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ORANGE

by CURTIS GARNER

THE BOOK

A candid portrayal of first love and self-discovery, from the author of the 'instant queer classic', *Isaac*.

Cornwall, 2018. In the quiet fishing village of Portscatho, sixteen-year-old Daniel and seventeen-year-old Jago form an unexpected connection – something neither of them can name. What unfolds is transformative, particularly for Daniel, who for the first time feels truly seen.

East London, 2023. Daniel has rewritten himself: sharper, louder, queer in a way the city understands. But a visit from Jago stirs up a reckoning with his former life, forcing them both to question how much change their bond can withstand.

Reminiscent of Édouard Louis and Douglas Stuart's writing, *Orange* examines how we reconcile our past selves with the people we become, those we bring with us and those we leave behind.

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CURTIS GARNER was born in Cornwall in 1996. When he was eighteen, he moved to London to study Creative Writing and English Literature at the University of Greenwich. He graduated in 2017 and has been working in publishing since. In 2020, he also received an MA with Distinction from Manchester School of Creative Writing, where much of *Isaac* was written. In his spare time, he reviews novels on Instagram (@queer_novels). He lives in Hackney.



MARKETING & SALES POINTS

In his candid and atmospheric second novel, Garner blends coming of age with literary romance and a touch of family drama to create an unflinching portrait of first love and self-discovery, set between the Cornish coast and East London

With echoes of Édouard Louis's *Change*, Thomas Grattan's *In Tongues* and the writing of Garth Greenwell and Douglas Stuart, *Orange* confirms Curtis Garner as one of the most exciting new voices in contemporary queer literature

Garner's debut, *Isaac*, was released in November 2024 and received glowing reviews, including endorsements from Russell T Davies and James Cahill and coverage in the *Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Daily Mail*, *Attitude* and *AnOther*

Garner has a strong social media presence (almost 10K followers for @queer_novels on Bookstagram) and a fantastically engaged network of readers, booksellers and author champions supporting his writing

PRAISE FOR ORANGE

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'A beautiful and incredibly moving love story that explores queerness and identity, home and belonging, and the different people we become in different places' - **Margaret McDonald**, author of *Glasgow Boys*
'Exemplary... Written with the flair of Ocean Vuong and the narrative excellence of Alexander Chee' - **Alex Allison**, author of *Greatest of All Time*

'Richly humane, wholly original, beautifully crafted... Every scene is precisely rendered, every image and sensation finely-wrought' - **Niamh Campbell**, author of *This Happy*

'Perfectly captures the exhilaration of first love... It's hilarious, sexy and messy' - **Jake Hall**, author of *Shoulder to Shoulder*

'Vivid, moving and artfully observed, *Orange* perfectly captures the bittersweetness of leaving one home to build another, and the tenderness we so often feel for our former selves' - **Grace Flahive**, author of *Palm Meridian*

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'Honest, uncompromising, fearless and completely engrossing'
Alex Pheby

'Scenes from this novel have lingered in my mind for months'
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Niamh Campbell

'Truly impressive... Bracing and uncensorious'
James Cahill

'Vividly sensual ... I raced through it!'
Kerry Andrew

'An instant queer classic'
Jon Ransom

