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The Absolute Book Jul 29 2022 DISCOVER THE ENCHANTING EPIC THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO OTHER WORLDS . . . 'AN INSTANT CLASSIC' GUARDIAN 'BEWITCHING' THE TIMES 'MIND-BLOWING' LAINI TAYLOR 'ASTOUNDING' FRANCIS SPUFFORD 'GORGEOUSLY WRITTEN' DEBORAH HARKNESS _____ Taryn Cornick barely remembers the family library. Since her sister was murdered, she's forgotten so much. Now it's all coming back. The fire. The thief. The scroll box. People are asking questions about the library. Questions that might relate to her sister's murder. And something called *The Absolute Book*. A book in which secrets are written - and which everyone believes only she can find. They insist Taryn be the hunter. But she knows the truth. She is the hunted . . .

_____ *The Absolute Book* is a tale of sisters, ancient blood, a forgotten library, murder, revenge and a book that might just have the answer to everything. 'An instant classic . . . A work to rank alongside other modern masterpieces of fantasy such as Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* series or Susanna Clarke's *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*. Everything fantasy should be: original, magical, well read, compelling' GUARDIAN 'Astonishing. Gripping. Hugely ambitious. An extraordinary conclusion. Admire the sheer scope and grandeur' DAILY MAIL 'A marvellous argument for stories. There are Norse gods, references to Merlin, a tour through purgatory and a strange parallel world

where magic is real and humans are bit players in the clash of supernatural realms. Bewitching' THE TIMES 'Contains multitudes, spanning the geographies of Canada, Britain and New Zealand; the cosmologies of fairies, demons and angels; and the genres of thriller, domestic realism and epic fantasy . . . I'm in awe of it' NEW YORK TIMES Review of Books 'Intricately plotted and gorgeously written, *THE ABSOLUTE BOOK* has something for everyone . . . Here is a cinematic tale that is by turns dark and dreamlike, yet ultimately hopeful' DEBORAH HARKNESS, author of *A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES* 'Fantastical' THE TIMES 'Savour and absorb the world Knox conjures' SUNDAY TIMES 'Gorgeous. The payoffs and reveals are mind-blowing' LAINI TAYLOR, author of *DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE* 'An angelic book, an apocalyptic book, an astounding book' FRANCIS SPUFFORD

Playing Dead Aug 06 2020 "A darkly comic inquiry into how to fake your own death, the disappearance industry, and the lengths to which people will go to be reborn. Is it still possible to fake your own death in the twenty-first century? With six figures of student loan debt, Elizabeth Greenwood was tempted to find out."--

Faith Powered Profession Jan 23 2022 This insightful book provides a toolkit that empowers women to walk confidently in both their faith and career.

[The Angel's Cut](#) Jan 11 2021 Hollywood, 1929. While Conrad Cole is working late on elaborate

plans for his aeroplanes and his films, a mysterious stranger appears at his door. Xas soon finds himself caught up in the glamorous and treacherous world of movie-making and entangled with both Cole and a young woman who owes her life to the eccentric director. Both of them are drawn to Xas without knowing his secret - that under his shirt he hides the remnants of great snowy wings that set him apart from humankind, and that he is destined to wander the earth forever, always hearing the beating of feathers behind him, threatening him that his dark brother has found him again.

Billie's Kiss May 15 2021 Historical novel set in the remote, divided Scottish island of Kissack and Skilling, one half of which looks historically and geographically towards Catholic Ireland, the other towards the Protestant north and Scandinavia. The novel combines an Edwardian mystery with a love story. Elizabeth Knox won the Deutz Medal for Fiction in the 1999 Montana New Zealand Book awards for *The Vintner's Luck*.

The Human Right to a Healthy Environment Nov 08 2020 This book considers and clarifies many different facets of the international human right to a healthy environment.

The Animal Family Oct 08 2020 A lonely hunter living in the wilderness beside the sea gains a family made up of a mermaid, a bear, a lynx, and a boy.

Rebel Queen May 03 2020 Unwilling to surrender to British Empire conquerors, Queen Lakshmi of India's Kingdom of Jhansi raises male and female armies to defend her beloved realm. By the international best-selling author of *Cleopatra's Daughter* and *Nefertiti*.

The Dream Quake Nov 20 2021 The horror of the Rainbow Opera riot is the talk of the country. Dreamhunter Grace Tiebold's reputation is in tatters and Laura is in hiding. Rumours about the government's torture of prisoners have been suppressed and corrupt minister Cas Doran is free to take his plans to shocking heights.

The High Jump Mar 25 2022 In *The High Jump*, internationally acclaimed novelist Elizabeth Knox recreates the sensory pleasures and gathering shadows of a New Zealand childhood in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Drowning Practice Jul 25 2019 Profoundly moving, filled with tenderness, and brought to

life by a curious, sprawling imagination, *Drowning Practice* is the story of a mother and daughter trying to save each other's lives at what could be the end of the world. One night, everyone on Earth has the same dream--a dream of being guided to a watery death by a loved one on November 1. When they wake up, most people agree: after Halloween, the world will end. In the wake of this haunting dream and saddled with its uncertainty, Lyd and her daughter, Mott, navigate a changed world, wrestling with how to make choices when you really don't know what comes next. Embarking on a quixotic road trip filled with a collection of unexpected and memorable characters, Lyd and Mott are determined to live out what could be their final months as fully as possible. But how can Lyd protect Mott and help her achieve her ambitions in a world where inhibitions, desires, and motivations have become unpredictable, and where Mott's dangerous and conniving father has his own ideas about how his estranged family should spend their last days? Formally inventive and hauntingly strange, *Drowning Practice* signals the arrival of a singular new voice in Mike Meginnis, who writes with generosity and precision, humor and sorrowfulness. Stirring and surprising at every turn, *Drowning Practice* is literary speculative fiction at its best and with a pulsing heart: a mother and daughter trying to decide how they should live out what might be the final months of their--or anyone's--life on Earth.

Touch Jan 29 2020 The electrifying new thriller from the author of the acclaimed *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*. Kepler is like you, but not like you. With a simple touch, Kepler can move into any body, live any life - for a moment, a day or for years. And your life could be next. **SOME PEOPLE TOUCH LIVES. OTHERS TAKE THEM. I DO BOTH.** 'Just extraordinary' Clare Mackintosh, author of *I Let You Go* 'North's talent shines out' Sunday Times 'Dazzlingly imaginative' Sunday Mirror 'Breathless and brilliantly original' Love Reading 'Destined to be one of the biggest thrillers of the year' Rick O'Shea, radio presenter Discover the mesmerising new novel from one of the most original new voices in modern fiction. Also by Claire North *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* *The Sudden Appearance of Hope* (winner

of the World Fantasy Award 2017) *The End of the Day* (shortlisted for the Sunday Times/PFD Young Writer of the Year Award 2017) *84K The Gameshouse*

Dead To You Dec 10 2020 Ethan was abducted when he was just seven. Now, aged sixteen, he's finally back home. It's a miracle - at first. But as the tensions build and his family starts to crack again, can Ethan unearth the buried memory that holds the key to it all?

Skylark Lounge Sep 18 2021 In the middle of his life, Jack Grout found himself abducted by aliens. There were other things. His wife left him. His son came one night to the Skylark Lounge - the pool hall Jack bought after throwing in his job in newspaper advertising - and punched him. And there was the mistreatment for melanoma. But what Jack really needed to know was why the aliens, who had first taken him when he was nine years old and shown him his life in unbearably vivid close-up, had returned.

The Rainbow Opera Mar 13 2021 Treated as celebrities, the Dreamhunters catch larger-than-life dreams and relay them to audiences in the magnificent dream palace, The Rainbow Opera. Now, 15 year-old Laura and her cousin Rose are going to find out whether they are part of this prestigious group. But nothing in their darkest nightmares can prepare them for what they are about to discover. For within the Place lies a horrific secret kept hidden by corrupt members of the Government. And when Laura's father suddenly disappears, she realizes that this secret has the power to destroy everyone she loves.

The Vintner's Luck Aug 30 2022 A 19th century French winemaker is visited by a male angel and falls in love. The angel visits him once a year and the friendship leads to a triangle involving the winemaker's wife.

Mortal Fire Feb 21 2022 An intelligent and compelling YA fantasy novel from the author of "Dreamhunter" and "The Vintner's Luck". When sixteen-year-old Canny of the Pacific island, Southland, sets out on a trip with her stepbrother and his girlfriend, she finds herself drawn into enchanting Zarene Valley where the mysterious but dark seventeen-year-old Ghislain helps her to figure out her origins. A finalist in the 2014 New Zealand Post Book Awards in the Young Adult category. REVIEWS: "This book is

finely-wrought magic from start to finish. It has brains; it has heart; it has people to fear and to fall in love with, and it all takes place in a totally beguiling world full of natural beauties, glittering puzzles and earthy problems. It's a rich and satisfying read." - Margo Lanagan, author of *Tender Morsels*; "The novel is powerful, vivid and not for the faint of heart." - NZ Listener

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie Mar 01 2020 'Muriel Spark's most celebrated novel . . . This ruthlessly and destructively romantic school ma'am is one of the giants of post-war fiction' Independent 'A brilliantly psychological fugue' Observer The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie is Muriel Spark's most significant and celebrated novel, and remains as dazzling as when it was first published in 1961. Miss Jean Brodie is a teacher unlike any other, proud and cultured, enigmatic and freethinking; a romantic, with progressive, sometimes shocking ideas and aspirations for the girls in her charge. At the Marcia Blaine Academy she takes a select group of girls under her wing. Spellbound by Miss Brodie's unconventional teaching, these devoted pupils form the Brodie set. But as the girls enter their teenage years and they become increasingly drawn in by Miss Brodie's personal life, her ambitions for them take a startling and dark turn with devastating consequences.

In Byron's Wake Jun 23 2019 A Sunday Times Book of the Year Shortlisted for The Pol Roger Duff Cooper Prize 'This magnificent, highly readable double biography...brings these two driven, complicated women vividly to life' The Financial Times 'A gripping saga of a double-biography' Daily Mail 'A masterful portrait' The Times 'Vastly enjoyable' Literary Review 'Deeply absorbing and meticulously researched' The Oldie In 1815, the clever, courted and cherished Annabella Milbanke married the notorious and brilliant Lord Byron. Just one year later, she fled, taking with her their baby daughter, the future Ada Lovelace. Byron himself escaped into exile and died as a revolutionary hero in 1824, aged 36. The one thing he had asked his wife to do was to make sure that their daughter never became a poet. Ada didn't. Brought up by a mother who became one of the most progressive reformers of Victorian England, Byron's little girl was introduced to mathematics as a means of

calming her wild spirits. Educated by some of the most learned minds in England, she combined that scholarly discipline with a rebellious heart and a visionary imagination. As a child invalid, Ada dreamed of building a steam-driven flying horse. As an exuberant and boldly unconventional young woman, she amplified her explanations of Charles Babbage's unbuilt calculating engine to predict, as nobody would do for another century, the dawn today of our modern computer age. When Ada died - like her father, she was only 36 - great things seemed still to lie ahead for her as a passionate astronomer. Even while mired in debt from gambling and crippled by cancer, she was frenetically employing Faraday's experiments with light refraction to explore the analysis of distant stars. Drawing on fascinating new material, Seymour reveals the ways in which Byron, long after his death, continued to shape the lives and reputations both of his wife and his daughter. During her life, Lady Byron was praised as a paragon of virtue; within ten years of her death, she was vilified as a disgrace to her sex. Well over a hundred years later, Annabella Milbanke is still perceived as a prudish wife and cruelly controlling mother. But her hidden devotion to Byron and her tender ambitions for his mercurial, brilliant daughter reveal a deeply complex but unsuspectedly sympathetic personality. Miranda Seymour has written a masterful portrait of two remarkable women, revealing how two turbulent lives were often governed and always haunted by the dangerously enchanting, quicksilver spirit of that extraordinary father whom Ada never knew.

[Unconventional Warfare \(Special Forces, Book 1\)](#) Oct 27 2019 Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is

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guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

With Malice Sep 06 2020 Wish you weren't here . . . When Jill wakes up in a hospital bed with her leg in a cast, the last six weeks of her life are a complete blank. All she has been told is that she was involved in a fatal accident while on a school trip in Italy and had to be jetted home to receive intensive care. Care that involves a lawyer. And a press team. Because maybe the accident . . . wasn't just an accident. With no memory of what happened or what she did, can Jill prove her innocence? And can she really be sure that she isn't the one to blame?

Phenomena Jul 05 2020 As a child I knew Malcolm, who was then a young man. Dad often invited him home for meals. Malcolm was one of the 'lost children' forgotten or abandoned by their families. We followed his story from childhood to adulthood as best we could even after he was eventually discharged back into the community. When considering the tragedy and abuse of Malcolm's wasted earlier years, it is a story of immeasurable sadness. Yet he ultimately rose above it all, and with admirable strength, courage and innate resilience, was finally able to free 'the regular boy within' as he had always wanted. I was raised within the community of the Seacliff Mental Hospital village so it was difficult to know where fiction ended and the greater truth took over. To separate the truths from the almost-truths at this stage would be an impossible task as many of those concerned have died. Therefore I have blended together various stories as representative of our family and friends' combined belief of what most probably did happen during the period covered. Wherever possible, I've used correct dates, names and places. When there is doubt I've changed names and details for the protection of those still living. This is Malcolm's story as I believe it unfolded. *After Z-Hour* Jun 15 2021 The first new edition since 1987 of the prize-winning debut novel by the acclaimed author of *The Vintner's Luck*, *Wake*, and other New Zealand classics. First

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published on Armistice Day 1987, After Z-Hour was acclaimed by reviewers including Margaret Mahy and Keri Hulme, and won the PEN Award for Best First Book of Prose. Stranded by a South Island storm, six people usurp the stillness of an old house. As they tell the fragments of their story, a seventh voice responds: a young New Zealand serviceman who died in 1920 soon after his return from France. As the storm deepens, the hauntings of the mind and the hauntings of the house become one.

Widow Apr 13 2021 Widow If I didn't love her, I would kill her. I'd kill her for so much, but mostly for hiding my kid from me. For up and running, and choosing to keep my daughter out of my life. She doesn't just belong to Melody. She's mine too, and Melody doesn't get to keep her to herself. She said she ran because of me, because of what I did. I can't blame her for that. I fucked up and I might have lost the most important woman in my life, but I refuse to lose my daughter. Not when we haven't even had a chance. Will fighting for my daughter lead me to winning back my girl's heart? I loved her for years and I always will. The only thing is, Melody doesn't exist anymore. Only Rebel Rose does, and she's nothing like I expect.

The Second Mrs. Darcy Apr 01 2020 The next adventure of the Darcy family from the author of Mr. Darcy's Daughters -- the story of a reluctant heiress who has been left a widow by Darcy's cousin Christopher. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single woman in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a husband. So say the friends and family of impoverished widow Octavia Darcy when she unexpectedly inherits a fortune, but she has a different view and looks forward to a new life of independence. Escaping from the efforts of her half brothers and sisters to marry her off, Octavia goes to Yorkshire to find out more about the family she never knew, and while she is there she meets and crosses swords with landowner and politician Sholto Rutherford. When she returns to London to share a house with the dashing Lady Susan, Octavia, now secure in her new life, becomes caught up in the romantic problems of her niece. Then, the shadow of George Warren, the old nemesis of the Darcy family, falls over her, and she is threatened with the loss of both inheritance and reputation.

Dreamhunter Feb 09 2021 In a world where select people can enter "The Place" and find dreams of every kind to share with others for a fee, a fifteen-year-old girl is training to be a dreamhunter when her father disappears, leaving her to carry on his mysterious mission.

Worth It Sep 26 2019 I fell in love once. It was amazing. She was amazing. Life was amazing. I lived for each time I could see her, and nothing else mattered, not that our families were enemies, our time together was forbidden, or we had to meet in secret. Our love could conquer all. Until it didn't. So I was ripped away from the love of my life and shoved into hell, forced to continue without her. It shattered me, broke the best parts of me, left me permanently damaged. Or so I thought. Years later, I swear history's trying to repeat itself because she's back in my life, and I'm just as drawn to her as I was before. But I'm older and wiser now, and I know she should stay away from a worthless piece of ex-con like me. So, I will not let her in. I absolutely refuse to hurt her. I will keep her away. Then again, sometimes risking your greatest fear to get to a smile makes everything worth it, and besides, I'm not sure I can resist her, anyway. This is the story of how Felicity Bainbridge changed my life forever, starting one summer day long ago after I was forced to change a dirty diaper...--Knox Parker

Doctor Who: At Childhood's End Nov 28 2019 Past or future, which path do you choose? Past, present and future collide as the Thirteenth Doctor meets classic Doctor Who companion Ace - in the first epic novel from the woman who played her, Sophie Aldred. Once, a girl called Ace travelled the universe with the Doctor - until, in the wake of a terrible tragedy they parted company. Decades later, she is known as Dorothy McShane, the reclusive millionaire philanthropist who heads global organisation A Charitable Earth. And Dorothy is haunted by terrible nightmares, vivid dreams that begin just as scores of young runaways are vanishing from the dark alleyways of London. Could the disappearances be linked to sightings of sinister creatures lurking in the city shadows? Why has an alien satellite entered a secret orbit around the Moon? Investigating the satellite with Ryan, Graham and Yaz, the Doctor is thrown together with Ace once more. Together they must unravel

a malevolent plot that will cost thousands of lives. But can the Doctor atone for her past incarnation's behaviour – and how much must Ace sacrifice to win victory not only for herself, but for the Earth?

The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women Jun 03 2020

Dreamhunter Dec 30 2019 Laura comes from a world similar to our own except for one difference: it is next to the Place, an unfathomable land that fosters dreams of every kind and is inaccessible to all but a select few, the Dreamhunters. These are individuals with special gifts: the ability to catch larger-than-life dreams and relay them to audiences in the magnificent dream palace, the Rainbow Opera. People travel from all around to experience the benefits of the hunters' unique visions. Now fifteen-year-old Laura and her cousin Rose, daughters of Dreamhunters, are eligible to test themselves at the Place and find out whether they qualify for the passage. But nothing can prepare them for what they are about to discover. For within the Place lies a horrific secret kept hidden by corrupt members of the government. And when Laura's father, the man who discovered the Place, disappears, she realizes that this secret has the power to destroy everyone she loves . . . In the midst of a fascinating landscape, Laura's dreamy childhood is ending and a nightmare beginning. This rich novel, filled with beauty, danger, politics, and intrigue, comes to a powerful crescendo, leaving readers clamoring for Book Two. *Dreamhunter* is a 2007 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year. "It is like nothing else I've ever read." --

Stephenie Meyer, *The Twilight Saga*

The Love School Apr 25 2022 "The Love School collects more than twenty years' of Elizabeth Knox's non-fiction. These frank and revealing essays and talks tell the story of her writing's beginnings in childhood imaginary games played with her sisters and friends; of leaving home and working at Inland Revenue to earn money to write; of the writing and putting away of the two novels that came before her prize-winning debut, *After Z-Hour*, in 1987; and of the extraordinary novels which followed. Here is Wellington in the eighties: lives led in now demolished buildings, the pastimes and politics of the period described with vivid particularity,

passion, wisdom and a sense of the absurd." "In these pages the reader will encounter the comic: possums who invade and occupy a portion of the author's Brooklyn flat; the dramatic: the Red Squad at the intersection of Rintoul and Riddiford Streets on Wellington test day; and the mysterious: an angelic stranger in a Venetian back street." --Book Jacket.

Daylight Dec 22 2021 Brian "Bad" Phelan, New Zealander and bomb-disposal expert, likes to live dangerously. While on vacation on the French-Italian border, he helps bring a body out of a rocky, wave-swept cove. The dead woman bears striking similarities to a young woman he met years ago, under mysterious circumstances, shortly before she disappeared in a flooded French cave and Bad is compelled to investigate. Meanwhile, Jesuit Father Daniel Octave is running his own investigation into the truth behind the story of the life of the Blessed Martine Raimondi, a WWII resistance heroine and martyred nun. Bad and Daniel's questions lead them to Eve, the beautiful widow of a celebrated French artist, and to Dawn, Eve's twin sister, who seems to be a vampire. For, though they don't know it, Bad and Daniel are looking for the same thing: a secret family. Sensuous and heavenly, *Daylight* combines wildly imaginative storytelling and a clear eye for atmosphere and place. Set on the beautiful Mediterranean coast stretching from Avignon to Genoa, much of the novel takes place in a world the tourist never sees, a world of caves and secret passages. It is in this "world beneath the world" that Bad Phelan and Daniel Octave find themselves face to face with history and myth, with phantoms whose hearts are still beating, hungry, and able to break.

Blackjack Aug 18 2021 Ashley With marriage, there are things you can and can't live with. Harry, my abusive husband, made that clear enough when he beat me like a dog, forced a miscarriage on me, and tried posing me as a hostage to my father's notorious biker gang, The Reapers. I was lucky enough to get out of my marriage in one piece but it's only a matter of time before he picks up my trail and hunts me down. Blackjack--swears he'll kill him the second he steps foot in town. I know he means well but there's something about his stare when he tells me I deserve better. A part of me wants to

believe I deserve someone like him and yet my bruises are telling me never to trust another man again. But Blackjack isn't like any other man. Is he? Blackjack When I enlisted into the army, I didn't think I'd have anything or anyone to lose--except for her. Ashley Monroe, the blonde wild-child of Montana's Reapers MC. It shouldn't have been a surprise when I came back home years later to find out that she left town and ended up married. Life went on of course and I was fortunate enough to have Dex, a son of my own. Three years later, Ashley came back beaten and broken from her marriage. I've never wanted to kill a man so bad in my entire life. Just one look at her and I'm drowning with the urge to hold her in my arms and tell her that she's safe with me, truly. Sometimes I wonder if there's still enough strength in both of us for a second shot in life.

Wake Nov 01 2022 A small community on New Zealand's Tasman Bay is suddenly overwhelmed by a bloodthirsty madness. There are fourteen survivors. Trapped in by a strange force-field called the 'no-go', cut off from the world outside, they must pull together, bury the dead and face their fears. Because whatever caused the insanity is still at large. And it hasn't finished with them yet. Wake is a riveting tour-de-force. A book about extreme events, ordinary people, heroic compassion - and invisible monsters.

The Absolute Book Sep 30 2022 A bewitching epic fantasy about a revenge killing, a mysterious scroll box that has survived centuries of fires, and the book that changed everything "Intricately plotted and gorgeously written, The Absolute Book is a cinematic tale that is by turns dark and dreamlike, yet ultimately hopeful." -- Deborah Harkness, New York Times bestselling author of A Discovery of Witches "An instant classic . . . It is everything fantasy should be." -- The Guardian Taryn Cornick believes that the past--her sister's violent death, and her own ill-conceived revenge--is behind her, and she can get on with her life. She has written a successful book about the things that threaten libraries: insects, damp, light, fire, carelessness and uncaring . . . but not all of the attention it brings her is good. A policeman, Jacob Berger, questions her about a cold case. Then there are questions about a fire in the library at her grandparents' house and an ancient scroll box

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known as the Firestarter, as well as threatening phone calls and a mysterious illness. Finally a shadowy young man named Shift appears, forcing Taryn and Jacob toward a reckoning felt in more than one world. The Absolute Book is epic, action-packed fantasy in which hidden treasures are recovered, wicked things resurface, birds can talk, and dead sisters are a living force. It is a book of journeys and returns, from contemporary England to Auckland, New Zealand; from a magical fairyland to Purgatory. Above all, it is a declaration of love for stories and the ways in which they shape our worlds and create gods out of mortals.

Ie Choices Relationship Jul 17 2021

Black Oxen Oct 20 2021 A fabulous and richly peopled otherworldly tale with echoes of Borges and Marquez, Black Oxen is the story of Carme's Risk's pursuit of her beautiful and not quite human father through two worlds and three changes of identity. In her forties, in the year 2022, Risk has entered narrative therapy. Her memories and her father's journal take her from the Eden of her earliest childhood to dusty, poor, Lequama, a Latin American country, where she and her father become involved with the slightly mad young leaders of the recent revolution and where everyone seems to practice black magic. And finally to Risk's life in northern California, still in thrall to her elusive father and now the widow of Lequama's most notorious torturer. Black Oxen features intrigue, machete murders, battles and bacchanals. Full of unforgettable characters, from the Taoscal chief, who is chosen because he is the luckiest person in the tribe, to a sexually ferocious therapist, and a frail billionaire who wants to live forever, it is a provocative, disturbing, ingenious and beautifully written novel where reality, fantasy and imagination dissolve and clash.

The Queen and the Nobody Boy Aug 25 2019 Hodie is the unpaid odd-job boy at the Grand Palace in the Kingdom of Fontania. Fed-up, he decides to leave and better himself in the South. But the young Queen, 12 year old Sibilla, is fed-up, too, because of gossip about her lack of magical ability. She decides to go with him, insisting he go north to get his mother's bag back from the Emperor of Um'Binnia.

Work Reimagined May 27 2022

The Absolute Book Jun 27 2022 Taryn Cornick

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barely remembers the family library. Since her sister was murdered, she's forgotten so much. Now it's all coming back. The fire. The thief. The

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