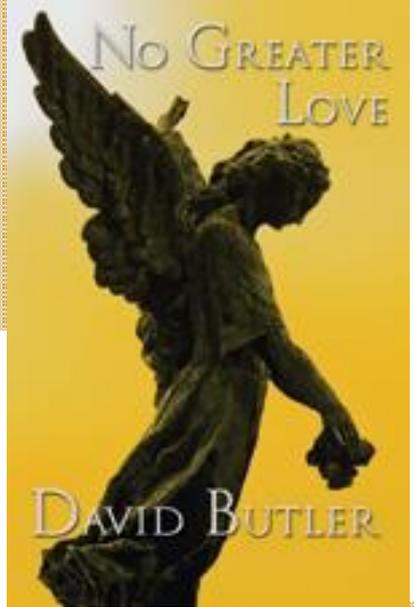




Advance Information

No Greater Love

By David Butler



The short stories in *No Greater Love* deal with human nature in all its imperfections, displaying Butler's ability to explore character in depth, even when his themes border on the taboo.

In the title story, which won the Maria Edgeworth Award, a woman serves a life sentence for the murder of her daughter. In others, a child goes missing; a bride-to-be is betrayed by a friend; a bizarre series of corpses show up mysteriously in Dublin over a summer; a sex offender moves to a small town; a young woman is almost caught shoplifting and is persecuted by the security guard's eyes; a man attends the funeral of a father he has come to hate; and, in a story that was shortlisted for the prestigious Bridport Prize, a woman tries to come to terms with a brutal rape.

Dark territory indeed, and yet, as the title suggests, the collection is also an exploration of love, in all its guises. Dark laughter echoes throughout, and the underlying theme connecting these stories is the question of whether redemption is available to all, including those most shunned by society.

Previous Works

His first novel *The Last European* was published in 2005 (Wynkin de Worde, Galway), while his debut poetry collection *Via Crucis* (Doghouse, Tralee) appeared in 2011. A second novel *The Judas Kiss* was published in 2012 by New Island Press (Dublin), who have also accepted his third novel *City of Dis* for publication in 2014. His play *Twas the Night Before Xmas* has recently been short-listed for the Scottish Community Drama Awards 2012/13.

Other publications to date include *An Aid to Reading Ulysses* (James Joyce Centre / Dublin City Libraries, 2004) and a book of translations from the Portuguese, *Selected Pessoa* (Dedalus Press, 2004). He is at present hooked on the theatre, and has lived in Bray since 2005.

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