



WOMEN AND LOVE

MIRIAM BURKE

- A stunning debut collection of short stories that explore the power of love for women, ranging from doctors to prisoners.
- Published to coincide with International Women's Day 2022.
- An important work that foregrounds LGBTQ+ voices and experiences.
- A timely empathetic collection that forces the reader to confront preconceived notions around class, background and belonging.

'I couldn't sleep that night; our conversation was like a trapped bird flying around inside my head. The next morning, I texted to say I wouldn't be coming back. I lied about having to return to my country to nurse a sick relative. I couldn't bear to see my story mirrored in his eyes, and to see what we never had. I knew he'd understand.'

Women and Love is a thought-provoking collection of seventeen tightly woven tales about the power of love, all its trials and complications, and the shattered lives it can leave in its wake.

The stories explore a huge variety of sorts of love surrounding women in wildly differing settings, and features an unforgettable cast including GPs, burglars, inmates, emigrant cleaners, carers, young professionals, and many more. Navigating heavy themes, with a particular focus on LGBTQ+ experiences, including gender dysphoria and searching for a sperm donor, the stories leave the reader burning with indignation, full of empathy and wonder.

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