

# LOVE LIKE THIS ISN'T HARMLESS

by Bron Bateman

'It is rare to find a collection of poems with such a natural flair for expansive compassion alongside courageous, piercing truth-telling. This troubled world has us asking, "how to resist, how to assist". Bateman answers with spirited eloquence, reminding us of "the blunt fact of crip promise". These are poems of irrefutable blood and love.' *Andy Jackson*

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Bateman's poems embody empowerment, evolution and healing. Through a fiercely feminist lens, this collection confronts raw realities with unapologetic honesty and profound insight, shedding light on the shadows that too often remain unseen. When tackling tough themes like sexual abuse and domestic violence, Bateman is unflinching and fearless, compassionate and courageous.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bron Bateman is a poet, academic and mother of nine. She is a lecturer, unit coordinator and tutor in the enabling program 'OnTrack' at Murdoch University. Her research interests include cultural studies, Crip Theory, creative writing, feminism, the body, and Gothic and gender theory. She has had her work published in collections and journals in Australia, the UK and the US.



### KEY POINTS

- This collection includes tough themes like abortion and pain, but also fierce resilience, survival and beauty. From intimate portrayals of family dynamics to reimaginings of mythos, these poems spark conversation and contemplation.
- Her 2020 collection of poetry, *Of Memory and Furniture*, was Highly Commended in the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards (2021).
- Bron was shortlisted for the Tom Collins Poetry Prize for her poem 'The Boys Who Dream of Winter' in 2022.
- She was awarded the Bobbie Cullen Memorial Award for Poetry in 2004.
- In 2017, she won Columbia University's Winter Contest for Poetry for her poem 'The Lemon Picker'.



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