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## THE GOOD-HEARTED GARDENERS

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What do you do when you fall in love with your next-door neighbour? You peer at each other through a hole in the fence and eventually climb over.

Sybil is a member of The Good-Hearted Gardeners, a Society for Well-Meaning Efforts for the Betterment of Language and the Salvation of the Planet, which her lover, Demo, is allowed to join. It's funded by MI5, who ask them to monetise and weaponise the English language. Soon afterwards they discover that English is even more widespread than anyone had thought. Even the birds and the fish, the cows and the kangaroos can speak it – when they choose. The Good-Hearted Gardeners set about trying to talk to anyone – crows, magpies, robins, goldfish, cows, horses, rats, mice – who will talk to them.

With climate change and technology gone mad, what's in store is a frightening scenario that threatens everyone – humans, animals, plants. Can the headlong rush to extinction be halted?

When the birds, and the cows and the horses and the mice and all the rest come together, much is made possible. But at what cost? Will the planet and its inhabitants be saved?

A comedic allegory for our future.

### *Key Selling Points*

- Ecofiction with a twist.
- Much-awarded high profile author recently elected a Fellow to the Royal Society of Literature.
- Love, language and absurdity monetised and weaponised by MI5.

### *About the Author*

Internationally acclaimed author Suniti Namjoshi is an important figure in contemporary literature in English. A writer of fables, poetry, satirical fiction, children's fictions, she has published over 30 titles in India, Australia, Canada and Britain. Born in Mumbai in 1941, she first wrote and published in India, then moved to Canada, and then to a small seaside village in the south-west of England with writer, Gillian Hanscombe. In 2023, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Her books include *Feminist Fables*, *Goja*, *Suki* and *Aesop the Fox* and *Blue and Other Stories* from Spinifex.