripping tale weaves themes of conservation, connection, and courage against exploitation.

'Nuanced, compassionate and funny, this tale of love and revenge is one of my favourite books of the year.' - Carys Bray on *'The Wager and the Bear.'*

John Ironmonger was born in East Africa and is now based in Cheshire. He has a doctorate in zoology. He is the author of novels *The Wager and the Bear*, *The Notable Brain of Maximilian Ponder* (shortlisted for the 2012 Costa First Novel Prize and the Guardian's Not the Booker Prize), *The Coincidence Authority* and *The Whale at the End of the World* (an international bestseller).

ICE FLOWER HERBARIUM

*'I haven't read anything this good
from Latvian literature
in a long time.'*
- Dace Ruksāne

Dzena Andersone



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ICE, FLOWER, HERBARIUM BY DZENA ANDERSONE

LATVIAN TRANSLATION BY ZANETE
VEVERE PASQUALINI

In a snowy Latvian town where secrets lie frozen beneath the earth, policeman Vincent discovers a dead body, sparking a chain of revelations the community is desperate to conceal.

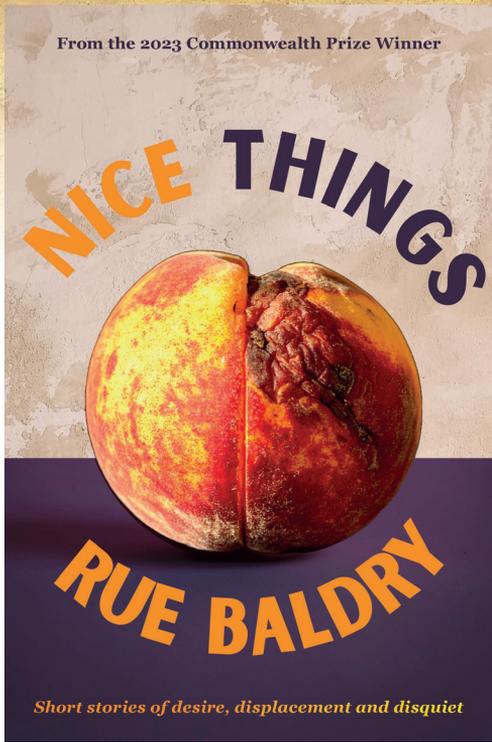
As he investigates a missing teacher, Vincent becomes entangled in the tragic life of Jen, a troubled young man raised in violence and silence. Their stories collide when Vincent uncovers a devastating link between Jen's past and his own.

Dark, atmospheric, and psychologically gripping, *Ice, Flower, Herbarium* explores guilt, inherited trauma, and the perilous cost of truth in a town built on buried sins.

'The very first sentence is perfect, and the book continues in the same way.'

- Dace Ruksane, writer and journalist.

Džena Andersone (1977) – lawyer, writer. Džena studied writing in the Literary Academy's prose workshops. In 2021, her debut collection of stories "Dadži" [Thistles] was published. She participated in the festival Prose Readings various times, with the stories "Kāds pieskaras rokai" [Someone Touches the Hand], "Plauksta, aizšauta acīm priekšā" [Palm, Held in Front of the Eyes], "Dzeltenās podziņas" [The Yellow Buttions] and "Skapi" [In the Closet].



NICE THINGS

BY RUE BALDRY

Short Story Collection

Stories examining class, race, gender, and sexuality through the lens of physical spaces and who is allowed to occupy them.

Opening with the Commonwealth Prize-winning “Lech, Prince, and the Nice Things,” the collection weaves through teenage sexual awakening, family secrets, and post-pandemic isolation. Characters grapple with class divisions, discrimination, and desires they barely understand themselves. Unflinching and deeply human, these stories capture pivotal moments when lives quietly but irrevocably change course.

‘Confidently written and tackling big themes with real sensitivity and care, Rue’s writing pulls you along with assured ease.’ - Judges from Mushens Entertainment on award-winning novel ‘Dwell’.

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Thirty of Rue Baldry’s short stories have appeared in journals such as Granta, Fairlight Shorts, Ambit, Litro, Mslexia, and The Honest Ulsterman. In 2023, her story, Lech Prince, and the Nice Things, won the Canada and Europe region of the Commonwealth Prize. Other stories have been longlisted for the BBC NSSA and placed in the Reader Berlin and Odd Voice Out competitions. She lives in York, has a Creative Writing MA from Leeds University, was a Bridge Awards/ Moniack Mhor Emerging Writer, a Jerwood/Arvon mentee, and a Women’s Prize Discoveries longlistee. Her debut novel, Dwell, won the 2024 First Novel Prize and is forthcoming from Northodox Press in 2026.

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