



# SMORGASBORD



SHORT STORIES BY MARC JOAN

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### Description

#### WHAT DO WE OWE THE STRANGER? WHAT DO WE OWE THE DEAD?

A Japanese man paints a second eye on a doll. A widow holds an injured gull to her chest and cries by the sea. A grieving child climbs a stack of pallets to send a lantern into the sky. A chess player forfeits a game he was winning. A man places three red tulips on a grave.

Marc Joan's critically acclaimed short fiction spans Geneva and San Francisco, Cornwall and Cambridge, Wales and India, the very old and the not-so-old – and the distances between the people who live in them.

Written with delicacy and the occasional dark twist, *Smorgasbord* is about what we carry across borders – grief, memory, guilt, old age – and what we leave behind.

### Authors

Marc Joan, a biomedical scientist, is the author of the literary horror epic *Hangdog Souls*, the psychological thriller *The Cartoon Life and Loves of a Stupid Man*, and a number of award-winning and award-nominated short stories published in numerous magazines and journals. *Smorgasbord* is a collection of some of those stories. Marc was raised in South India, and he now lives in England.

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