

# BLACKBIRD LITERARY AGENCY



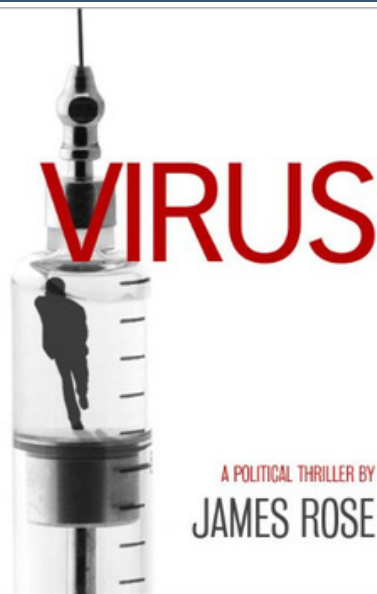
## RIGHTS GUIDE

### FICTION - AUTUMN 2024



## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Crime  
Thriller



### Virus

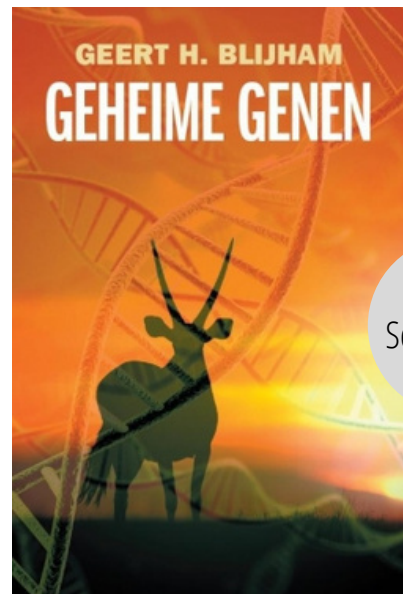
By J.J. Rose

When struggling Ethics Detective Asher Fox gets a contract to do some research for a client, he stumbles onto a dark secret in the global pharmaceuticals industry. With cohorts Cal West and Windsor Obili, he gets swept up into a dangerous international web of spin and counter spin, involving big business, the White House and US foreign policy, the HIV-AIDS epidemic, media politics, a major charity, an African government, thousands of hapless Africans and the Israel/Palestine dispute. Championed by a sympathetic newspaper editor, the trio become headline news and the target for the deadly intentions of the world's most powerful figures. Virus touches on issues of politics, business, ethics and justice and asks questions about how we might approach the examined life in today's complex world. This is fiction taken from the very real issues of the day.

#### Additional information:

Published (ebook) 2011/2022 – ISBN: 9780646569185 – Ebook - 404 pages

**Rights:** World (Incl. World English)



DNA  
South Africa

### Secret Genes

By Geert H. Blijham

How much of a person's behavior is fixed in his genes? That is the question that DNA researcher Richard, data specialist Julia and behavioral scientist Chan want to answer. In Secret Genes, Geert H. Blijham outlines the ethical dilemmas that the main characters face. The novel is set in a wildlife park in South Africa, interspersed with scenes in the United States and China. In the dramatic showdown of the story, the role of the Chinese secret service becomes increasingly clear. Will Julia and Richard find the answer, will the data fall into the wrong hands?

Blijham describes the search for the secret genes with expert knowledge and provides the reader with an insight into medical-genetic research. A story full of wisdom, love and excitement. With this DNA thriller, Geert H. Blijham makes his debut as a novelist.

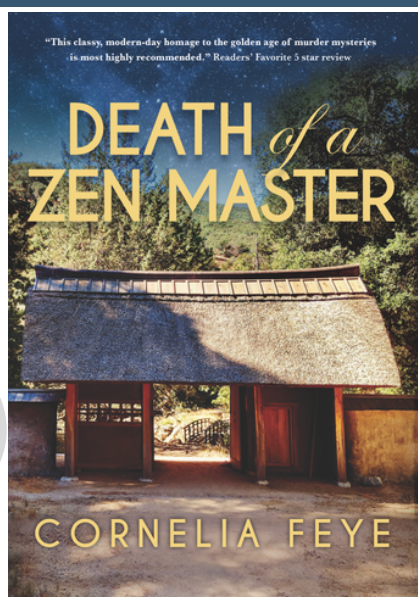
#### Additional Information:

Published 2022 (Leporello/Dutch) – **English translation available** - 9789079624416 – Paperback - 208pages

**Rights:** World

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Mystery  
Murder



### Death of a Zen Master By Cornelia Feye

Private security specialist, Greg Stern, is a reluctant guest at a remote and inaccessible Zen monastery. His wife, Vega, sent him there after a marital transgression to ponder and improve his interaction with women.

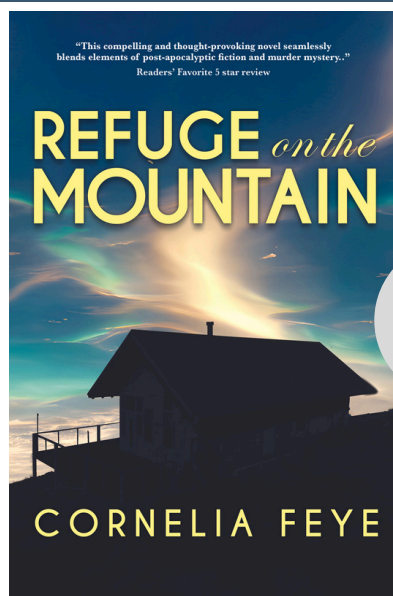
When a dead boy is found in the meditation hall, the group of eclectic guests and monastics find themselves trapped in an enchanted valley with a murderer in their midst and no way out.

Cornelia Feye is an author, a publisher, and an art historian with a MA from the University of Tübingen. After a career in museum education at the Mingei, the San Diego Museum of Art, and the Athenaeum in La Jolla, and teaching at several colleges, she founded Konstellation Press in 2017

#### **Additional information:**

Published 2020 (Konstellation Press)– ISBN: 9781734642131– Paperback - 220 pages

**Rights:** World



Crime  
Murder

### Refuge on the Mountain By Cornelia Feye

After a massive solar storm causes a catastrophic global blackout, Greg and Vega Stern escape with their extended family to their solar powered, self-sufficient mountain cabin.

Their survival is threatened when a dead body is found on the path behind their home, and a gang of lawless Neo-Nazis tries to take over their property.

'Once again Cornelia Feye has given her loyal readers a murder mystery that reveals human nature at its best and at its worst. Feye's work explores survival and race relations in this near future, post-apocalyptic tale that will keep you reading far into the night.' - Tamara Merrill, author of Shadows in our Bones

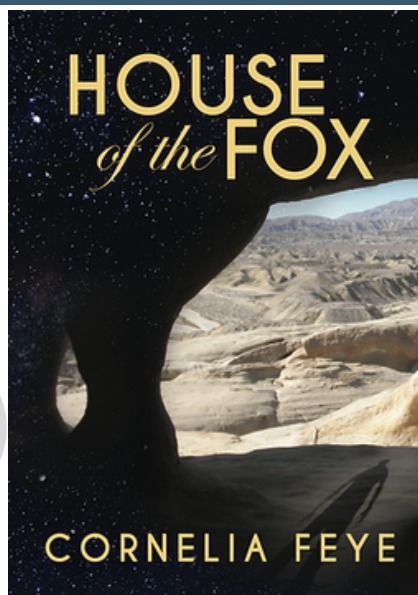
#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2024 (Konstellation Press) – ISBN: 9788986843278– Paperback - 304 pages

**Rights:** World

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Murder  
Mystery



### House of the Fox By Cornelia Feye

Hikers find a body in the Canyon Sin Nombre in the Anza Borrego Desert on the border between Mexico and California. The victim's brother identifies Ramon Matus, a Mexican-American conceptual artist.

Intriguing connections between the dead artist and several participants in a Winter Solstice retreat at the nearby Casa del Zorro desert resort raise questions. Can the key to the murder be found in Matus' complex and powerful art, or in the U.S.-Mexico border conflict?

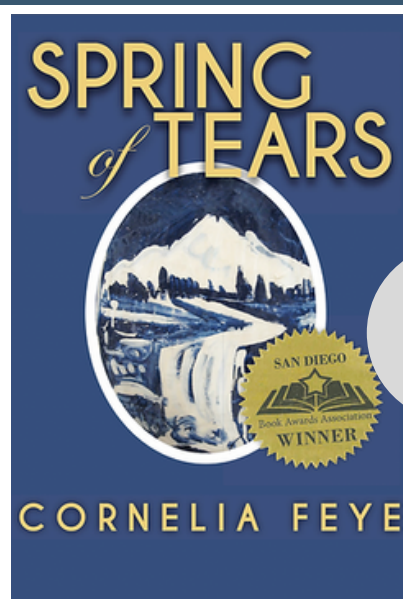
'By the time the hikers arrived, the birds had already found the body. Cornelia Feye's novel House of the Fox rolls through today's headlines like a runaway train. Hop on board. Hang on tight. It's a wild ride.' - G.M. Ford, Author of the Leo Waterman series.

#### **Additional information:**

Published (Konstellation Press)

ISBN: 9781480044142 – Paperback - 218 pages

**Rights:** World



France  
Secrets

### Spring of Tears By Cornelia Feye

Vega Stern, art historian and mother, finds a single pink shoe at the Spring of Tears on Mount Sainte Odile in the picturesque countryside of Alsace, France. The shoe belonged to a dead young woman, Sarah Parker.

Vega becomes entangled in the murder case of Sarah, and gets drawn deeply into the victim's dark and mysterious past, which was marred by disturbing childhood memories, paranoia, drug abuse, and art theft during the Nazi era. The quest to solve the mystery leads to New York, Germany, and back to France, where works of art provide clues to finding the killer.

'The style is compelling. The narrative tells enough to get a sense of the place but you want to learn more about the region. Congratulations on this accomplishment. This is very good.' - The Writers Literary & Publishing Services Review

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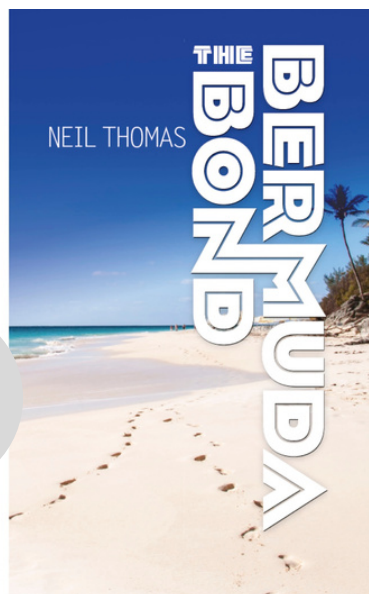
Published (Konstellation Press)

ISBN: 9781466455405– Paperback - 236 pages

**Rights:** World

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Bermuda  
Thriller



### The Bermuda Bond By Neil Thomas

Set on the beguiling Atlantic Ocean island of Bermuda, this thriller reveals financial scams, deceit and crimes that lie beneath the surface of respectability.

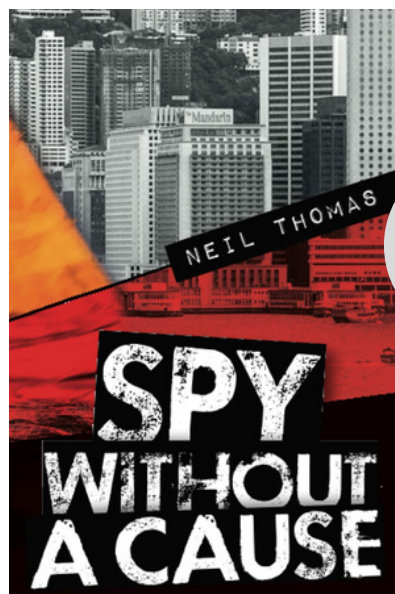
Owen Ash – Ash to his friends – runs a conference company, and is putting on a big event in partnership with a Bermudian firm. Not everyone is who they seem, and Ash can't avoid being drawn into a world of crooked professionals and their web of corruption.

A local investigative journalist, corporate intelligence agents from London, the FBI and the local police are all drawn in to uncover and unravel the web of deceit and lies. But will everyone survive and emerge unscathed?

#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2021 (Thorogood) - Paperback - ISBN: 9781854189363 - 256 pages

**Rights: World**



Spy story  
Fast-paced

### Spy without a Cause By Neil Thomas

A fast-paced story of an ordinary man who becomes accidentally involved with villains in business and government in Hong Kong, Manila and Singapore, this is Neil Thomas' third gripping novel. With a background of intrigue, corruption and tax avoidance, this intricate novel is set against events in the early 1980s in Britain's Hong Kong, the Manila of Marcos and Lee Kuan Yew's Singapore. A young publisher travelling through the East on business is confronted with personal greed, kleptocracy, espionage and murder as matters move, Eric Ambler style, out of his control. In this fast-paced story, an ordinary man, confronted with shady and unsavoury characters, becomes accidentally involved with villains in business and government in three different locations who operate according to a different moral code from his own.

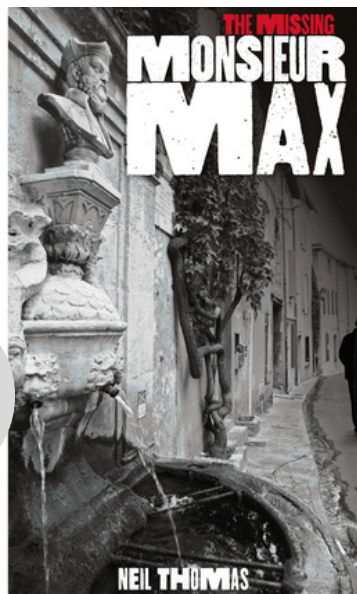
#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2020 (Thorogood) – ISBN: 978-1854189127 – Paperback - 352 pages

**Rights: World**

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Crime  
Mystery



### The Missing Monsieur Max By Neil Thomas

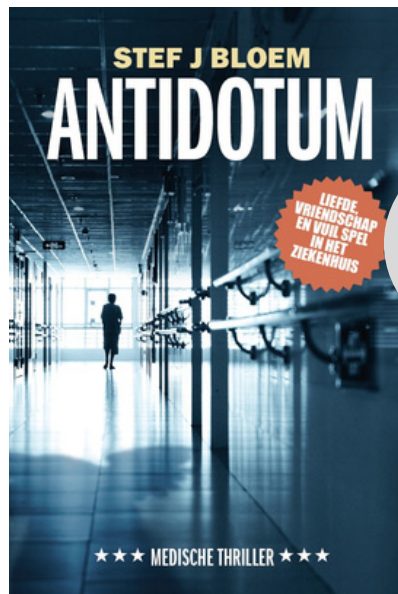
An intriguing crime mystery, this is a book about the disappearance of an Englishman in France. Perfect for fans of Maigret. The focus is on the people and the setting of St Rémy de Provence, Southern France in 2006, when an expat Englishman has gone missing. After a false start by the local police, Avignon's answer to Maigret, Commandant Ruppert, is brought in to pick up the investigation. The family back in England are pushing for answers – is this a missing person or a murder case?

With no hard evidence or clues, Ruppert uses some unconventional police methods to uncover the truth. He encounters shady business dealings and interviews suspect local characters. Can Ruppert solve the mystery? What dark secrets are the local characters hiding?

#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2020 (Thorogood) – ISBN: 9781854189141 – Paperback - 140 pages

**Rights: World**



Hospital  
Captivating

### Antidotum By Stef J. Bloem

Alexander de Graaf is a young, recently graduated doctor. He works in the department of gastrointestinal diseases in the Malleria hospital and is fighting for a training place. His supervisor's attitude and a number of unexplained deaths seriously jeopardise his career. And then there is his turbulent love life....

The young doctor and the angel of death is a modern doctor's novel. Captivating from beginning to the surprising denouement.

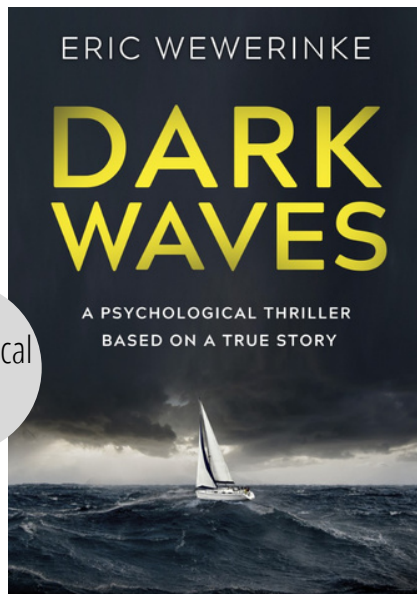
Stef Bloem (1996) lives in Amsterdam and is at the beginning of his medical career. He recently completed his medical studies at Leiden University summa cum laude. After contributing to several scientific articles, it is now time for his debut novel.

#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2020 (Dutch) – Complete English translation - ISBN: 9789079624379 – Paperback - 286 pages - **Rights: World**

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

Psychological  
Thriller



### Dark Waves

By Eric Wewerinke

To his enormous delight Tim is asked to help sail a yacht from the Netherlands to Greece. For the skipper, a millionaire called Robert, Tim's negligible sailing experience doesn't appear to present any problem at all. Once aboard, Robert keeps Tim and his friend Julia entertained with the most captivating stories.

However, as the journey progresses, Robert starts to act rather strangely. Little by little Tim begins to realize that Robert is not quite the man he appears to be to the outside world. Could it be Tim's imagination running riot after weeks at sea, or might he actually be dealing with a psychopath? *Black Waves* is a thriller that gets right under your skin. A story about trust in human goodness, but also about people who present themselves differently to how they really are deep inside.

#### Additional information:

Published (Uitgeverij Water) - Paperback

**Complete English Translation** - 63.000 words - 220 pages **Rights:** World (incl. World English)

- Over **5.000** reads/copies sold in the Netherlands
- The **top 5** literary thriller of Holland's largest bookseller Bol.com (Dutch equivalence of Amazon)
- The **nr 1** non-fiction audio-book of Storytel
- With great reader ratings

Audio Book



*"Lifelike, compelling, suffocating"* - **Prof. Hjalmar van Marle** (Holland's most renowned Forensic Psychiatrist)

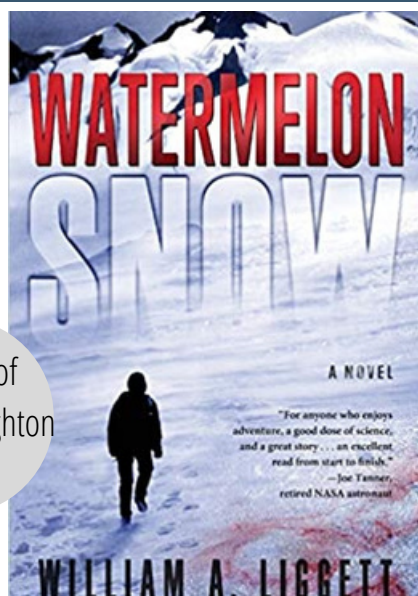
*"Very good & interesting"* - **Peter R de Vries** (Holland's most famous crimefighter)

*"A pageturner"* - **Wereldgenieten.com**

*"An impressive story"* - **Readabook.nl**

## DETECTIVES & POLITICAL THRILLERS

For fans of  
Michael Crichton



### Watermelon Snow By William A. Liggett

*An ambitious climate scientist uncovers a long-held secret, releasing an ancient virus that threatens her career, her team—and the lives of millions around the world.*

Deep within the melting Blue Glacier in the Washington wilderness, climate scientist Dr. Kate Landry makes a remarkable discovery. Determined to conceal it from colleagues eager to steal her work, she must distract the behavioral scientist NASA sends to study her team. From the moment he sets foot on the ice, Dr. Grant Poole finds himself in a strange world of unexpected beauty but fraught with extreme dangers he has tried his whole life to avoid. Greeted with suspicion, he soon realizes Kate is hiding something. When a mysterious illness strikes her crew and an intense storm engulfs their tiny research station, Kate can no longer shield the truth from Grant.

#### **Additional information:**

Published (Sandra Jonas Publishing) -  
9780997487107 – Paperback - 252 pages -

**Rights: World**



Madness  
Mental Health

### A Particular Madness By Sheldon Russell

Growing up in the rural impoverishment of post-Depression Oklahoma, and surrounded by feuding family factions, free-spirited Jacob Roland hungers for knowledge and a world beyond his reach.

But dark forces are growing in Jacob, twisting with the same ruthless, relentless power of a tornado across the Oklahoma prairies. Jacob battles against these aberrant forces, but, trapped by poverty and a growing mental illness, he is thwarted at every turn. For every light - a chance at college, the love of a poised, sophisticated woman - there is a greater darkness within him.

Failed by circumstance, community, and his own mental health, is there an escape for Jacob's bright, wounded spirit, or will he forever be a prisoner of a particular madness?

#### **Additional Information:**

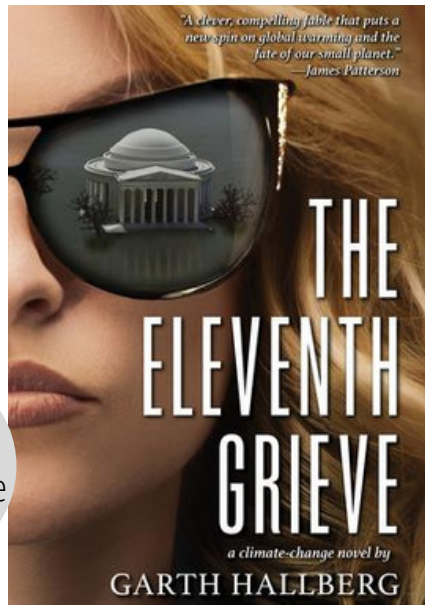
Published 2021 (Cynren Press)  
9781947976269 – Hardback - 312 pages

**Rights: World**



## GENERAL FICTION

Redemption  
Climate-change



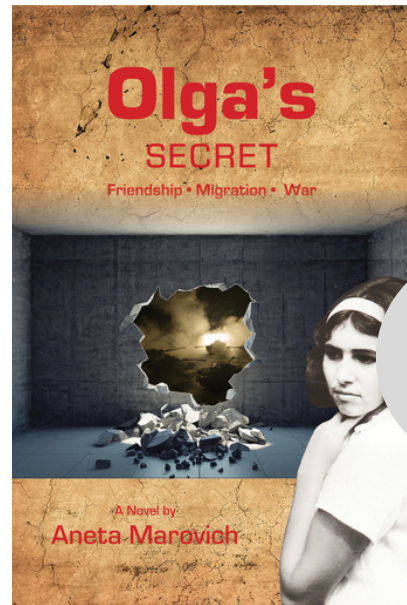
### The Eleventh Grieve By Garth Hallberg

- The story of a climate-change denier who's set straight romantically and professionally by two smart women, three if you count his mother. And one of them may not be entirely of this world!

Jake Krimmer is a brash, thirtysomething financial speculator making a killing off of "weird weather" disasters. But he's about to lose his secret weapon, his meteorologist and ex-girlfriend, Samantha Richards. She's deeply troubled about getting rich off the misery brought on by what she knows is climate change. Enter Rita Ten Grieve, a mysterious, otherworldly young woman who commands a futuristic technology that takes Jake back and forth through time to reveal the truth about the impending crisis for the planet. But will that be enough to convince him to change his ways and win back Samantha?

#### Additional information:

Published 2023 (The Reason for Everything Press)  
- ISBN: 9780991377053 – Paperback - 256 pages  
**Rights:** World



Yugoslavia  
Friendship  
Love

### Olga's Secret By Aneta Marovich

From the cobble stoned streets of Zagreb, Yugoslavia to sun-bleached Adelaide, Australia, *Olga's Secret* is a novel about love and friendship tested by separation and war. Is there a time in life when it's too late to leave your country forever? Anya returns to her homeland after her new life in Australia ended in heartbreak. Back in her homeland she renews her friendship with Olga and rekindles her past love with Filip. But both relationships are marred by secrets and the country she came back to will self-destruct in a war. Returning once again at the war's end, Anya finds her home country in ruins. Her closest attachments, like the country, are in danger of being destroyed when her best friend reveals a disturbing secret. Juxtaposing landscapes and cultures to evoke the nature of displacement and belonging, this is a story of love in all its forms involving the three protagonists.

#### Additional Information:

Not yet published - approx. 165 pages  
**Rights:** World

## GENERAL FICTION

Football  
Contemporary



### Game

By J.J. Rose

The World Cup is supposed to be a celebration of the beautiful game, but the dark political underbelly has made it otherwise. When Asher Fox receives a mysterious call begging for his help to bring back the light, he sets off on a worldwide search for the heart of the game.

But Asher doesn't know the danger that awaits. Huge, warring corporations and governments stand in his way, and he is in the crossfire. To get the game back to the people, he will need to be part of something more - a revolution.

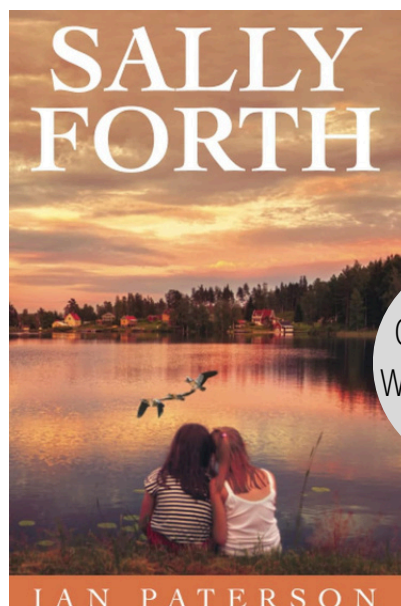
A book that makes you wonder just how much fiction is fact.

#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2022 (Popcorn Press) – ISBN: 978-1-925914-41-2 – Paperback - 296 pages

**Rights:** World

Contemporary  
Women's Fiction



### Sally Forth

By Ian Paterson

Sally meets with a succession of unusual events, bizarre twists and life-changing ordeals including one particularly devastating event which overwhelms her and changes her life in a way that she could never have predicted.

Although she is highly intelligent, resourceful and engaging, Sally finds it difficult to forge relationships (even with her twin sister) and to develop a sense of who she is. This is essentially a story of Sally's search for identity and of how she copes with the many misunderstandings, misjudgments and deceptions which assail her on her journey through life – a journey which, with the assistance of her penchant for wordplay and her pre-occupation with names, Sally is, nonetheless, able to take with good humour and fortitude.

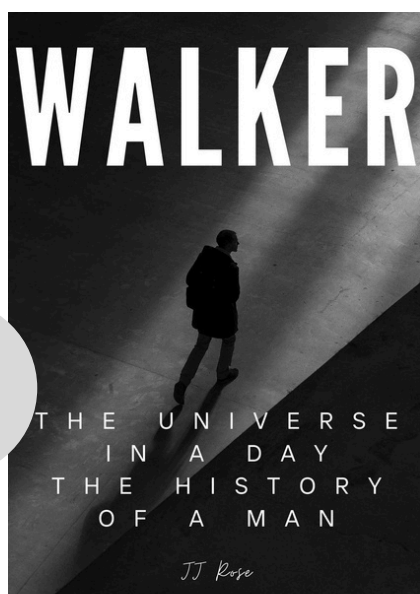
#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2022 (Thorogood) - ISBN: 9781914 928 017 – Paperback - 388 pages

**Rights:** World

## GENERAL FICTION

Covid  
Journey



## Walker By JJ Rose

During a Covid lockdown, “Walker. I”, an apparently normal man, mid-fifties, decides to become insane. He is unsure about what this means or even why he feels the need to do this. But, it is driven by his need to connect, emphasized by Covid isolation. And, perhaps his relationship with “the author” has something to do with it.

He starts to walk. Somewhere. On his journey, we meet many people, both of Walker’s contemporary time and place and of others. Each is able to inform the protagonist’s narrative and his attempts to unravel the points of connection that exist between humans, other living beings and inanimate objects.

An important aspect of Walker’s mindset is what he calls his “Theory of Atomic Memory.” This idea draws broadly from the quantum theory concept of valency, the mysterious interconnectivity of the atoms from which all matter is built, including, of course, all living things, and the fact that atoms, depending on their type, can “live” long lives, perhaps many billions of years. Do they hold a memory of those lives, carrying them into other lives?

His progression into, and the evolution of, his theory provides not only a means of tracking Walker’s narrative, but is also channeled through his connections with the people he ‘meets’ both physically and along the invisible pathways of covalency.

The setting is during the COVID-19 shutdown, in Australia, over a 24 hour period. The narrative goes around the world, however, and crosses time and location. The narrative, as much metaphysical as physical, moves with Walker as he himself undertakes his exploration. The narrative structure is overlaid with an unsolved nineteenth century murder, which connects the dots and provides a thriller tone. The MS is currently at third draft stage, approx., 50,000 words.

### **Additional Information:**

To be Published - approx. 50.000 words - **Rights:** World (Incl. World English)

## GENERAL FICTION

Net Galley  
Reviews (see  
website)



### On the Run

By Izai Amorim

New York City, early 1990s: a young, rich, and well-educated Central American man on the run from the police and Colombian drug dealers. He is accused of crimes he didn't commit. Ready to do what it takes to survive, Pablo ironically embraces the very drug trade that threatened his life in the first place. Who is he? What is he really capable of? The question of identity is at the heart of *On the Run*. More than a contemporary story of survival, it's a journey of self-discovery. Pablo's voice is funny, sometimes mean and merciless. He moves with nightmarish ease from recounting his adventures to recollecting his early life. Not always politically correct, *On the Run* gives you an insightful, twisted, humorous, and often disturbing view of conflicting worlds and beliefs: North and Latin America; black, brown, and white; rich and poor; rational and esoteric – and shows how they mix, match, and clash.

#### Additional information:

Published revised ed. 2021 - 358 pages - Paperback - **Rights:** European Languages



### Berlin 2013

By Izai Amorim

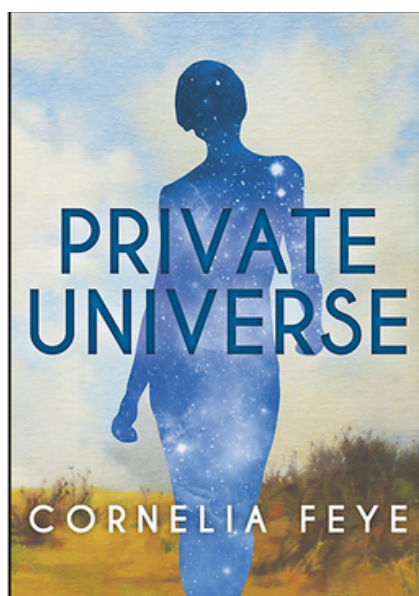
This book serves as a timeless literary soundtrack for election years, setting the stage in the fictional United States of Europe during the election year 2013, and depicting the final days of Berlin before its obliteration by an atomic bomb. Marrying cynicism with dark humor, this account reveals a world without heroes, filled with varying degrees of malevolence in a relentless battle of evil against evil. Nevertheless, this is realistic literature, not dystopian fiction. In this alternative history novel, steeped in political and power intrigues, the least repulsive character is a former terrorist, now on parole, once the most-wanted killer of his time. This reveals much about the other characters: corrupt environmental organizations running extortion schemes; global media networks twisting the truth; secret services going rogue; politicians manipulating public opinion to gain or retain power; and other dubious entities.

#### Additional Information:

Published 2024 - ISBN: 9783982617800 - 362 pages - **Rights:** European Languages

Power  
Politics  
Action

**GENERAL  
FICTION**



Mystery  
Spirituality  
Coming of Age  
novel

## **Private Universe By Cornelia Feye**

*Private Universe* is a mystery and a coming-of-age novel about a spiritual quest - a story of survival and self-discovery. Young Vega Stern works on a cruise ship traveling through the Mediterranean to escape a traumatic relationship and a guilty secret.

On her journey she experiences danger, hardship and confusion. But along the way she also encounters great art and people from various cultures who help her find herself and her inner strength.

### **Additional Information:**

Published 2017 (Konstellatino Press)  
ISBN: 9780998748207 - Paperback  
224 Pages

**Rights:** World

*'As with her previous books, Feye includes art history and a glimpse into our world as seen by artists. In all, a thoroughly enjoyable read by a talented writer.'*

**Tamara Merrill, Award-winning Author of the Augustus Family Saga Trilogy**

*"Ms. Feye's Private Universe is a compelling and engaging story that weaves adventure, colorful characters, picturesque settings, and unrelenting suspense into a multilayered and uniquely-crafted novel."*

**Glen Vecchione, author of The Dream Box**

## GENERAL FICTION

Stories  
Art Deco



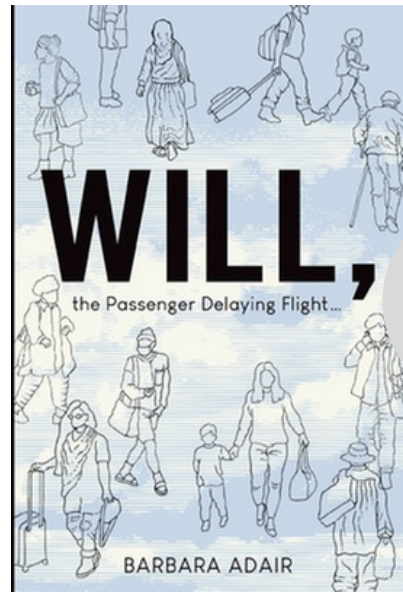
### In the Shadow of the Springs I Saw By Barbara Adair

This book is an exploration, and stories, of people who live in the Art Deco buildings of Springs. It is the imagined lives of those who live in a space that is not theirs historically but one that they have reclaimed. This work, in times of doom and complaint, creates a new narrative: one of revival, vigour and celebration.

*'The writing tries to capture the "grain" of a place, object or conversation, as if a swatch were cut from a larger fabric. One could trace the use of similar techniques back to the canonical modernist works of James Joyce, William Faulkner, John Dos Passos, William Carlos Williams or to a later experimenter like Burroughs ... Adair uses these techniques with flair and purpose ... the book's method is to declare and contradict, to present one side and then another, keeping both present.'* - **Ivan Vladislavic**

#### **Additional information:**

Published 2023 (Modjaji Books) ISBN:  
9781928433477 - 180 pages - Paperback -  
**Rights:** World



Travel  
Mystery  
Dystopian

### Will, The Passenger Delaying Flight By Barbara Adair

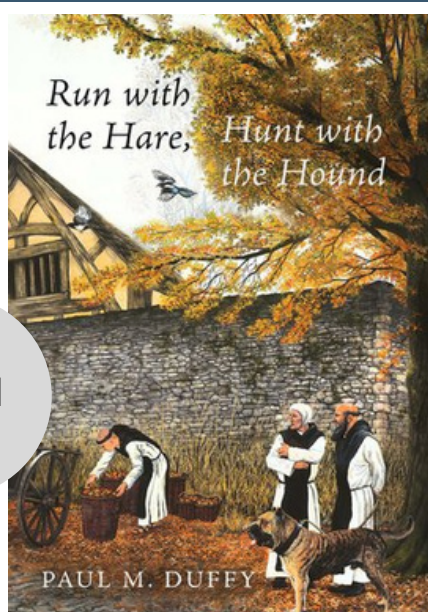
A man is travelling to Africa from Europe. And yet it is also about waiting – waiting for Africa. Volker, a German, leaves his home in Frankfurt for Windhoek. He leaves a lover, he is leaving for a long time, and he does not have a return ticket. He does not know anything about Africa, to him it is one country, not a continent, neither does he really know where he is going to; he just knows that he wants to leave Europe. Lufthansa, the airline that carries him stops at Charles de Gaulle airport and here he waits and waits and waits. And in the airport he observes and describes and thinks. The text is a stream of consciousness, Volker's thoughts. Interspersed with this are stories of people he encounters in the airport; a murderer, a terrorist, a person with dwarfism, a trans woman, a porn star, a terrorist, a child trafficker, a paedophile. All are connected, with each other.

#### **Additional Information:**

Published 2020 (Modjaji Books) - ISBN:  
9781928215943 - 158 pages - **Rights:** World

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Slave  
Medieval  
Ireland



### Run with the Hare, Hunt with the Hound By Paul M. Duffy

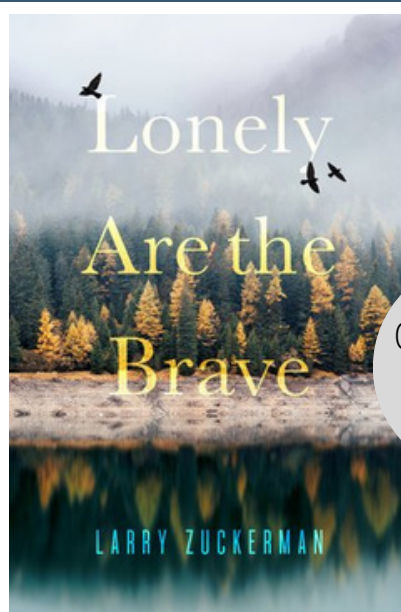
On a remote Gaelic farmstead in medieval Ireland, word reaches Alberic of conquering Norman knights arriving from England. Oppressed by the social order that enslaved his Norman father, he yearns for the reckoning he believes the invaders will bring—but his world is about to burn.

Captured by the Norman knight Hugo de Lacy and installed at Dublin Castle as a translator, Alberic's confused loyalties are tested at every turn. When de Lacy marches inland, Alberic is set on a collision course with his former masters amidst rumours of a great Gaelic army rising in the west.

Can Alberic navigate safely through revenge, lust and betrayal to find his place amidst the birth of a kingdom in a land of war?

#### **Additional information:**

Published 2022 (Cynren Press) - Hardback - 342 pages - **Rights:** World



Contemporary  
World War I

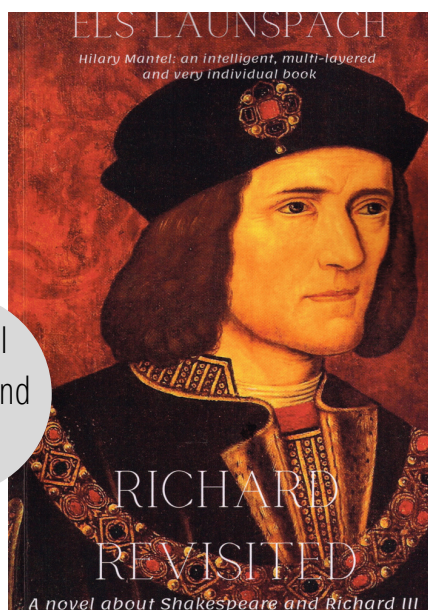
### Lonely Are the Brave By Larry Zuckerman

When Rollie Birch returns home from the Great War in 1919 with a cluster of medals, he feels as if he's landed in the wrong country. His wife has died, leaving behind an infant daughter born while he was overseas. His small logging town of Lumberton, Washington, has grown but still runs on gossip. Almost overnight, Rollie the hero becomes a pariah for his scandalous decision to raise his daughter by himself, and for refusing to talk about his wartime exploits. The past two years have changed Kay Sorensen as well. Daughter of the Lumberton timber baron, Kay spent the war working for her father, organizing patriotic and charitable efforts, and discovering her love for politics and business. But when her husband returns, Kay expects, correctly, that he'll make her quit her job. She's dreamed of marriage as an equal partnership; now, she chafes under her husband's cold tyranny. Did the war change him?

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Rural England  
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### Richard Revisited By Els Launspach

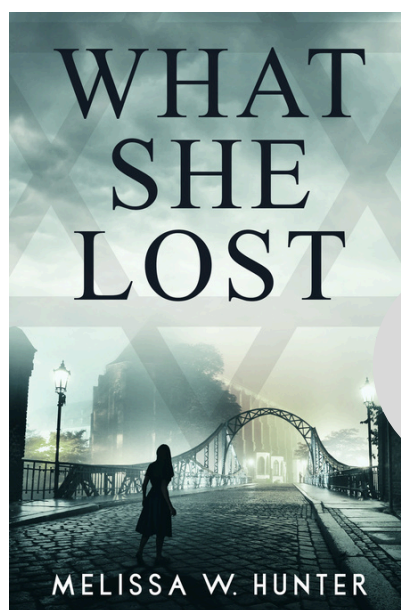
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Reality: an intricate fabric of sustained lies. For centuries Richard III counted as the villainous murderer of his young cousins and usurper of his brother's throne. But how much of this reputation was born of the facts, and how much of political urgency?

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### What She Lost By Melissa W. Hunter

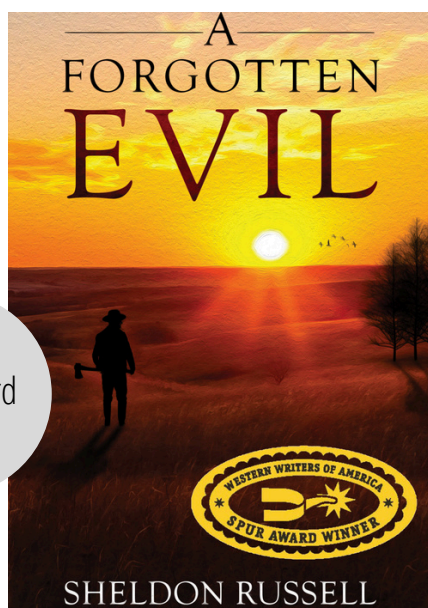
For thirteen-year-old Sarah Waldman, life in the small Polish town of Olkusz is idyllic, grounded in her loving, close-knit family and the traditions of their Jewish faith. But in 1939, as the Nazis come to power, a storm is gathering—a relentless, unforgiving storm that will sweep Sarah and her family into years of turmoil in the ghetto and concentration camps, tearing them apart. Will Sarah's strong will and determination be enough for her to survive when everything she loves is taken from her? Is it possible to resurrect a life—and find love—from the ruins? Or will Sarah be forever haunted by the memories of what she lost? Part memoir, part fiction, *What She Lost* is the re-imagined true-life story of the author's grandmother growing into a woman amid the anguish of the Holocaust. It is a tale of resilience, of rebuilding a life, and of rediscovering love.

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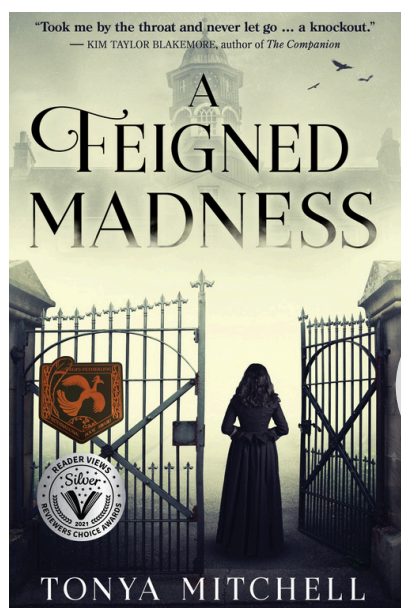
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In the American West, as the nation heals from the Civil War that nearly destroyed it, new battle lines are being drawn. Caleb Justin, orphaned and grieving, and his comrade Joshua Hart, a tough, worldly runaway, leave their home along the Ohio River bound for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, intent to join Sheridan's troops in their pursuit of Indian lands. But a badly healed foot injury ends Caleb's dream of joining up. While Joshua is assigned to George Armstrong Custer's troops, Caleb finds himself alone and undefended on the war-ravaged prairie, picking up whatever work he can - until his capture by Indians changes everything. Joan Monnet, daughter of a wealthy railroad magnate, is traveling West when her caravan is attacked by Indians. A timely rescue saves her life but leaves her lost on the vast American prairie with Caleb. Together, they must fight their way back to the world they once knew.

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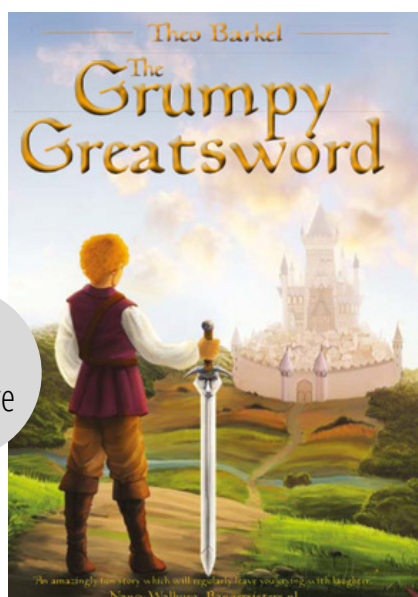
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What he does not know, however, is that Garma-Potanesia is in crisis. Sinda, the evil ruler of the neighbouring country Sinda-Potanesia, has asked for the hand of Princess Simané, the only daughter of King Turon. According to an old, pre-war law, King Turon cannot refuse.

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