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Between Water and the Night Sky by **SIMONE LAZAROO**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Elsbeth is full of inexpressible longings: to leave behind her beginnings in a small wheatbelt town, and a secret she scarcely comprehends. After migrating from Singapore, Francis just wants to make a life for himself that is not determined by the colour of his skin or the judgement of others.

Told by their only child, Eva, this is a novel about falling in love, and falling apart – the beautiful, sad story of a shared history that never ends.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Simone Lazaroo was born in Singapore and migrated with her bicultural family to Western Australia when she was a young child. Her award-winning novels and most of her short stories have explored individuals struggling for survival and meaning at the juncture of cultures.

She has a PhD in Writing and is an honorary research fellow at Murdoch University, and has taught creative writing for sixteen years. Simone is currently mentoring emerging writers, working with a Spanish group researching cosmopolitanism in literature, and writing her next book. She lives near Fremantle, Western Australia.



KEY POINTS

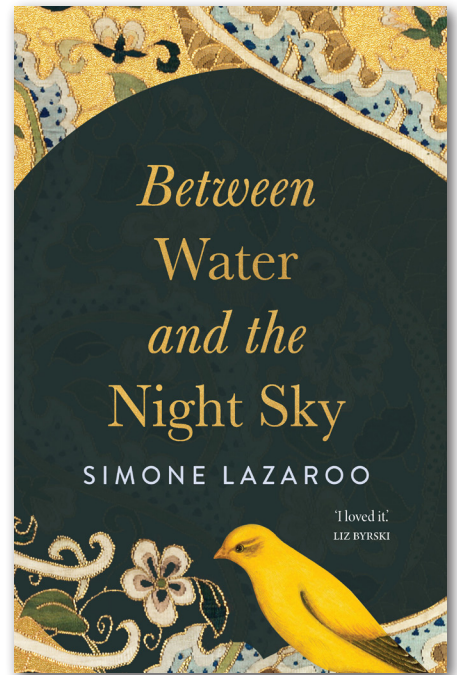
- This is a work of autofiction – based on the lives of Simone’s parents.
- Simone’s short fiction has been published in Australia, the United States, England, Spain, Portugal and Cuba.
- Her novel *The Australian Fiancé* is currently optioned for film.
- Her fiction has been taught in Australian, North American and European schools and universities.
- Her first novel won the Hungerford Award for best first manuscript.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

‘Wise, loving and rich with tenderness, Simone Lazaroo will capture your heart and hold it long after the final page.’ Liz Byrski

‘A tender memorial to a mother who gave her daughter an understanding of hidden cruelties and the great gift of surmounting them.’ Brenda Walker

‘This story will leave you with a renewed thirst for deepening connections with those you love. An astonishingly powerful work.’
Julienne van Loon



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