

NOCK LOOSE

by **Patrick Marlborough**

'Marlborough is that rarest thing: a dangerous Australian writer. Read them before it's too late.' *Michael Winkler*

'*Nock Loose* runs a rake over decades of D-Grade Australian culture and draws a narrative between all that was caught between the tines. Feeling like the cinematic amalgam of a nineties daytime talk show, an op shop joke book, and a hijacked reddit thread, only Marlborough could (or would) write this book.'
Max Easton

ABOUT THE BOOK

Bodkins Point is a tiny town with a big secret and an annual screwball medieval festival. And Agincourt will make you a hero if it doesn't kill you.

And this year's festival is more dangerous than ever. If the mock battles don't get you killed and there are no bushfires on the horizon, you still have to watch you don't fall prey to a vengeful former-Olympic archer and stuntwoman.

Because Joy Robyn is about to use Agincourt as her platform for vengeance after her granddaughter is killed in a bushfire started by someone in the town.

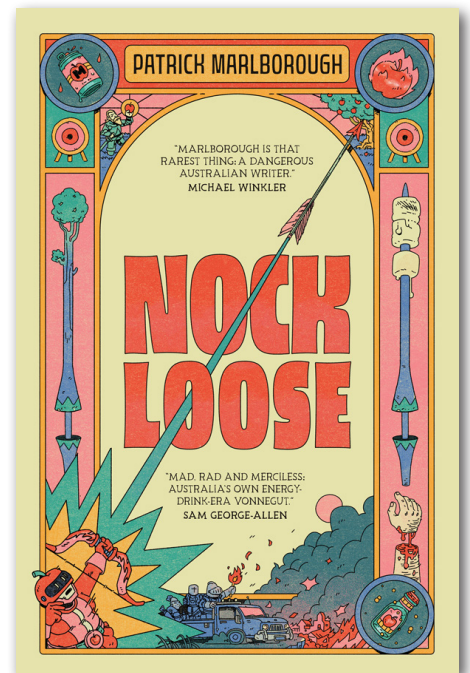
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Patrick Marlborough is a neurodivergent nonbinary writer, comedian, journalist, critic and musician. They are a passionate mental health and disability advocate, regularly publishing across a variety of beloved outlets. They have lived their whole life in Fremantle and spend their days arguing with their incredibly naughty dog, Buckley.



NOTES

- *Nock Loose* was shortlisted for the 2023 Fogarty Literary Award.
- A semi-serious revenge screwball thriller that draws on the tropes of anime, manga and weird medieval festivals.
- A book for the chronically online, this is the perfect read to surpass the wildest dreams (and nightmares) of the most dedicated cosplay fanatic.
- They have been published in many outlets including *VICE*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Guardian*, *The Saturday Paper*, *Junkee*, and *The Betoota Advocate*.



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