

IT'S ALL CONNECTED

Feminist Fiction and Poetry

Edited by Pauline Hopkins

With contributions from prize-winning fiercely feminist writers from across Australia and around the world including Usha Akella, Jordie Albiston, Merlinda Bobis, Angela Costi, Susan Hawthorne, Sandy Jeffs, Renate Klein, Carol Lefevre, Lizz Murphy, Suniti Namjoshi, Fiona Place, Lucy Sussex, and Patricia Sykes.

Feminists have long known that it's all connected. *The stories, the families, the country, the River.* In this anthology, poets and short story writers create worlds with words. This book includes stories that draw on mythic traditions rewritten for our time. There are thieves, grandmothers, teenagers breaking out, dark caves to explore and real estate to sell; there are mysteries from the grave, experiments that go wrong, road trips, a circus, an opera, families that break and families that hold together; there are birds and animals and babies, and there is the pandemic. There is stillness and movement; closeness and distance.

This eclectic range of authors brings their unique perspectives to storytelling as they each grapple to understand the past and meet the challenges ahead, daring to share their joy and pain, their fear and anger, their hopes and disappointments. These are women who dare to remember, to claim their own stories and to wonder what may have been.

barn gate sign tomb squares flash by & circles
 too the sun sadly buried a badly
 hung moon how I love the geometry
 of silence sometimes I stop to swig down
 a sight or lap at a wound or forget
 –‘Suburu’ by Jordie Albiston

The echo of these words is like a prose of rain. Falling in great blasts of wind or in a drizzle of depression. Which words do we want? The ones that mean something. Or a fabrication of reality?
 –‘Ulyssea’ by Susan Hawthorne

About the editor

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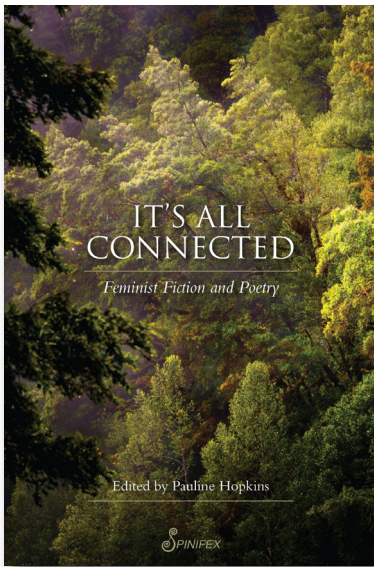


A feisty, vigorous and eclectic volume; feminism is alive and well as a creative force ...

—Gail Jones

A wonderfully rich and diverse expression of full throttle womanhood.

—Amanda Lohrey



A bold and powerful anthology offering poetry and prose from a diversity of new and established women writers, *It's All Connected* ripples and blazes across a universe of topics, a galaxy of tones. Deftly constructed, moving from ancient myth to present day narratives, from pre-history to future worlds, this book arrives as an elegant feminist fanfare.

—Carmel Bird

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