

Award-winning author showcases previously published and prize-winning stories

Gritty, bruising and poignant writing

Award-winning author Amra Pajalić is publishing her eclectic short story collection *The Cuckoo's Song* featuring previously published and prize-winning stories. This collection features stories Pajalić has written over the past two decades and are the map that reveal her growth and evolution as an author. Delving into familiar themes of family dissolution, deprivation of war, tenderness of family and the heart-rending experiences of mental illness, Pajalić also moves into new territory with previously unpublished thriller stories.

About the author

Amra Pajalić is an award-winning author, an editor and teacher who draws on her Bosnian cultural heritage to write own voices stories for young people, who like her, are searching to mediate their identity and take pride in their diverse culture.

She won the 2009 Melbourne Prize for Literature's Civic Choice Award for her debut novel *The Good Daughter*. The anthology she co-edited, *Growing up Muslim in Australia* (Allen and Unwin, 2014, 2019), was shortlisted for the 2015 Children's Book Council of the year awards and her memoir *Things Nobody Knows But Me* (Transit Lounge, 2019) was shortlisted for the 2020 National Biography Award.



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Praise

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In Nervous Breakdown 'rebellion is fuelled by the cultural disconnect between themselves and their migrant parents.' Sydney Morning Herald

Teaching notes

With reading activities, thematic analysis, short story structure analysis and writing prompts.

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<https://www.amrapajalic.com/cuckoos-song.html>

Reading age Categories

15+

Young Adult, Teen Fiction,
Own Voices Fiction

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