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Zelda Rhiando Explores the Boundaries of Love and Mortality in New Novel "Night Shift"

LONDON, 17th September - Ampersand Press announces the November 7th release of "Night Shift," the latest novel from acclaimed South London author Zelda Rhiando, known for her previous works "Caposcripti" and "Fukushima Dreams."

Set in the shadowy corners of London, "Night Shift" unravels the intricate relationship between Charlie, a mortuary technician, and Eva, a woman whose life is shrouded in mystery. Charlie's world is grounded in the stark realities of death, while Eva dances on the edge of sanity, her life intertwined with inexplicable events. As Eva's enigmatic existence begins to bleed into Charlie's ordered world, questions arise: Is Eva touched by madness or something more sinister? In the face of love's complexities and death's certainty, Charlie must make a choice.

Rhiando's unflinching prose examines themes of love, mortality, and the human struggle for connection in the face of life's inevitabilities. The novel poses the provocative question: "Is love enough to fill the hole inside us?"

Drawing from meticulous on-location research, Rhiando brings authenticity to her portrayal of the mortuary setting, while weaving a narrative that challenges readers to confront their own perceptions of life, death, and the spaces in between. Jemima Hunt, literary consultant, describes "Night Shift" as "brilliantly unsettling... Written with poetic themes of love and loss alongside an urban Gothic vision of London -- haunted by magpies, it's a story that imagines a demonic world not so removed from the one we now live in."

The novel has been likened to Martin Amis's "Night Train" meets "In the Cut" by Susanna Moore, with a nod to Patrick Neate's "The London Pigeon Wars." It offers readers a bold, sexy, and provocative exploration of urban life and the human psyche.

"Night Shift" promises to be a thought-provoking addition to contemporary literary fiction, continuing Rhiando's tradition of exploring complex human relationships and existential themes. With its noirish setting and lone female protagonist struggling with dark external forces, the novel offers a unique blend of psychological thriller and literary fiction.

Night Shift will be available in bookstores and online retailers starting November 7th, priced at £10.99.

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