

Love stories, poems and essays



Sweatshop Literacy Movement is delighted to announce the exciting release of **Love**: a mesmerising collection of stories, poems and essays, which explore the 'beautiful messiness' of families, friendships, allyships and romantic relationships.

As the 15th anthology in Sweatshop's growing catalogue of ground-breaking books, **Love** warmly invites Australian readers to take a journey through dingy streets and pristine sunsets, delve deep into the tormented soul, and explore that big crazy thing called the human heart.

The collection was edited by Vietnamese-Australian writer, **Shirley Le**, who rose to prominence following the release of her critically acclaimed debut novel, *Funny Ethnic*s (Affirm Press, 2023).

Shirley Le said that the new anthology, titled simply **Love**, is essential reading during a rising period of fear, conflict, loss and despair: "**Love connects us all, as human beings, as communities, and as Australians. This anthology seeks to show readers different paths to love and to be loved.**"

Love features 35 writers from First Nations and culturally diverse backgrounds. Notable contributors include:

Natalia Figueroa Barroso: A writer of Uruguayan descent with Charrúa, Yoruba and Iberian origins. Natalia was born on Dharug Ngura, and raised between her birthland and her homeland. Her essays, poems and short stories have been in *Sweatshop Women*, *Between Two Worlds*, *Meanjin*, *Red Room Poetry*, *Overland* and *Griffith Review*. Natalia's debut novel is *Hailstones Fell Without Rain* (UQP, 2025).

Daniel Nour: An award-winning Egyptian-Australian writer and journalist. Daniel's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Meanjin*, *Kill Your Darlings*, *Mascara Literary Review*, *The Big Issue* and *The Guardian*. Daniel's debut memoir is *How to Dodge Flying Sandals* (Affirm Press, 2025).

Sheree Joseph: An award-winning Lebanese-Australian writer living on the unceded lands of the Dharug peoples in Western Sydney. Sheree's work has appeared in *Sydney Morning Herald*, *ABC*, *SBS*, *Overland*, *Russh* and *Junkee*. Her forthcoming debut memoir is *Juicy* (Pantera Press, 2026).

Tyree Barnette: An African-American writer originally from North Carolina. Tyree's short stories and essays have been published in *SBS Voices*, *This Little Red Thing* and *Racism: Stories on Fear, Hate & Bigotry*. Tyree's forthcoming debut memoir is *Stolen Man on Stolen Land* (Simon & Schuster, 2026).

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