



Book #1

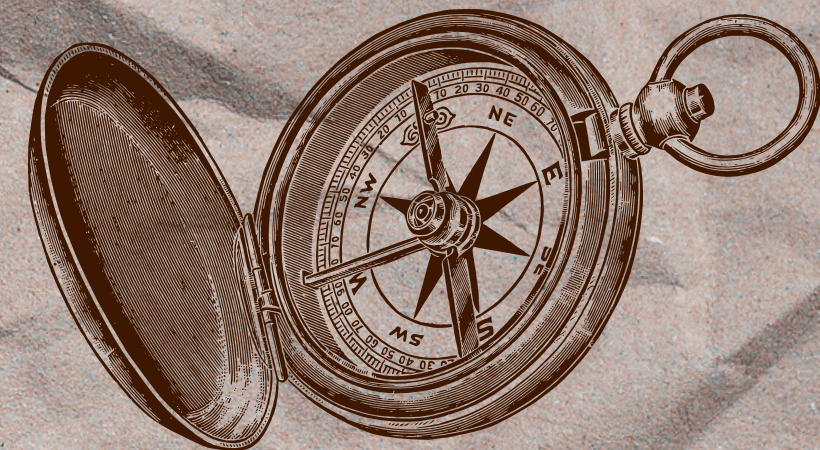


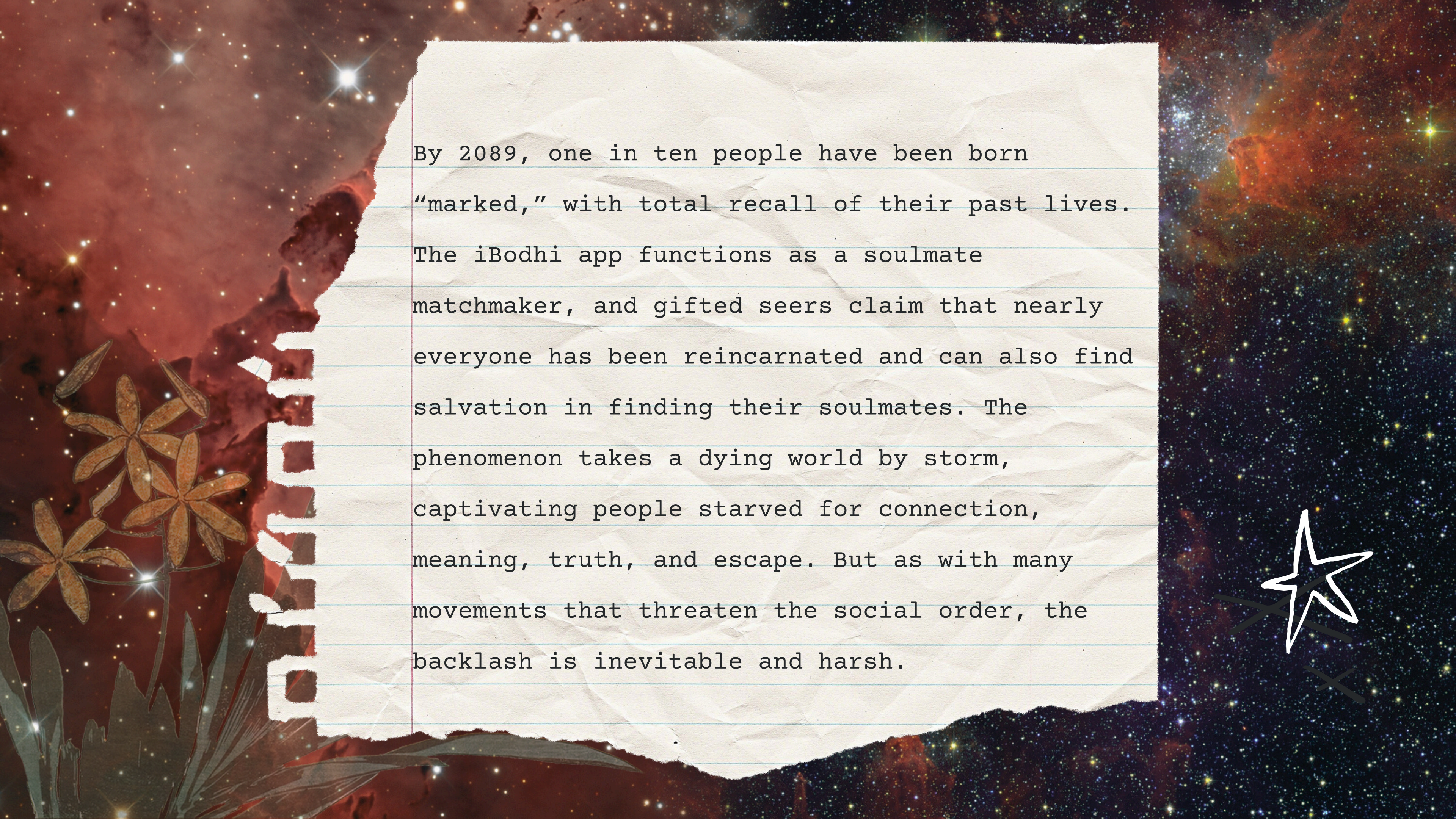
SECONDHAND STARDUST

a novel



In a dystopian future, reincarnation is real, verifiable by seers and an app, and the race is on for a group of soulmates to find one another and sort out their karma before they're kidnapped by brutes or billionaires as the lights dim on Planet Earth.



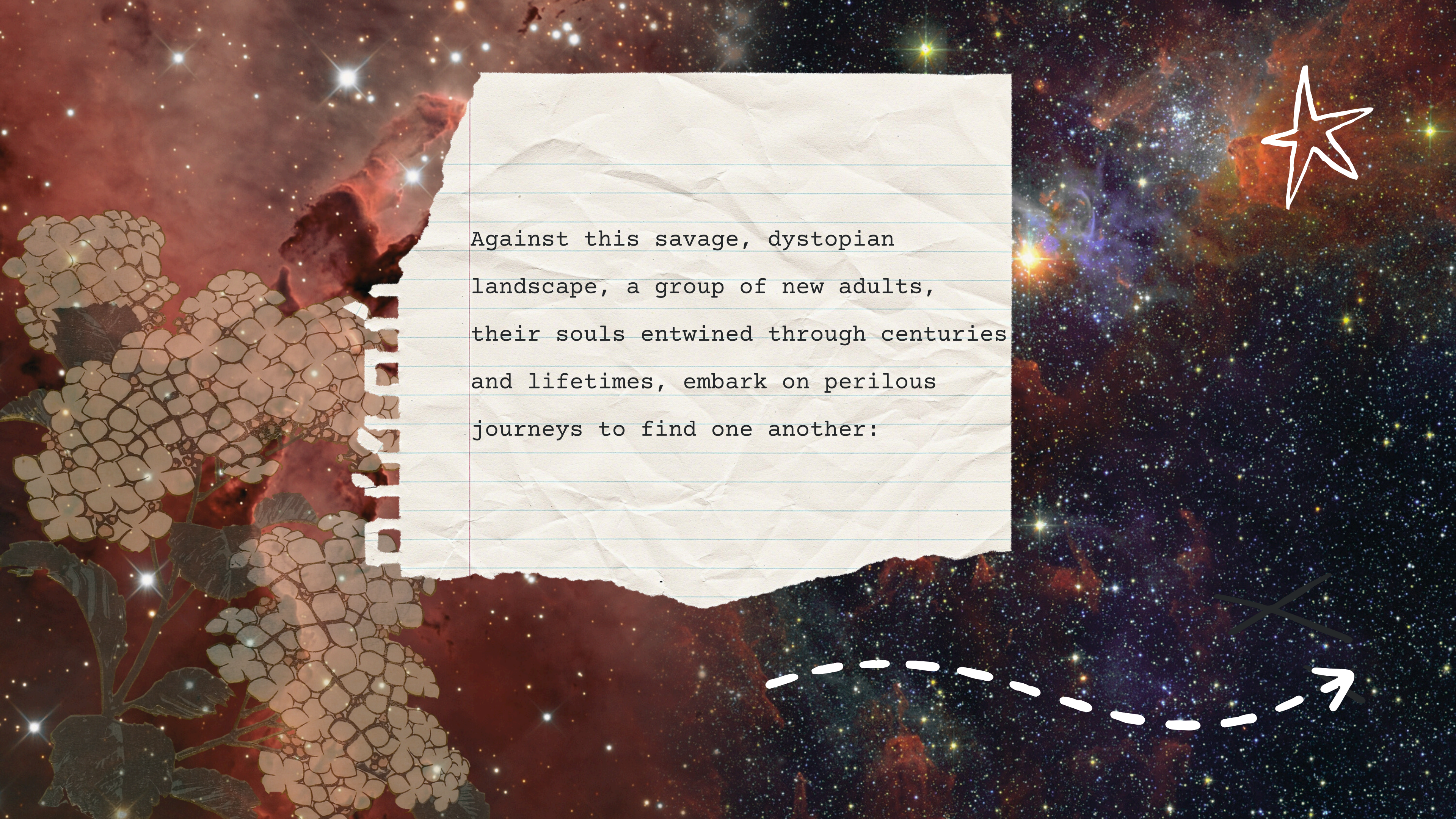


By 2089, one in ten people have been born
"marked," with total recall of their past lives.
The iBodhi app functions as a soulmate
matchmaker, and gifted seers claim that nearly
everyone has been reincarnated and can also find
salvation in finding their soulmates. The
phenomenon takes a dying world by storm,
captivating people starved for connection,
meaning, truth, and escape. But as with many
movements that threaten the social order, the
backlash is inevitable and harsh.



Gangs of brutes hunt the marked across the wastelands of the former U.S., making an escapist party drug from their blood. And the morbidly wealthy, who've decamped to artificial islands off the East Coast, are convinced that the marked hold the keys to immortality. Or at least a more interesting weekend.

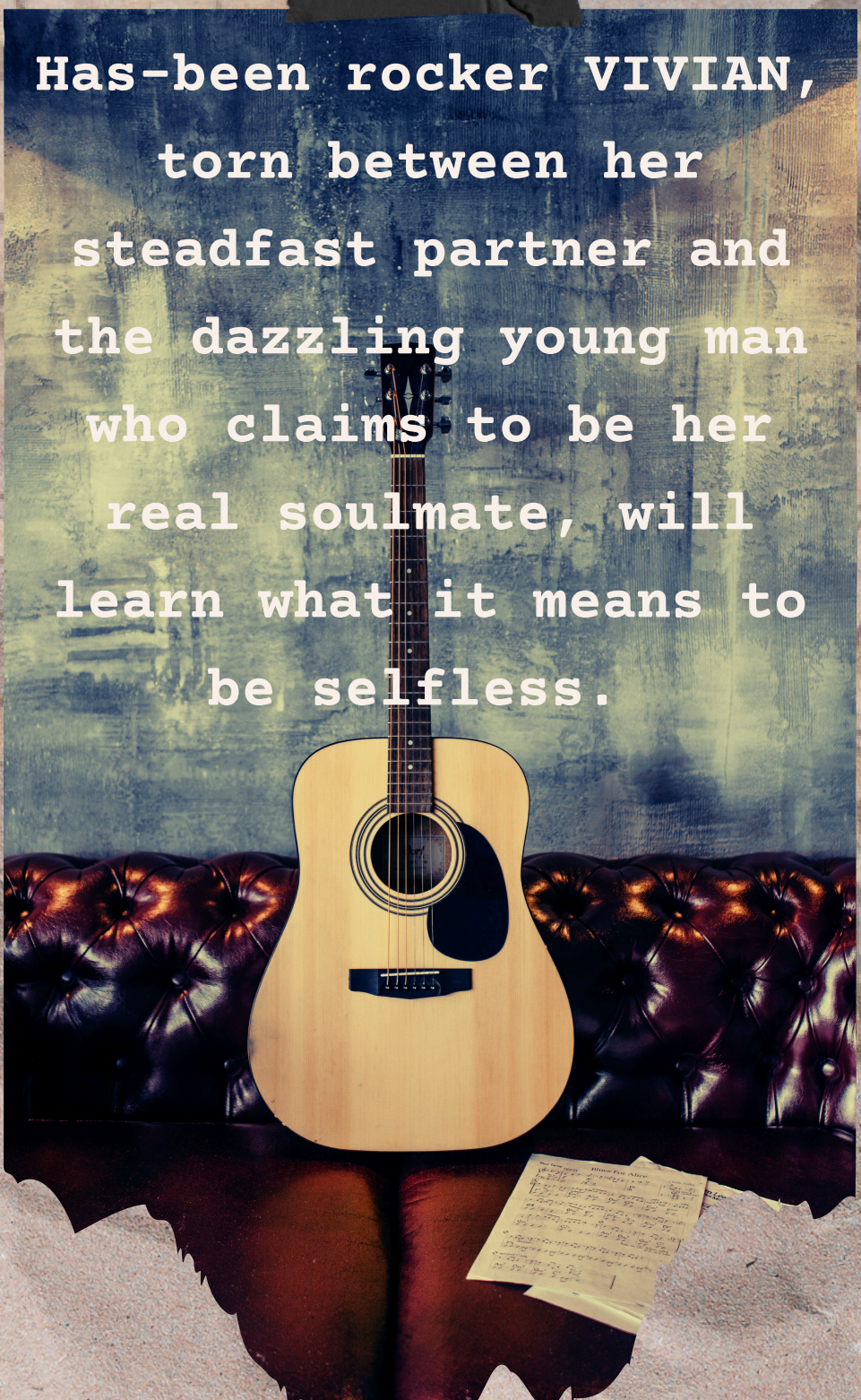




Against this savage, dystopian
landscape, a group of new adults,
their souls entwined through centuries
and lifetimes, embark on perilous
journeys to find one another:



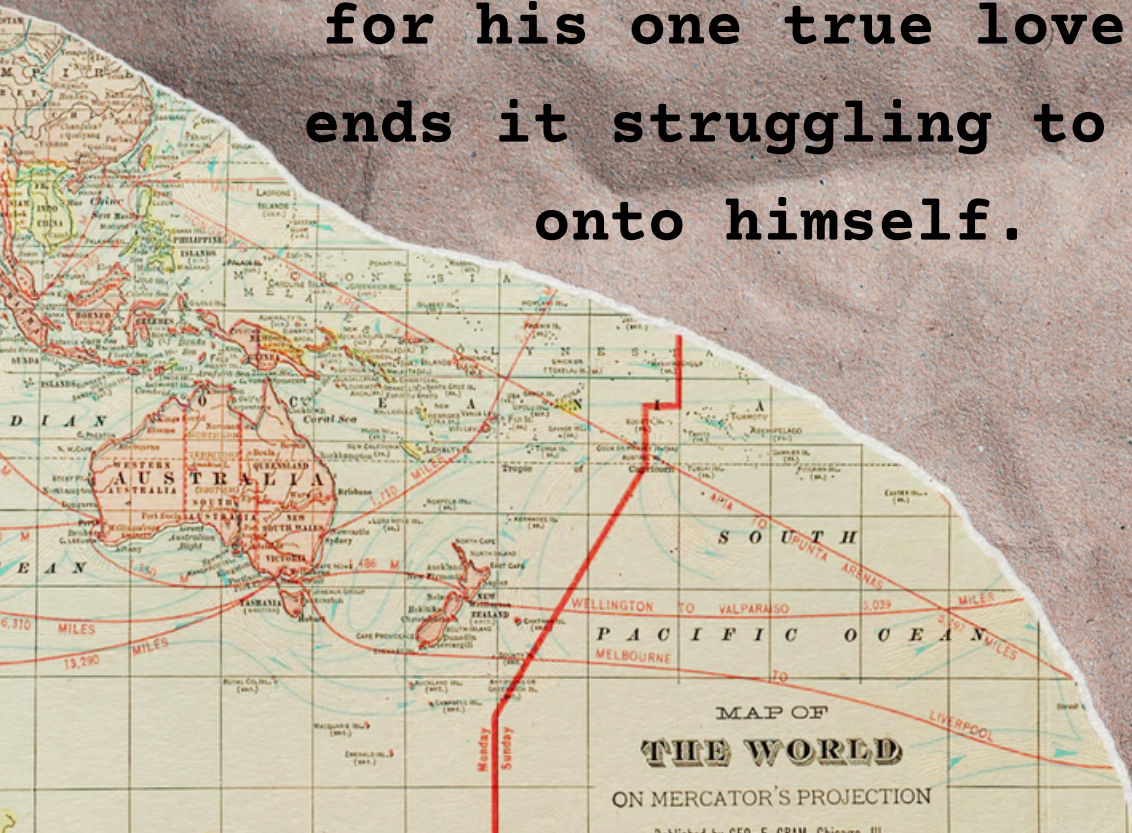
Naive MAX begins his quest for his one true love but ends it struggling to hold onto himself.



Has-been rocker VIVIAN, torn between her steadfast partner and the dazzling young man who claims to be her real soulmate, will learn what it means to be selfless.

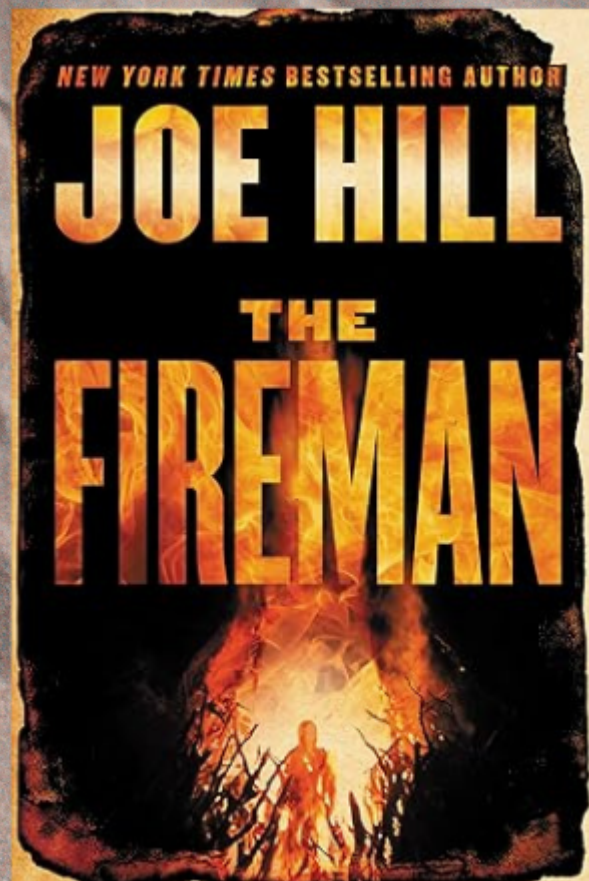


And Max's long-lost love, SAIMA, pushes through grief to find hope in a most unlikely, dangerous place.

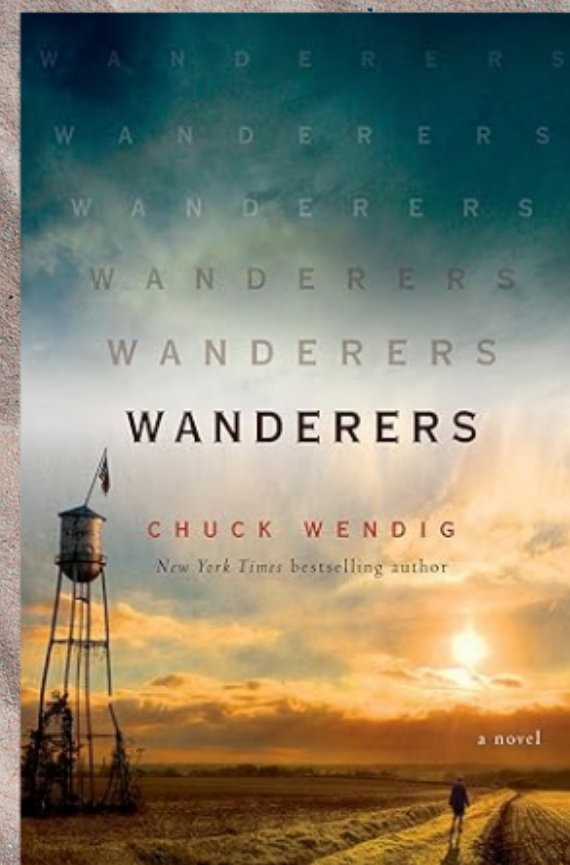
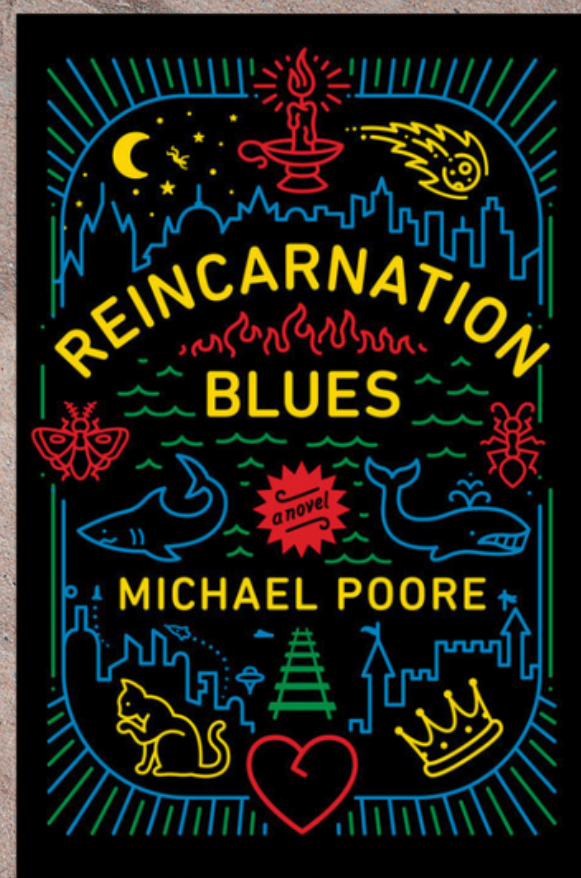
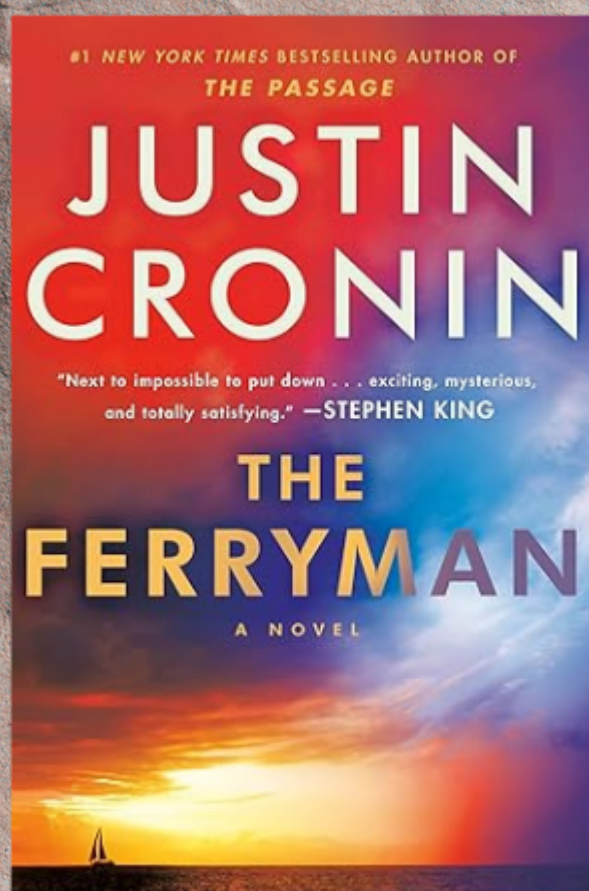




Will they find each other before the brutes or billionaires do? And if they manage to reconnect against steep odds, do they have everything (and everyone) they need to “close the loop?” Through a quirky and compassionate lens, *Secondhand Stardust* probes the human and societal fallout - absurd, beguiling, and frightening - if reincarnation became real and our soulmates aren't who we think they are.

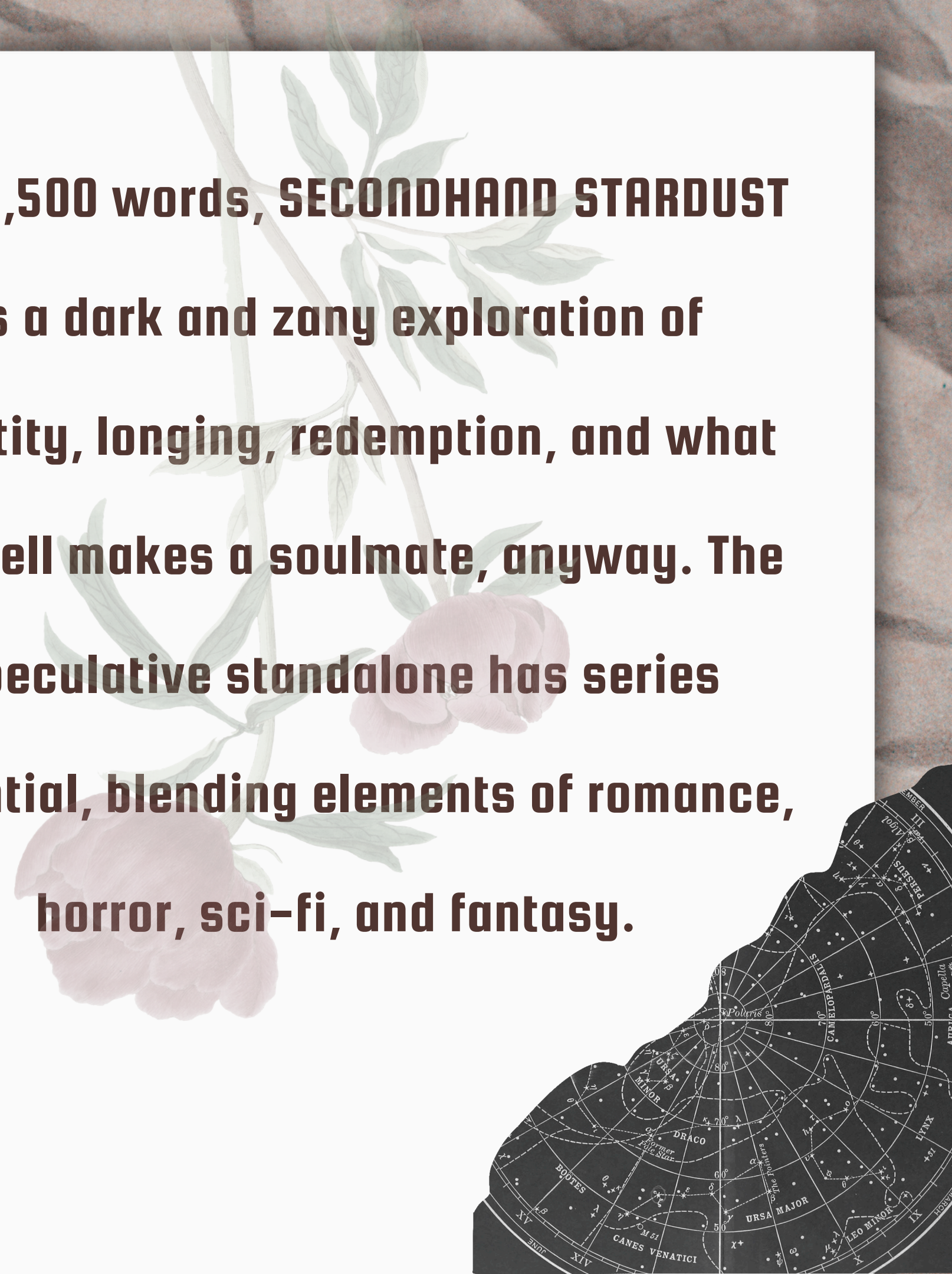


FOR READERS WHO ENJOYED:





At 101,500 words, *SECONDHAND STARDUST* is a dark and zany exploration of identity, longing, redemption, and what the hell makes a soulmate, anyway. The speculative standalone has series potential, blending elements of romance, horror, sci-fi, and fantasy.





About the Author

Jess Riley lives in Wisconsin with her husband and two dogs. *Secondhand Stardust* is her fourth novel & speculative debut. Learn more at www.jessriley.com.

SECONDHAND STARDUST
PLAYLIST

