

Award-winning author Amra Pajalić showcases her gritty, poignant and sometimes bruising voice in this eclectic short story book of previously published and prize-winning stories. Featuring powerful and moving stories of family dissolution, deprivation of war, tenderness of family and the heart-rending experiences of mental illness. Thriller stories with a twist of vindictiveness and retribution, and love stories that make the heart sing, this collection will delight and entertain. *The Cuckoo's Song*—Francesca is ten when a gypsy fortune-teller told her the day and the hour of her death and she has been waiting since.

Fragments—Seka and her brother forage for books in a bombed-out school in Srebrenica during the Balkan war.

Friends Forever—Two lifelong friends share a room at a nursing home, as well as a secret or two.

School of Hardknocks—Amina is a new high school student after migrating from Bosnia and struggles to acclimate to the Aussie way of life.

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Sydney Morning Herald

Flirty Eyes 'interesting' and 'original' writing.

Australian Book Review



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Bulletin Review of story *Siege*



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