

MINIATURES

A collection of short short stories
by **SUSAN MIDALIA**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Susan Midalia's *Miniatures* is a provocative collection of short short stories casting an unflinching eye on modern social issues and themes: from family dynamics, climate change and the value of reading and writing to national and gender identity.

Satiric, compassionate, poignant and witty, these technically deft and inventive stories reveal the vexations, absurdities and hidden desires of parents and children, lovers, politicians, and those who delight in the power of the written word.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan Midalia has published three short story collections, all shortlisted for major Australian literary awards: *A History of the Beanbag* (2007); *An Unknown Sky* (2102); and *Feet to the Stars* (2015).

She has also published two novels: *The Art of Persuasion* (2018) and *Everyday Madness* (2021).



NOTES ON MINIATURES

- Susan Midalia became enthralled by flash fiction after she contributed to Night Parrot Press' 2020 collection *Once: A selection of short short stories*.
- Susan also contributed to NPP's 2021 flash collection *Twice Not Shy*.
- Susan's embrace of flash came after the successful publication of two novels with Fremantle Press - a daring move for an established writer, but one she has found invigorating.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'Each character is unique and closely observed. They have their own way of speaking, their own perspectives. This is a writer who goes deeply into their inner lives and uses language as well as sentiment to convey this.' – **Australian Book Review**

'Susan Midalia is particularly good with life's awkwardnesses, especially as endured by the innocent or naïve ... Deep in the heart of the most comfortable suburbia there's a faulty valve, and Midalia is adept at finding it.' – **The Australian Literary Review**



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