

# i remember everything

by Fiona Wilkes

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Beginning in Bristol and moving to 1980s London, this novel follows Billie, a young queer woman, as she navigates the highs and lows of life, coming out as queer, and finding her chosen family – only to lose them again during the AIDS epidemic.

Thirty years on, Billie picks up her pen to celebrate the lives of these friends: quixotic Robert, Tolstoy the photographer, soft-spoken Eleanor, sweet-eyed Sasha, uncompromising Aggie, and Ted the dreamer. And, of course, Laura – the girl who has always captivated Billie, and the one person she can't live without.

This is a story of queer joy, queer tragedy and the strength to love deeply.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fiona Wilkes is a writer, researcher and educator, specialising in English and Literary Studies. Her work has been published locally, nationally and internationally, and has garnered attention from several literary awards. Born in the United Kingdom, Fiona now lives and works in Perth, Western Australia, on unceded Whadjuk Noongar land. Her debut novel, *I Remember Everything*, was shortlisted for the 2024 Hungerford Award.



## NOTES

- *I Remember Everything* is this author's way of connecting to the generation of elders who were lost to the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the 1980s.
- Shortlisted for the 2024 Hungerford Award, this moving account of a young queer woman living through the start of the AIDS epidemic is a tribute to found family, queer elders, and the courage it takes to care for one's community, even while witnessing its destruction.
- The author is a PhD candidate at the University of Western Australia, specialising in English and Literary Studies.
- A fierce feminist and queer woman, Fiona's work focuses on the plights of women and queer folk of the past, present and future.
- This is the story of the AIDS epidemic using the present-day frame of the COVID-19 epidemic.
- Fiona Wilkes undertook a university exchange in Bristol where the book is set.



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