

# Gilgamesh Retold Carcanet Classics - An Epic Journey of Love and Adventure

Are you ready to embark on an unforgettable journey through ancient Mesopotamia? Gilgamesh Retold, part of the Carcanet Classics collection, offers a fresh and captivating retelling of one of the oldest recorded stories in human history. From the talented pen of Jenny Lewis, this rendition breathes new life into the heroic tale of Gilgamesh, the powerful king of Uruk, and his epic quest for immortality.

## The Legend of Gilgamesh

Gilgamesh, the legendary king of Uruk, ruled during the third millennium BCE. His tale, inscribed on ancient cuneiform tablets, takes us on a thrilling adventure that spans friendship, love, loss, and the search for eternal life. The story follows Gilgamesh as he embarks on a quest to defeat the monstrous Humbaba and seek wisdom from Utnapishtim, the only mortal granted immortality by the gods.

Throughout Gilgamesh's journey, he encounters various challenges and tribulations that force him to confront his own mortality and question the value of power and fame. The ancient scribe who originally penned this tale has taken on new life through Jenny Lewis' poetic and evocative retelling.



## Gilgamesh Retold (Carcanet Classics)

by Jenny Lewis (Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 4.7 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 2489 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Print length : 133 pages  
Lending : Enabled



## A Fresh Retelling

Jenny Lewis, an acclaimed poet and writer, brings her singular voice to this ancient epic. Through her carefully crafted prose, she transports readers back in time to experience the sights, sounds, and emotions of ancient Mesopotamia. The raw power and depth of her words capture the essence of Gilgamesh's journey, making it accessible to a modern audience while staying true to its ancient origins.

With an attention to detail that is both captivating and immersive, Lewis skillfully weaves together the various threads of the story, breathing new life into the characters and their motivations. Her reimagined version of Gilgamesh's relationship with Enkidu, his loyal and brave companion, is particularly poignant and adds a layer of complexity to their friendship.

## Carcanet Classics Collection

Gilgamesh Retold is part of the Carcanet Classics collection, a series that aims to introduce classic works of literature to a contemporary audience. Carcanet, a renowned publishing house, has curated a selection of timeless texts, ensuring that they remain relevant and resonate with readers today.

Building on their reputation for publishing high-quality literary works, Carcanet has once again delivered with Gilgamesh Retold. With attention

to detail and typography that enhances the reading experience, the Carcanet Classics edition of Gilgamesh Retold is a true collector's item.

## The Power of Myth and Storytelling

The enduring appeal of Gilgamesh lies in its exploration of universal themes such as mortality, friendship, and the human desire for immortality. By retelling this ancient tale, Jenny Lewis connects us to our shared human heritage, reminding us that no matter the passage of time, our struggles and aspirations remain fundamentally the same.

Myths and stories have played a crucial role in shaping human civilization, offering insights into our origins, beliefs, and values. Gilgamesh Retold is not just a retelling of an ancient epic; it is an invitation to engage with a story that has stood the test of time and continues to resonate with readers across cultures and generations.

Gilgamesh Retold Carcanet Classics by Jenny Lewis is a must-read for anyone interested in ancient mythology and timeless stories. Lewis' retelling breathes new life into an ancient epic, appealing to both newcomers and those already familiar with the tale. Through her poetic and evocative prose, she takes readers on an epic journey of love and adventure, reminding us of the power of storytelling and our shared human heritage.



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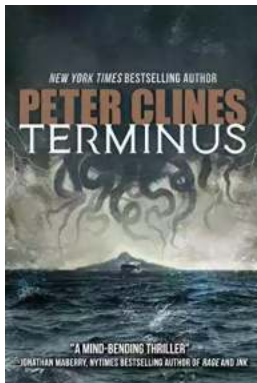
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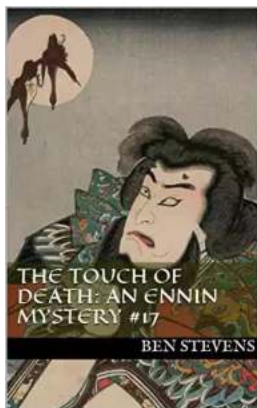


Jenny Lewis relocates Gilgamesh to its earlier, oral roots in a Sumerian society where men and women were more equal, the reigning deity of Gilgamesh's city, Uruk, was female (Inanna), only women were allowed to brew beer and keep taverns and women had their own language—emesal. With this shift of emphasis, Lewis captures the powerful allure of the world's oldest poem and gives it a fresh dynamic while creating a fast-paced narrative for a new generation of readers.



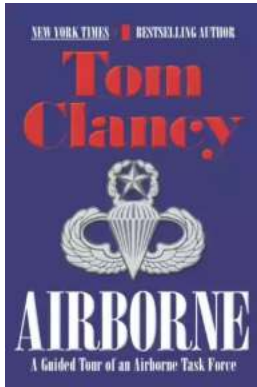
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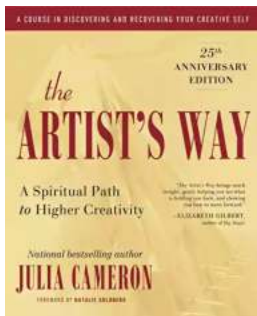
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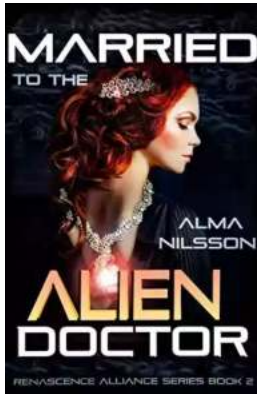
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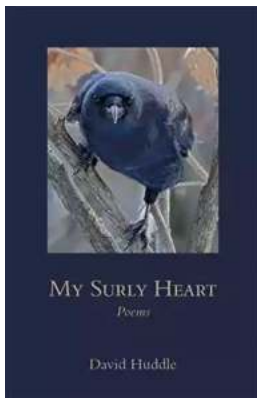
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