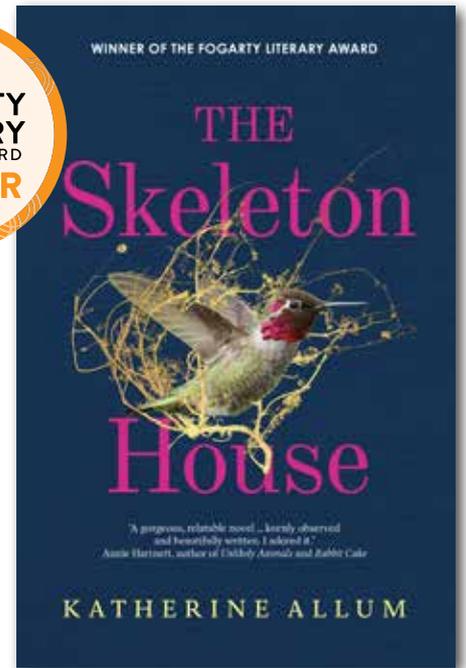


THE Skeleton House

by **KATHERINE ALLUM**

‘A gorgeous, relatable novel about motherhood and marriage. Keenly observed and beautifully written. I adored it.’

*Annie Hartnett, author of
Unlikely Animals and Rabbit Cake*



ABOUT THE BOOK

Meg’s life is woven into the fabric of St Stephens. It’s a tapestry made of two precious children, a hidden truth and a husband whose ideas of a perfect wife do not match her own. When Meg puts her foot down on having a third kid, gets a job and is empowered by the same book group that was meant to keep her in her place, her marriage begins to disintegrate. Set in a tiny Mormon community, this is a novel about resilience and courage – the fierceness of mother-love and the power that comes with never forgetting who you really are.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katherine Allum is an award-winning fiction author. American-born, she was raised in four different states, but has the strongest ties to regional south-west Nevada, and Portland, Oregon. Growing up, Katherine was ‘that weird homeschool kid’ and finished her hybrid education in a small town in the desert. She completed her MA in Literary Novels at City University London, and now lives in Perth with her husband.



NOTES

- *The Skeleton House* is Katherine’s debut novel and the winner of the 2023 Fogarty Literary Award.
- *The Skeleton House* pulls back the layers on a seemingly perfect family, exposing the complexities of marriage and motherhood when you must fight to keep your own identity, no matter the cost.
- The book looks at what it’s like living on the margins of a devoutly Mormon town divided into true believers, lapsed believers and non-believers like Meg (OTM – people who are Other Than Mormon). Its themes are relatable and transposable to any remote community and any organised religion.

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