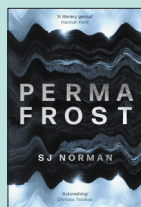


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**PERMAFROST**  
S J Norman



Short stories are having

a moment in the sun. Relationships are at the heart of each story: with other characters, their inner selves and the external environment. Within those relationships are distinct contrasts: between light and dark, northern and southern hemispheres, and the biggest one - life and death. Each story is strong, evocative, disturbing and brilliantly written.

★★★★☆ UQP \$29.99  
Reviewed by Bob Moore



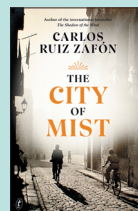
**THE SWEETEST FRUITS**  
Monique Truong



This story of Lafcadio Hearn is already interesting: a man with Greek-Irish heritage, who spent years in America after renouncing his Irish family before moving to Japan.

Into this story is woven the fictionalised lives and voices of the three most important women in his life.

★★★★☆ Upswell \$29.99  
Reviewed by Bob Moore



**THE CITY OF MIST**  
Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Zafón will forever be associated with

*The Shadow of the Wind*, its Cemetery of Forgotten Books and his beloved Barcelona. This collection of 11 stories, plus an excerpt from the above-mentioned novel, was published after his death.

★★★★☆ Text \$29.99  
Reviewed by Bob Moore



**THE DUST NEVER SETTLES**

Karina Lickorish  
Quinn Anaïs

Echeverría has lived in London for many years, and somehow finds herself reluctantly engaged to her long-term English boyfriend. When her ancestral home in Lima needs to be sold, she returns to Peru to help organise the sale, and to face the realities of her ancestry.

In ways this debut novel reminded me of Isabel Allende's debut, *The House of the Spirits*.

★★★★☆ Oneworld \$29.99  
Reviewed by Lesley West



**THE FOUR WINDS**

Kristin Hannah  
In the 1920s and '30s the Great Plains of the central

United States were turned into a dustbowl. This is the story of one woman and her determination to hold her family together amid this harrowing backdrop. I really wanted to like this book, and the stoic characters that populate it, but I didn't.

★★★★☆ Macmillan \$32.99  
Reviewed by Lesley West



**FUREY'S WAR**  
T W Lawless & Kay Bell



*Furey's War* is a great old-fashioned yarn set in a convincingly portrayed Australian country town. One like we've all probably visited but never suspected what might lie beneath its apparently quiet veneer. It's not strictly a 'war' story but it does quite nicely reflect a time when Australia was confronting the unknown and the unfamiliar.

★★★★☆ Campanile \$20.00  
Reviewed by John Francis