

GONE GURU

by Nadine Browne

ABOUT THE BOOK

Noni Barlow is broke, jet-lagged and alone in New York with nothing but a dream and a manuscript.

When her idol Joyce Carol Oates tells her that Born Again memoirs are so 'last year', Noni's big break starts to feel like a big mistake.

To add to the general weirdness, she meets her new flatmate only once before he vanishes into thin air – and that's even before Noni discovers he is a transcendental meditation guru with a massive following, and a million-dollar trust fund.

Aided by an octogenarian social worker, and the sarcastic daughter of her Puerto Rican landlady, Noni finds herself deep in the case of the disappearing guru.

Is this the new plot line she needs to save her writing career?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nadine Browne is a prose writer, poet and essayist. Her work has been featured in *Overland*, *The Massachusetts Review* and ABC Australia. She received an MFA in fiction at New York University, where she was a Starworks Fellow.

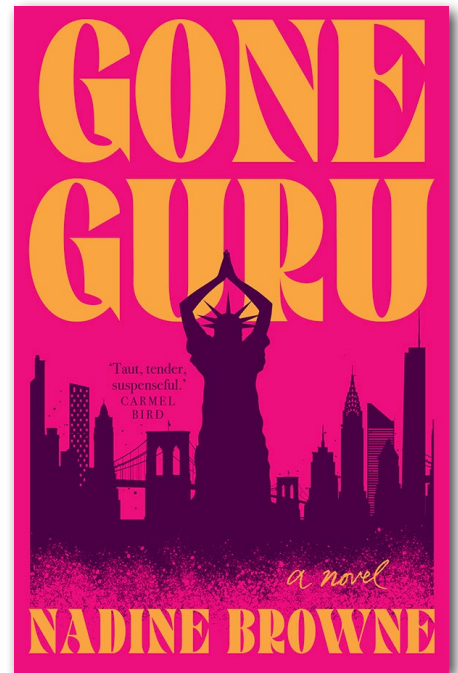


NOTES

- The author's life mirrors the novel's plot: she is a lapsed Born Again Christian from Australia's rural backblocks who won an elite writing scholarship in NYC.
- Chosen by Zadie Smith for NYU's Masters in Fiction program, Nadine worked on *Gone Guru* under the supervision of Jonathan Safran Foer and Joyce Carol Oates.
- This story punctures the book-dream-bubble and takes a witty look at the creative writing industry which is oft accused of peddling unrealistic dreams.
- The novel features cameos from well-known US writers like Joyce Carol Oates and Édouard Louis.
- It features a character inspired by NYC's renowned social worker, Danny Kronenberg, with whom the author had a real-life friendship.
- It is a cosy mystery about the importance of relationships and connection.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'This taut, tender, suspenseful quest for identity and meaning is presented with elegance, flair, and a beguiling wit by a writer whose



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