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Fly on the Wall Press**Author bio:**

John Ironmonger was born in East Africa and is now based in Cheshire. He has a doctorate in zoology, and was once an expert on freshwater leeches. He is the author of The Good Zoo Guide and the novels 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). He has also been part of a world record team for speed reading Shakespeare, has driven across the Sahara in a £100 banger, and once met Jared Diamond in a forest in the middle of Sumatra.

The Angel of St Piran

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 readers of international best-seller The Whale at the End of the World and The Wager and the Bear: *'This book achieves what should be impossible: a heart-warming dystopia.'* - Elle UK

Praise for 'The Wager and the Bear':

- *'Nuanced, compassionate and funny, this tale of love and revenge is one of my favourite books of the year.'* - Carys Bray, author of When the Lights Go Out
- *'Suffused with warmth and charm. This is what good storytellers do in the face of the climate crisis: choreograph a dance between the global and the human.'* - Shelley Harris, Author of 'Jubilee' and 'Vigilante'

About the book

"NOT ALL OF THIS IS TRUE. But some surely is. Most of it, I hope."

When five wealthy trophy hunters descend upon a remote African forest, they overlook 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.

Reviews

'Suffused with warmth and charm. This is what good storytellers do in the face of the climate crisis: choreograph a dance between the vast and the tiny, between the global and the human. I was completely invested and utterly gripped.' - Shelley Harris, Author of 'Jubilee' and 'Vigilante'

'A small community, a chance encounter, a big story - The Wager and the Bear is a rip-roaring adventure that is both insightful and humane. Nuanced, compassionate and funny, this tale of love and revenge is one of my favourite books of the year.' - Carys Bray, author of When the Lights Go Out

'A novel full of warmth, wit and wisdom. John Ironmonger weaves another charm of a story' - Essie Fox, Author of 'The Fascination'