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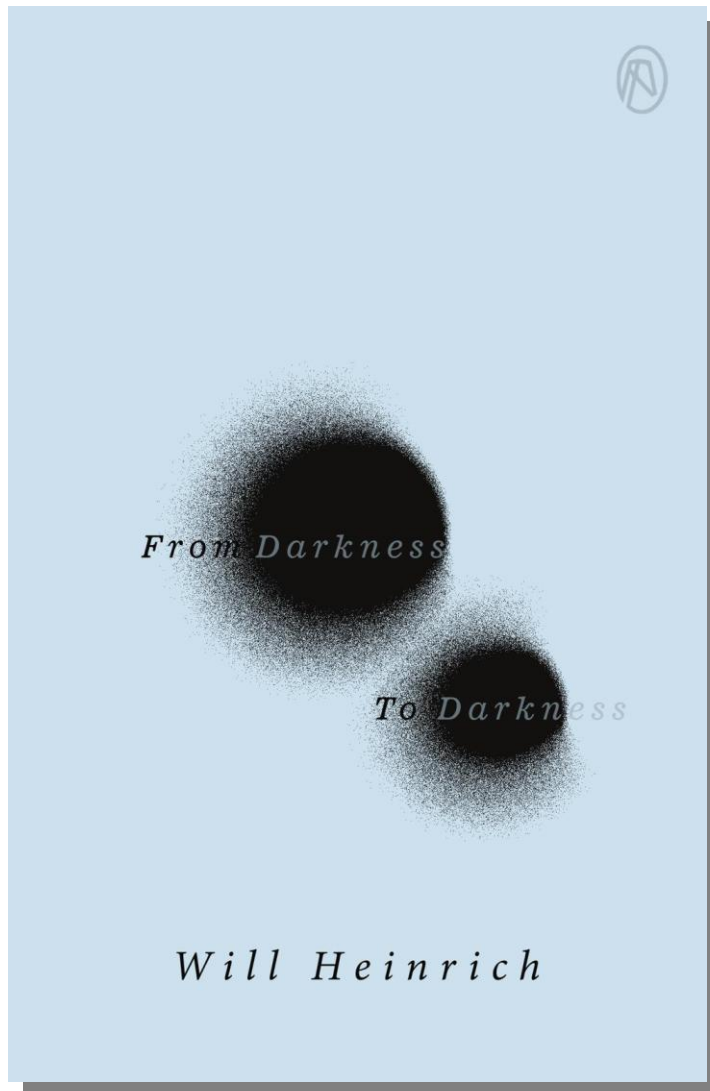
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FROM DARKNESS TO DARKNESS

Will Heinrich

*“As I journey from darkness to darkness,
shine down on me there over the mountain, moon!”*

—Izumi Shikibu

From Darkness To Darkness is a portrait of its hero, New York based art critic Jonah Blank, through his intimate relationships. Handling bitter family arguments, uncomfortable studio visits, marital harmony and struggle and the passing sweetness of parenting with the same acute but delicate touch, Heinrich paints a moving picture of life as something that can never quite be grasped.

- **One of the most candid portrayals of the 21st-century American middle class.**
- **A raw, introspective satire of the New York art world.**
- **Highly praised by Julian Tepper and Mayada Ibrahim.**
- **Gives you a feel like wandering into a modern life exhibition, full of bittersweet scenes from marriages, friendships, parenthood—all kinds of human relationships.**
- **Its style and tone recall the subtle, sincere, and intriguing screenwriting of Alexander Payne, Charlie Kaufman, and Noah Baumbach.**
- **The characters and dialogues are so vivid and realistic that the novel often feels cinematic.**

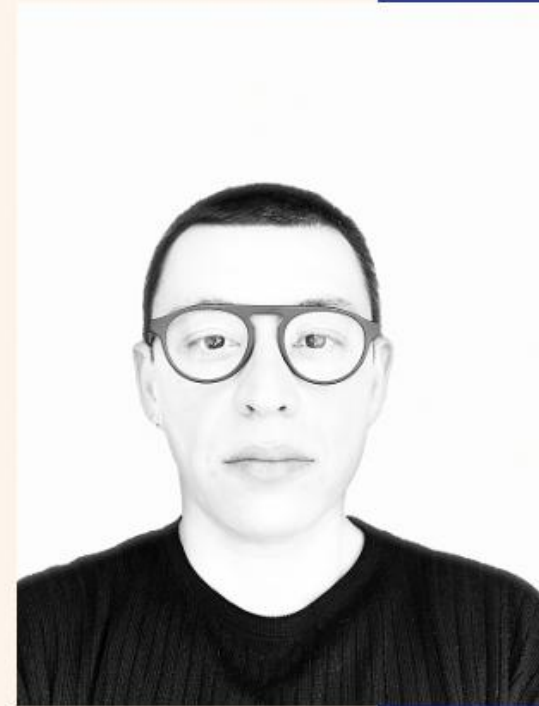
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The Refugee Chronicles

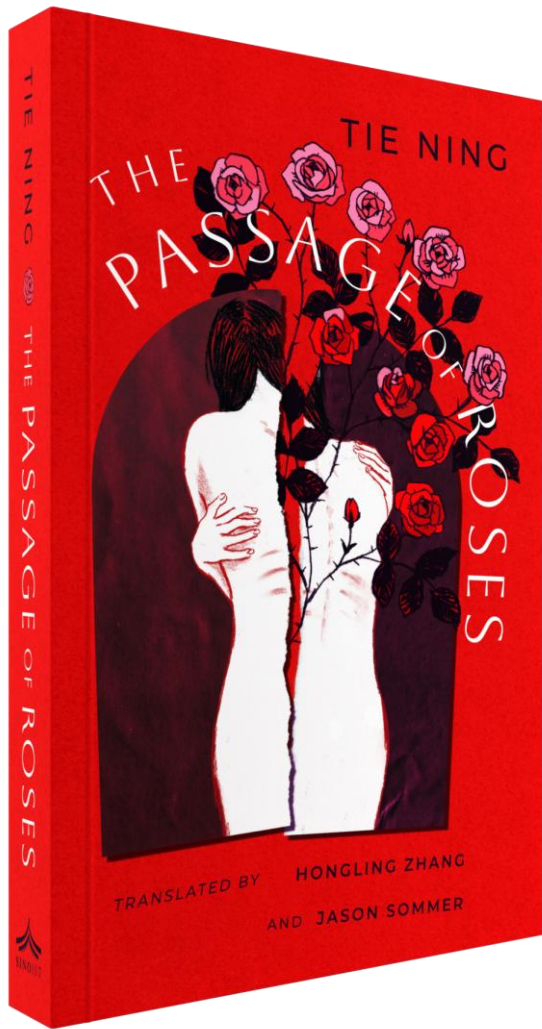
Evgeny Shtorn

Translated by Alex Novitskaya

In 2018, Evgeny Shtorn was forced to flee Russia due to the government's hostile policies toward both queer sexualities and political dissent. The run for life and liberty brought him to the utmost edge of Western Europe: Ireland. Shtorn's experience of claiming asylum made him question clear-cut boundaries between the West and the East. Through this semi-fictional chronicle of a lengthy stay in Ireland's Direct Provision system, Shtorn traverses the questions, ambiguities, misgivings and transgressions that surround the issues of queerness, migration, and the politics of human rights in contemporary Europe.



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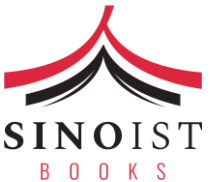
Tie Ning

Translated by **Hongling Zhang** and **Jason Sommer**

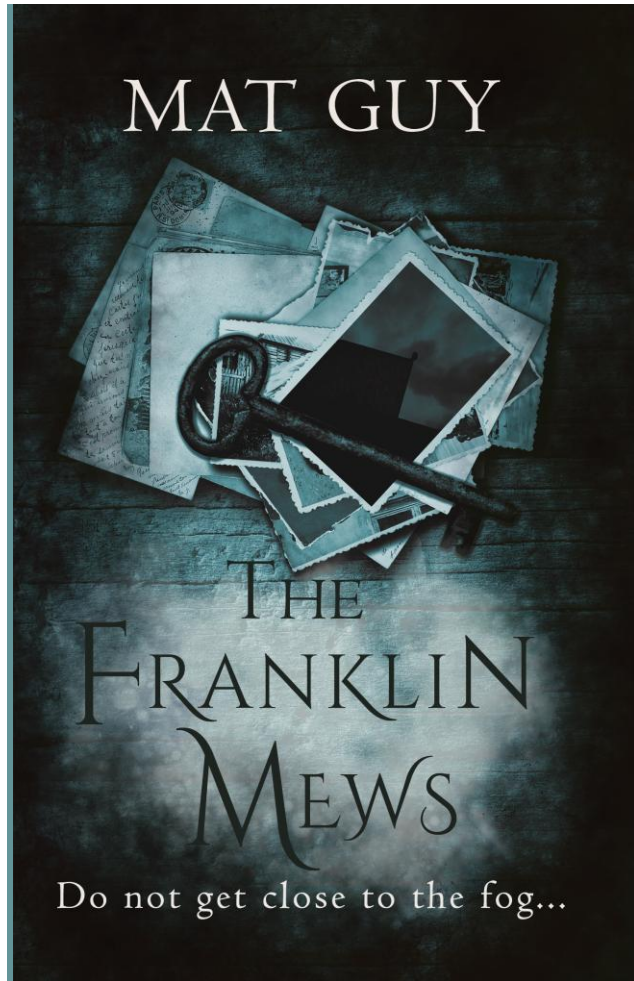
During the Cultural Revolution, Mei comes of age in a once-grand courtyard dominated by her grandmother, a survivor of violence who inflicts the same kind of control upon her family that she once resisted. But the matriarch is unable to repel the political storm that comes to their home and leaves death and a traumatised young girl in its wake.

‘As timely now as it was in 1989, an intricate and unflinching dissection of the ways in which political violence fragments the collective through the person, severing soul from spirit, body from mind.’

Marieke Bigg, author of *Waiting for Ted* and
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A mysterious manuscript, sent to eight publishing houses.

Eight readers found dead, insane, or vanished into thin air.

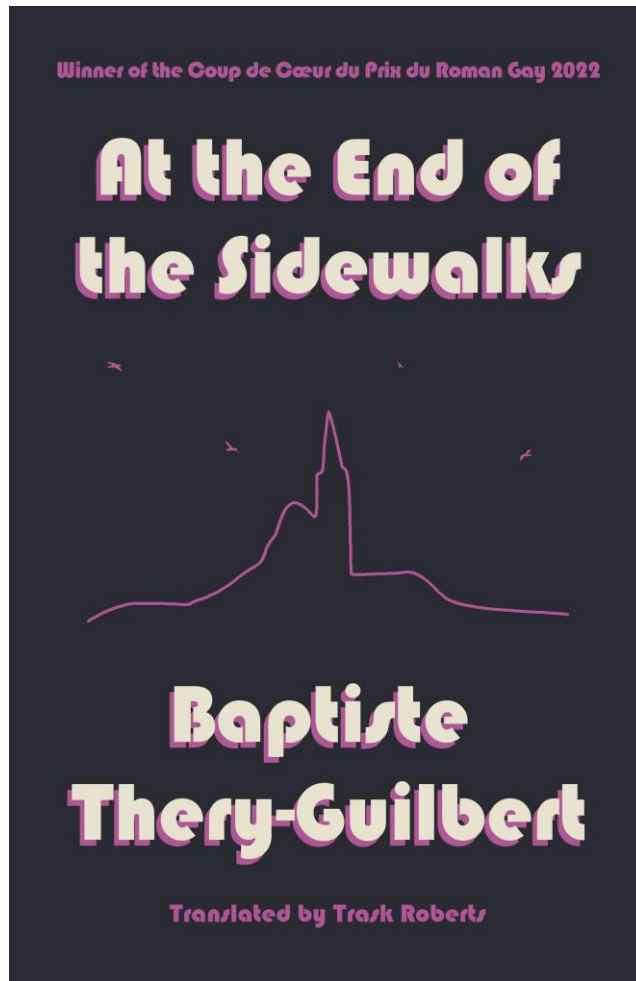
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Against the backdrop of seaside idyll Marseille, our unnamed narrator recounts the tale of his life from seventeen to nineteen, centring on his relationship with best friend turned lover Clément.

At heart a stirring and sensuous tale, a cry for acceptance pierces through. An extraordinary novel that has received international acclaim for its stirring originality, this is a powerful tale that resounds with passion and proclaims the strength of the will to exist.



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THE BEDEVILMENTS

JOHN GAY

Anthony is barely present in his own life. A failed academic career, a soul-crushing call-centre job, an Alcoholics Anonymous group he resents attending: he's checked out from all of it.

He spends the Sydney summer trying to avoid the sun, and lives only for the evenings when he can visit Emma, a sex worker at a local brothel. It's during these rented hours that Anthony finds brief moments of human connection. He can only afford to see Emma maybe once a month, but he can never hold on that long.

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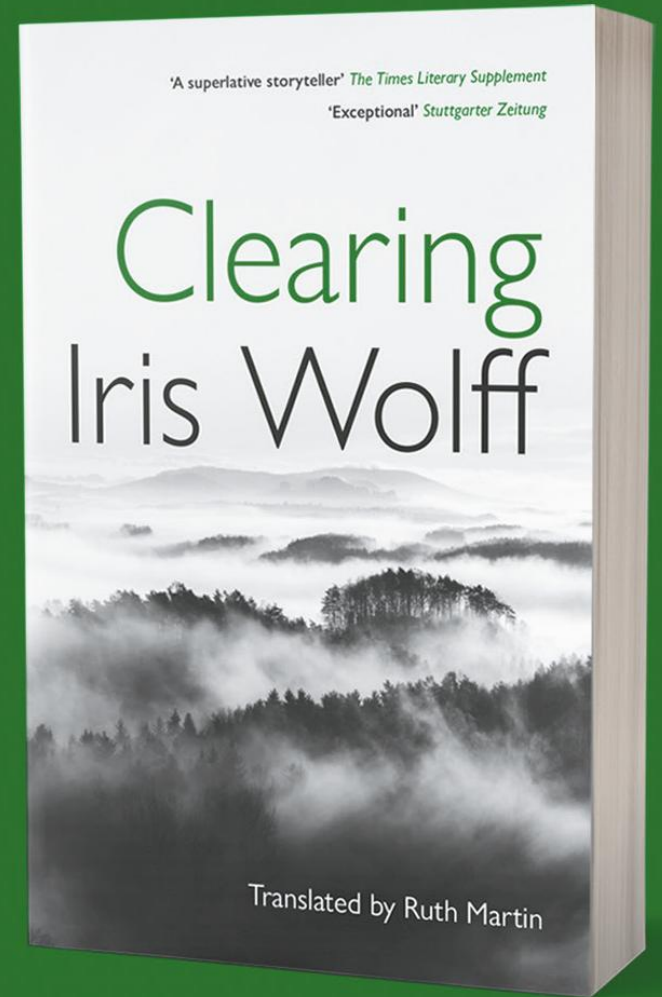
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When are you coming?

Four words on a postcard
change two lives

Lev leaves his remote village in Romania, travelling to the centre of Europe
to meet his dearest friend, Kato, the girl who had to get out.
But neither of them knows where they belong – or to whom.





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MITHIM

CARINA MCNALLY

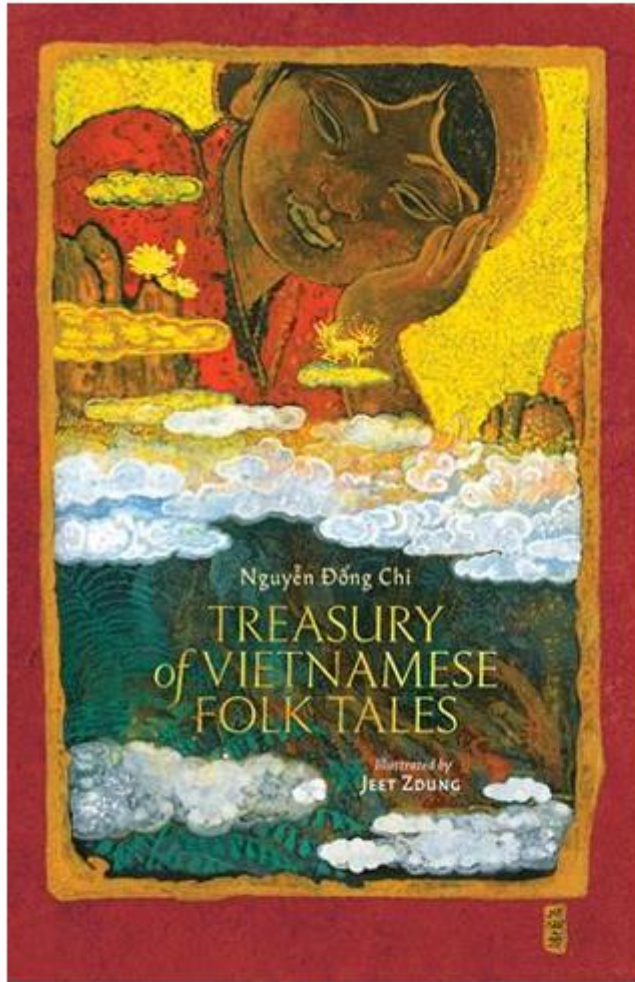
Mithim is a haunting historical novel set in 17th-century Ireland. When Cromwellian forces destroy her home, healer Mithim flees to the Wexford forest. Guided by the goddess *An Cailleach*, she searches for her brother Eoin — but in a world where empires burn everything visible, only sacred knowledge endures.

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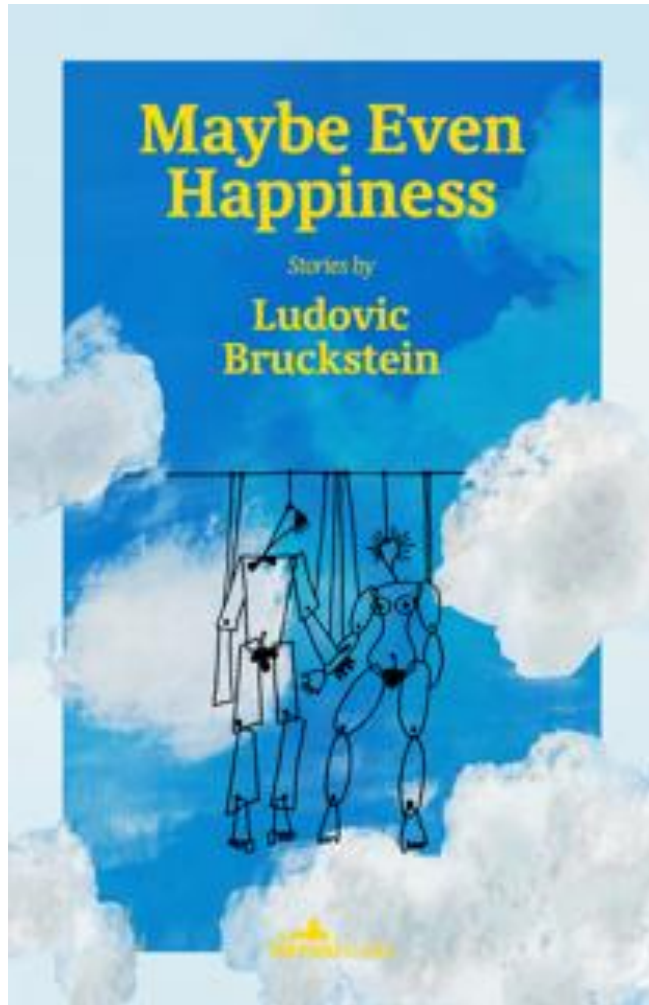
The stories in Volume 1 shine a spotlight on the women of Vietnamese folklore—not damsels in distress, but as heroes, tricksters, warriors, and sometimes even villains.

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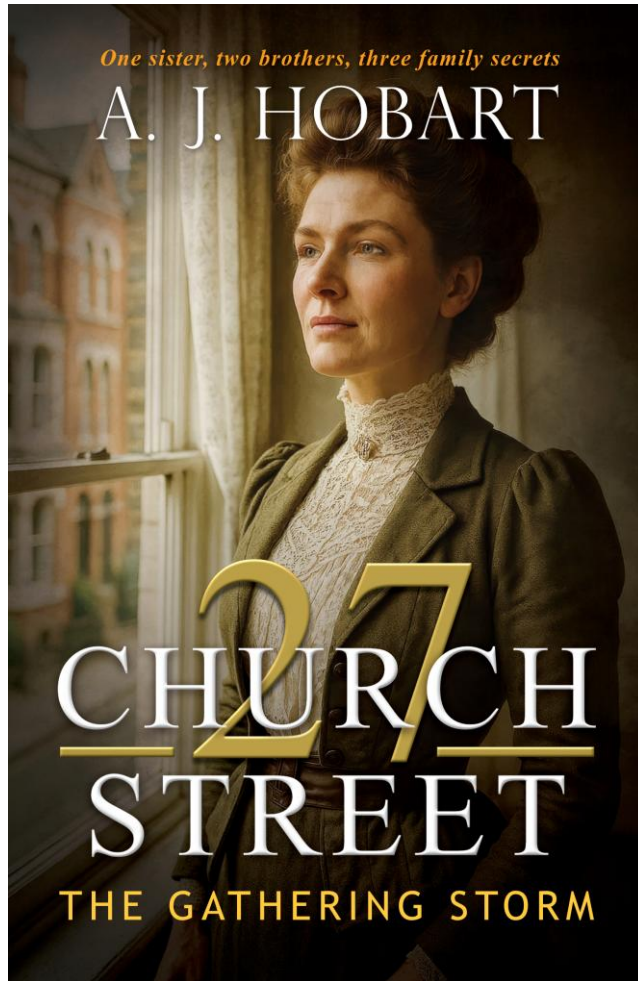
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A. J. Hobart

Kidderminster Town Hall, July, 1910

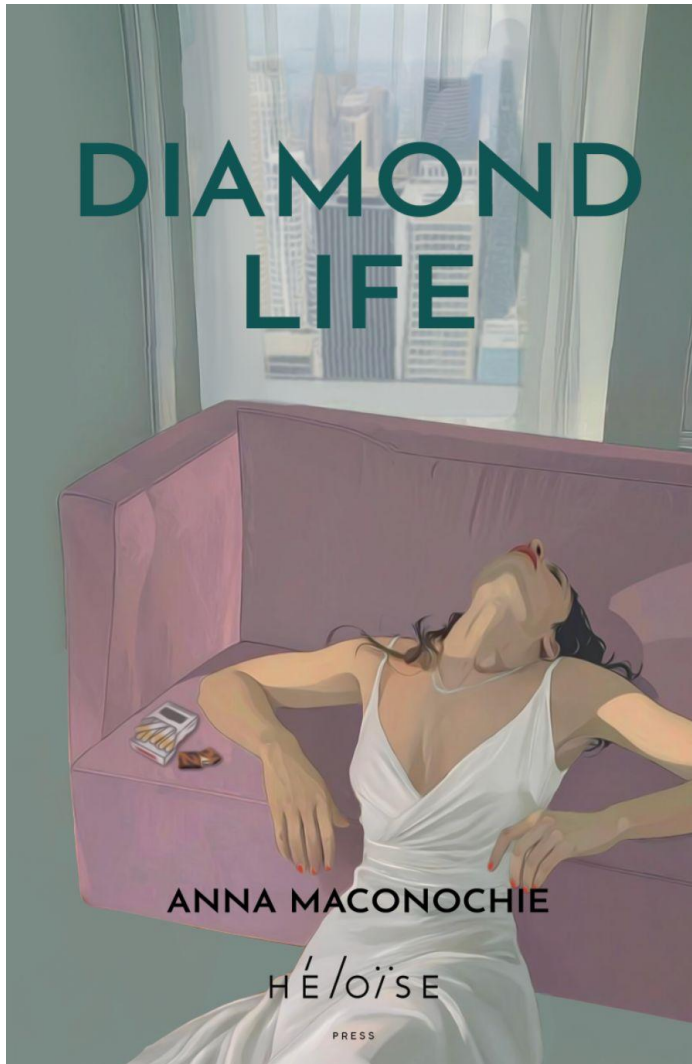
The Stretton family spare no expense as the heads of their medical dynasty, Samuel and Kate, mark their golden wedding anniversary at Kidderminster Town Hall. But family divisions soon come to the fore, fueling gossip that will keep the town talking for weeks. Meanwhile, the social fabric of this famous carpet-making town is being threatened by a surprise arrival from across the pond. As the future of Kidderminster is being fought over, the town's population is threatened by a deadly outbreak of smallpox. Under the strain, more buried family secrets emerge, secrets that threaten to destroy the family's unity and reputation forever.

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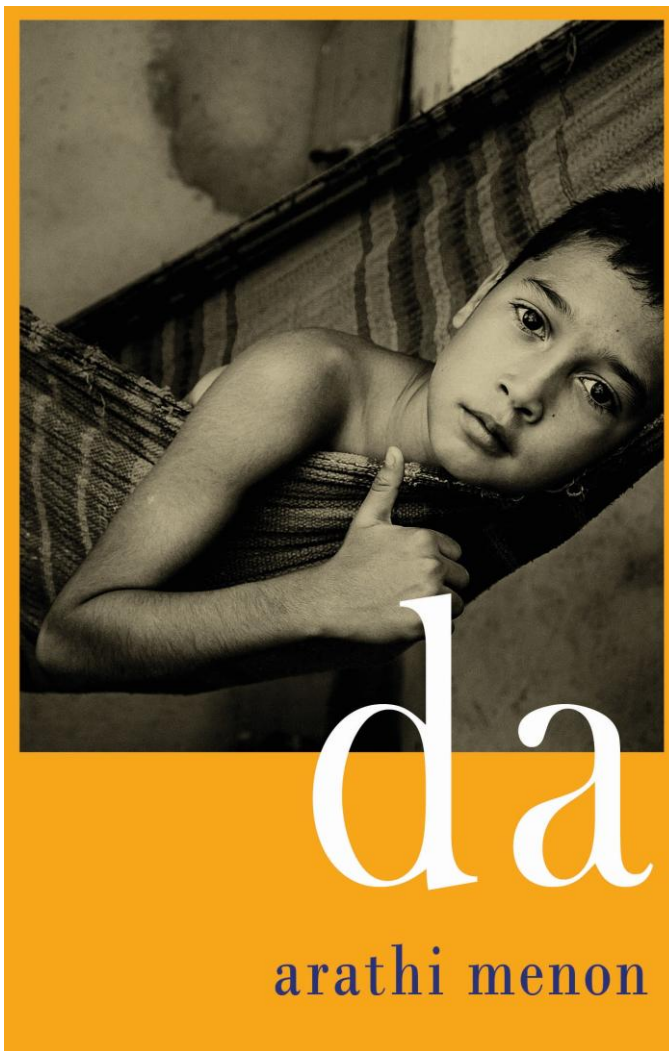
'I devoured these stories in one sitting. The love, loss, longing and messy flatshares felt both familiar and slightly magical.'

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DA

ARATHI MENON

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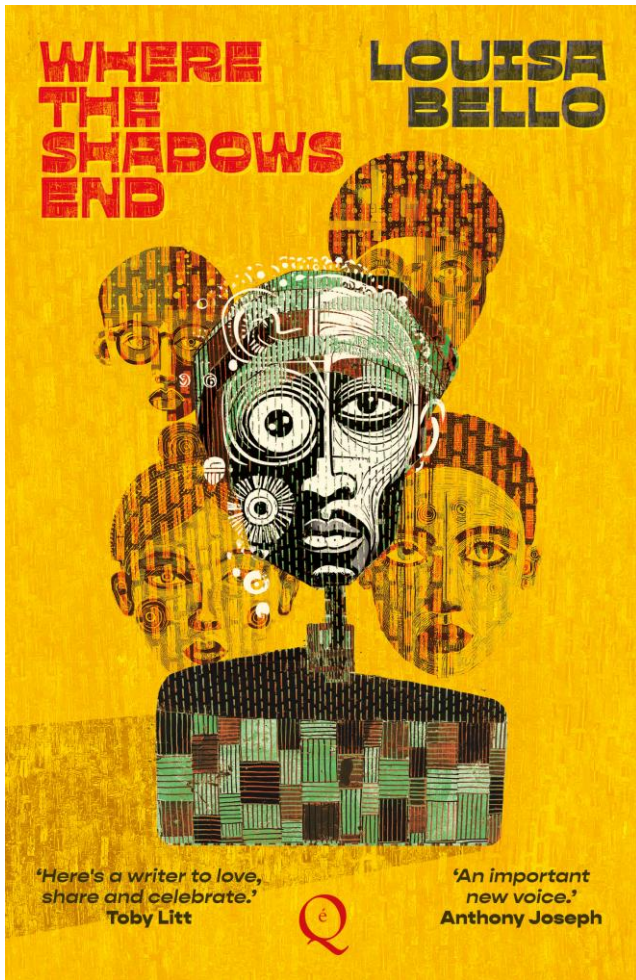
This is a story of love between a father and a son.

2013, India: Ved's adoptive father, Da, is his entire universe — fiercely loving, fiercely protective, but harbouring a secret that could destroy them both: Da is gay at a time when Section 377 makes homosexuality a crime.

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. 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.

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WHERE THE SHADOWS END

LOUISA BELLO

Luminous, unsettling and tender, *Where the Shadows End* is a powerful meditation on self-acceptance, the nature of guilt and the need to belong.

Sam, a 45-year-old Londoner of dual heritage, has lived his life accompanied by voices no one else can hear. Chief among them is the taunting echo of a childhood bully who refuses to let Sam forget the guilt he carries over his mother's death.

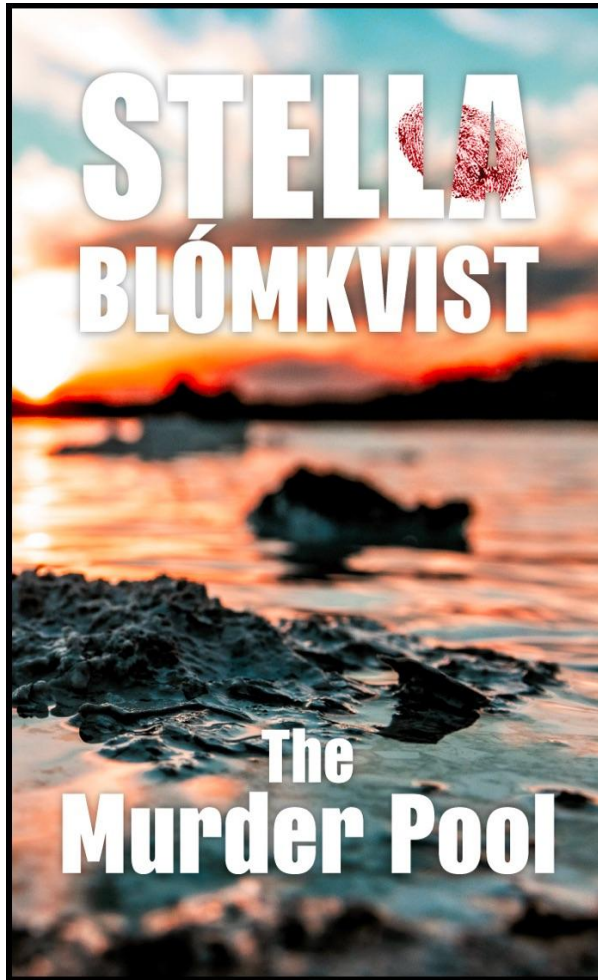
When his elusive, dream-like girlfriend, known only as Boat Woman, disappears without warning, Sam's fragile world begins to unravel, and he becomes convinced that only his death can protect those he loves.

As the past and present collide in Sam's fractured mind, he is drawn into a labyrinth of memory and revelation that challenges everything he thought he knew. But the voices that haunt him may yet become his guides, if he can only find the courage to listen.

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Anthony Joseph

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*'Stella is a force
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Or does it?
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The Murder Pool

Stella Blómkvist, transl. Quentin Bates

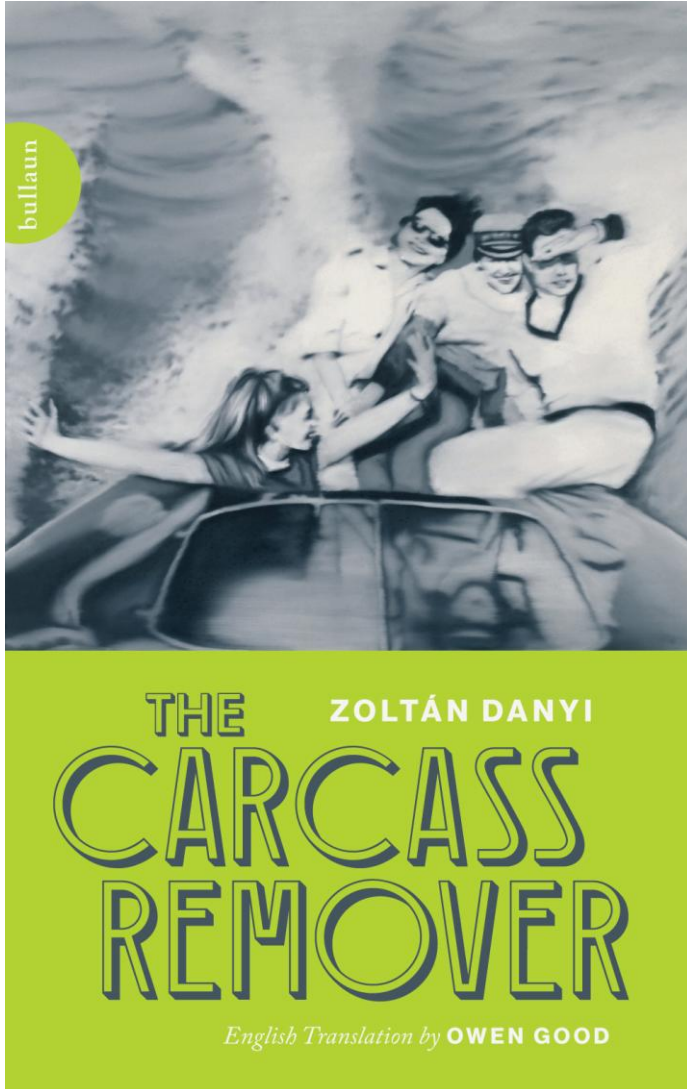
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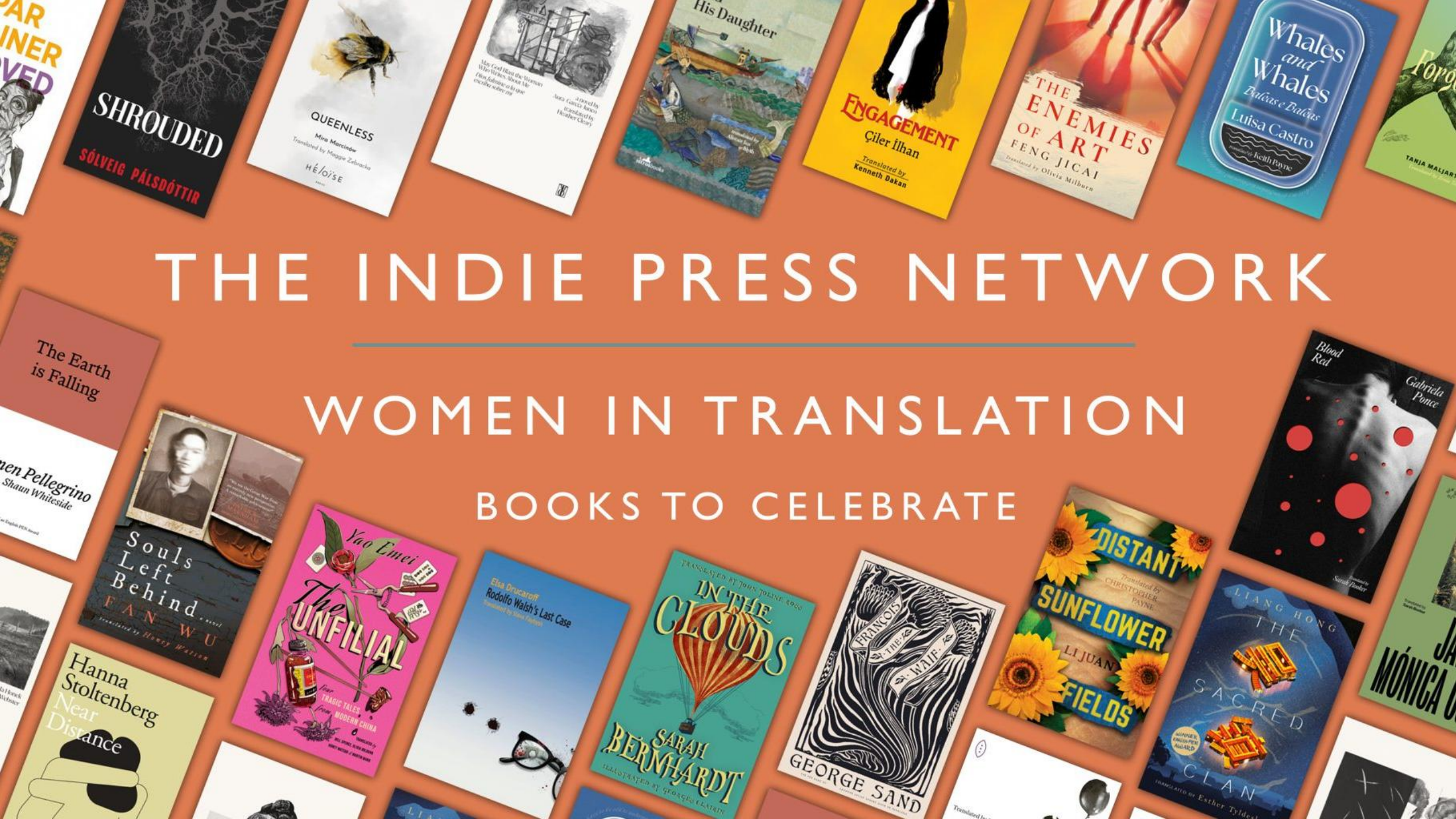
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