

# The Atlas of Hell

Nathan Ballingrud

**Shirley Jackson Award Winner  
World Fantasy, British Fantasy and Bram Stoker Award Finalist**

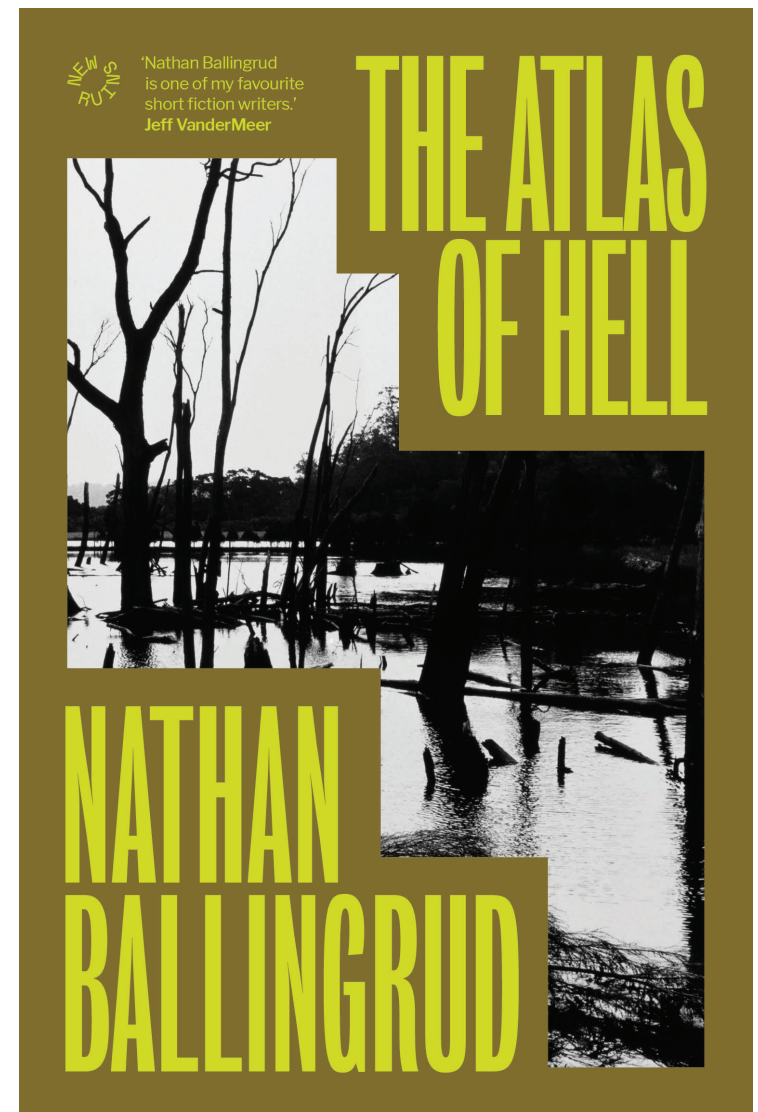
“Nathan Ballingrud is one of my favorite short fiction writers.”  
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**In New Orleans a rare bookdealer is forced to track down an infernal atlas dragged from hell itself and now stashed in the swamps of the bayou. A dive bartender picks up a phone left behind after a brawl and is pulled into a waking nightmare. On a sea voyage, a decadent group of diabolists are intent on an audience with the Devil himself. Across six tales *The Atlas of Hell* takes us to the fringe of sanity, the limit of infernal ambition, and the very border of our reality.**

**Nathan Ballingrud has earned a reputation as one of the leading voices in contemporary horror fiction and in *The Atlas of Hell* he shows us the deepest and darkest recesses of his imagination. Ballingrud probes the wounds that are the human condition and peels back the skin to reveal the monstrous and miraculous beneath. From the author of *North American Lake Monsters*, this is a collection for readers unafraid to gaze into the abyss and meet the eyes of what stares back.**

Nathan Ballingrud was born in Massachusetts but has spent most of his life in the South. He worked as a bartender in New Orleans and New York City and a cook on offshore oil rigs. His story ‘The Monsters of Heaven’ won the inaugural Shirley Jackson Award. He lives in Asheville, North Carolina, with his daughter.

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