

Annaleese Jochems

Annaleese Jochems was born in 1994 and grew up in Wellington, New Zealand. She won the 2016 Adam Prize from the International Institute of Modern Letters and the 208 Hubert Church Best First Book Award for *Baby*, which is her first book. First published in New Zealand by Victoria University Press in 2017, it will be published in the UK and US in August 2019 by Scribe.



Praise for *Baby*:

‘Sultry, sinister, hilarious and demented, *Baby* blazes with intelligence and murderous black humour. Heavenly Creatures for a new generation.’ – Eleanor Catton

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2017 Victoria University Press	<p>‘Cynthia can understand how Anahera feels just by looking at her body.’</p> <p>Cynthia is twenty-one, bored and desperately waiting for something big to happen. Her striking fitness instructor, Anahera, is ready to throw in the towel on her job and marriage. With stolen money and a dog in tow they run away and buy ‘Baby’, an old boat docked in the Bay of Islands, where Cynthia dreams they will live in a state of love. But strange events on an empty island turn their life together in a different direction.</p> <p><i>Baby</i> is a sunburnt psychological thriller of obsession and escape by one of the most exciting new voices in New Zealand fiction.</p>